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The lessons to learn

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Foreword

I am tremendously honoured, to write the foreword for the book *Political Transformation, the lessons to learn,* which is penned by the dynamic and charismatic author, Apostle Kenneth Roy Donk whom I have personally known for many years.

Apostle Donk is a brilliant man of God who has served in diverse offices and capacities throughout his adult years, including: Senior Pastor and Field Director of Open Bible Standard Churches Suriname, Special Advisor and Spiritual Counsellor to the Vice President of his home country, the Republic of Suriname, Advisor to three Ministers of Education, Labour Union Leader, Television Personality, Newspaper Columnist, Headmaster of Bueno Bibaz Secondary School, and School Teacher. Apostle Donk has also authored three books, namely: Suriname History About Plantations, The Mystery Behind the National Anthem of Suriname, and Suriname History About Persons and Stories. He is also the producer of a number of short TV Documentaries including Moments with Kenneth, Transformation, and God Governance.

Apostle Donk is firmly in an authoritative position to treat with the topic of politics and governance in his new book *Political Transformation, the lessons to learn*.

I believe that the seminal principles Apostle Donk has presented in this new book are logical and easy to comprehend, while offering powerful insight into understanding and transforming the political zeitgeist of the world today.

I bear witness that Apostle Donk possesses a clear vision for practical and Godly political transformation, not only in his home country, but throughout the world at large: indeed, the answer to the myriad of challenges that the world faces today lies only in one place, God Himself.

As Apostle Donk himself has stated in this book:

"God Governance is the domain of people who know God, who align their lives with Him, who seek to live in peace with others, who bring value to the lives of others. They are peacemakers and sacrificial. They bring light where there is darkness. They bring peace, stability, prosperity, and tranquility to society. They foster harmony in the country. In any case, they are open to the things of God".

There are many very complicated problems in connection with government and politics and we should try to solve them on the basis of the best learning available. I believe that this work wholly encapsulates that learning and is therefore a major contribution to the political sphere.

The profound ideas included in this book, with the powerful backing of Biblical principles, may be new to many of its readers, however the reader will find that they are efficiently laid out and effortless to digest. I believe that readers from any background, country, culture and career association will greatly benefit from understanding the dynamics of government and politics presented in this work and how these two areas affect us all as individuals and as a group.

I can enthusiastically recommend this new book to anyone desirous of seeing a transformed society for the greater good of all its members. This book will also prove to be a powerful aid to practicing politicians and anyone entering or seeking greater understanding of the political sphere.

Rev. Dr. Kenrick Seetaram Senior Pastor Emeritus/ Missionary Open Bible Standard Churches of Trinidad and Tobago

Introduction

"To rule a country, to lead a people, to be a good and adept political leader, you cannot be without the power of God. If you build on your own strength, you will eventually fail. Therefore, keep God's commandments"!!

When I consider the contemporary world, the problems that humanity is grappling with, there seems to be little hope. Some people say that a leadership problem is the cause of all the negativity around us. Isn't the root cause deeper? Isn't the root cause within humanity itself? How can we have good leaders, politicians, if humanity itself is seriously tainted? We must continue to believe, that there is faith in order to achieve a better world with genuinely thoughtful people.



I believe that a divine inspiration propels me to present this work to you. It encompasses a novel political philosophy, from which servant leadership is distilled. This new political thinking is underpinned by "God Governance," of which I am the founder, having received its inspiration from God.



The name is unique in the world. I have had a logo designed for "God Governance." It constitutes the foundation of this book. God Governance will be briefly discussed shortly, based on the word of God, the Bible. God Governance forms the foundation of this work. Posters incorporating the concept of God Governance should contribute to a better understanding of the subject matter.

The entire world is in a crisis situation unlike any seen in human history, as it manifests itself in various aspects within society.

Socially, economically, culturally, educationally, and politically, the contemporary world is being shaken to its core.

In this book, the emphasis will be placed on politics, as it has influence on virtually everything. Politics is based on what happens in society. In Suriname, the country where I live, we have the saying: if you don't involve yourself in politics, it will still involve itself with you. It must be clearly stated that while politics will be discussed, it will by no means be approached from a partisan perspective. This means that every political party in Suriname or abroad can and may benefit from the contents of this book. The intention is to abandon the destructive path currently being taken in politics. A transformation must take place. Politics is intended to serve humanity, enabling individuals to lead a dignified existence. This is why nations choose their leaders.

In no way can politics have the intention of politicians enriching themselves at the expense of society, while the rest fall into poverty.

Through around fifty political doctrines and some ideas I have worked on, which based on the bible, will be elaborated upon in this book. I aim to be of service to humanity and I want societies must be made livable. For many, life is currently a torment. Politicians can bring about a change in this regard if they want to. The change must first occur within them. That is the premise of this work.

The transformation, in my opinion, must take place from a divine perspective, guided by the word of God. Bible verses should form the foundation for this to happen. It's not said lightly: there is power in the word.

This book will cover a portion of the fifty "political doctrines." Like the posters created earlier, these doctrines were developed independently of the book. The doctrines are incorporated into posters that visually reinforce the message. For the sake of God Governance, posters have also been created to support the text. The same principle has been applied to the fifteen spiritual laws for political leaders, which will be addressed later. These contain wisdom that should be part of the character of a good politician. They are the servants of the people, tasked with uplifting the nation and its citizens.

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GODS KINGDOM

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

Doing God's will and putting His kingdom first in your life is what we as humans should strive for.

Then you will find that He will entrust you with the good things in life.

Then don't worry about anything, but live each day with Jesus in mind. For the kingdom of God consists of righteousness, peace, and joy. Rom. 14:17

Jesus wants to give meaning to your life with this.

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Apart from the political doctrines, fifty political lessons have been presented, also intended to contribute to the formation of politicians.

Political lesson number 45 e.g., teaches us:

"Even in politics, the law of conservation of misery operates. Within a closed system, misery remains constant. Solve one problem, and another problem will inevitably arise. If you want to bring about change in that, you will have to break open the system."



The fifty politic lessons with supporting wisdom are meant to bring about the transformation. I bring them fort, by meditating on the Word of God. They are to bring a solution to the problems in the world we live in.

<u>Thanks</u>

First of all, my thanks go to our Father and Lord, the Almighty, who has given me life, knowledge and wisdom. And to be able to share the vision with others through the Spirit. I also thank Ameet Shewdat who contributed to the design in many ways of the book worked. His contribution to the development of this book is highly appreciated.

Apostle Donk.K.R.





LIFE SANCTION. PART 1

THE Almighty God says to his people: "Holy shalt thou be, for I, the Lord thy God, am holy."Leviticus 19:2

Thus we are commanded not to steal. "I am the Lord your God. Thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not lie, neither deceive one another." Leviticus19:11

"HOW NOW, YOU WHO TEACH ANOTHER, DO YOU NOT TEACH YOURSELF? YOU WHO PREACH THAT ONE SHOULD NOT STEAL, DO YOU STEAL?" ROMANS 2:21

"Let him who was a thief steal no more, but rather endowor to do good work with his hands, that he may impart something to the needy." Ephesians 4:28

Obey the Lord!!!

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God Governance

Corruption is a cancer in the world and afflicts both developed and developing countries, but it claims the most victims in the developing nations.

This is not only due to the low level of development of the population, but also due to the fragile economies of such countries.

Furthermore, weak judicial systems and inadequate laws and oversight mechanisms that are lacking contribute to the disorder and misconduct.

Corruption is related to bribery and signifies being tainted or bad. From this, one can deduce: stealing, seizing, harming, lying, extorting, abuse of power, domination, patronage, oppression, and so on.

In corruption, individuals employ fraud, bribes, threats, and extortion, gaining illegitimate resources, engaging in immoral actions, and disregarding values and norms, as should be upheld in a healthy and virtuous society.

Who can be guilty of this?

They can be: Politicians, officials, doctors, business leaders, healthcare workers, retailers,

lawyers, waste collectors, market vendors, farmers, men, women, youth, regardless of race, religion, or origin, in short, all people who are willing to engage in such behavior.

Billions of people on this earth live in an atmosphere of poverty, destruction, hunger, neglect, hopelessness, and despair, because the well-being and existence of fellow humans are not held in high regard.

In addition to corruption, there are many other factors that turn life on earth into chaos, such as greed, avarice, envy, disregard, pride, and so on. The individual who continues to believe in themselves doesn't only destroy themselves, but the destruction is evident in the animal world, plant world, fauna and flora, and the extensive pollution of rivers and oceans. However, there are others who believe and know that it can be different. Those who believe in the existence of a Creator can trust in Him. They are also willing to live according to His laws and ordinances and can bring about a turnaround, averting total destruction. They can bring about a livable world where there is enough for everyone and where there is a place for all.

The divine consciousness within people and the willingness to submit to His will place them directly under His guidance. This is what we refer to as being under God Governance. This means that we acknowledge and consult Him in everything we do and undertake. This applies across all sectors of society, economically, socially, communally, and especially in the realm of politics, as it concerns the guidance of people and the direction of the nation.





The blood covenant is sacred

In the time of Moses, the Almighty made a covenant with his people, and a blood offering ratified that covenant. Without bloodshed no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:19-20

But the new covenant through Christ gives the believer a special entrance to God.

"Since then, brethren, we have full boldness to enter into the sanctuary by the blood of jesus," Hebrews 10:19 KJV51

We have been redeemed by Christ from our vain walk.

"But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1:19

Come to Jesus fearlessly, for his blood cleanses us from all sins." 1 John1:7



In God Governance, two things are central: Love and Peace, woven into a form of governance with the Creator as the leader. People always keep Him in mind. From Him comes the significant advice and directives that He has recorded in His word. We summarize this as the Teaching or Doctrine. God Governance represents a noble form of political leadership that aims for a just society. It ensures that prosperity and wellbeing are available to everyone.

God Governance is not the domain of swindlers, liars, exploiters, or those who are dishonest and corrupt. It is not the realm of those who commit injustice or look down on others. Above all, it has nothing to do with ethnic politics or racism.

God Governance is the domain of people who know God, who align their lives with Him, who seek to live in peace with others, who bring value to the lives of others. They are peacemakers and sacrificial. They bring light where there is darkness. They bring peace, stability, prosperity, and tranquility to society. They foster harmony in the country. In any case, they are open to the things of God.

God Governance transcends all political parties. It is open to everyone regardless of race, faith, or origin. The motto is: there is no compulsion in religion. Freedom is the highest good of humanity. God Governance is indeed based on and guided by the Bible. Those who want to live, experience, promote, and practice God Governance must learn and accept the vision and teachings. They must strive for and live by divine consciousness.

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Means: Pray and work. God is the provider of everything. Jesus teaches us this: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

T'am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." John 635

"I am the living bread; if anyone eats this bread, he shall live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my bady."

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In politics, the aim is not to enrich oneself, but to promote the upliftment of the country and its people. To be an example for a world that is declining. To provide the world with a handle, a model to follow.

God Governance is not a religion or faith. It does not seek to convert anyone to Christianity. Just as the Bible is not a history book about God's people but rather conveys God's will, His vision for humanity, and His ultimate goals for what will transpire on Earth and in heaven. Similarly, God Governance is part of God's plan for His creation.

God Governance is a life philosophy. It teaches how to engage in politics and governance according to the principle of God. This involves knowing Him in all things and having the certainty of being fruitful and successful.

God Governance is universal, not confined to one country or continent. It's meant for the structuring of nations around the world and the elevation of humanity. It encourages moving away from material and worldly pursuits and adopting a spiritual and divine outlook with a vision for life. It acknowledges that every individual is unique in God's eyes yet equal in worth.

God's Governance is timeless, just as God Himself is timeless and will reign eternally.

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Doctrine 9

The political leader is obliged to oppose the personality without raising respect of persons. Must be incorruptible. His own life should be an example to the people.

Substantiation "Do not be defeated by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21.



God Governance desires that we bear fruit. I point you to several Bible verses that support this concept. It is God's will that we inhabit and cultivate the earth, building and bringing forth fruit in every aspect. Like God, we aim for fullness, possess strength of action, and become numerous.



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Doctrine 8

Weak leaders admit where you fall short. Gain knowledge and recovery. Don't be proud!!

Substantiation:

"He causes the humble to walk in justice, and He teaches the humble His way." Psalm 25:9

Supporting Bible verses

Job 14:7-9

"For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and its tender shoots will not cease.

Though its root may grow old in the earth, and its stump may die in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud and bring forth branches like a plant."

Three things are important according to the word: Faith, Hope, and Love. The text we just read teaches us that no matter what we may go through, if we have Divine hope, we will rise from the most difficult situations.

God wants everything in His creation to bear good fruit.

Genesis 1:11-12

"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."

Pay attention to the words: yields seed, grass, fruit, contains seed, according to its kind. Why then would we consider politics to be dirty?

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Doctrine 10

The decision factor in leadership, including in political leadership, is the presence of the Spirit of God from within and without. No success without the Spirit.

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Ezekiel 36:27 "And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and to keep My judgments and do them."

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Genesis 9:1

"So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.""

A foundational text that applies to humanity. It also applies to God Governance, to have an impact over the entire earth. However, the good seed has been planted in Suriname, in Nickerie.

God loves the words "fruitful" and "multiply." Therefore, He also said this to Abraham:

Genesis 17:2

"I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly."

God leads His followers, His people, to places where it is good. Do we not sing the words in the Surinamese national anthem: "To His ground we are pledged. How we came together here"?

John 15:16

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another."

We have already seen that every seed brings forth fruit according to its kind. This is a clear divine characteristic and principle. This is further underscored in the New Testament in the book of Matthew.



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DOCTRINE 14

TO RULE A COUNTRY, TO LEAD A PEOPLE, TO BE A GOOD AND ADEPT POLITICAL LEADER, YOU CANNOT BE WITHOUT THE POWER OF GOD. BUILD YOUR OWN STRENGTH, THEN YOU WILL EVENTUALLY FAIL. KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS!!

SUBSTANTIATION

"THEN OBSERVE THEM DILIGENTLY, FOR THIS WILL BE YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THE EYES OF MEN, WHO, WHEN THEY HEAR ALL THE STATUTES, WILL SAY, 'SURELY THIS GREAT NATION IS A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING NATION.' DEUTERONOMY 4:6

Matthew 7:17-20

"Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them."

For clarification and to stay on course: God Governance assumes that good fruit is borne and effort towards it, is required.

This is amplified by the following passage from the Bible. It is also emphasized that without the Creator, we will achieve nothing. God Governance particularly emphasizes the latter.

John 15:4-5, 8.

"Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, neither can you, unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me, you can do nothing. In this, my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Again, observe the divine principle: that you bear much fruit. Also, that without God, we will achieve nothing. Progress is a blessing, regression a curse. NICKERIE CITY CHURCH



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THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA. THE FIRST AND THE LAST THE BEGINNING AND THE END. THAT'S ME, SAYS THE KING OF KINGS. LOOK TO HIM IN EVERYTHING.

"EVERYTHING THAT IS, WAS ALREADY THERE. AND WHAT IS TO COME, HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE. GOD ALWAYS ALLOWS THE SAME THING TO HAPPEN". ECCLESIASTES 3:15

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Jeremiah 17:7-8

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in the Lord. He will be like a tree planted by the water, that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

There may be people who say that achieving God's Governance is not possible. To them, I say God's mysteries are great. Also, if great things can be accomplished in the natural realm, as seen in countries that have transformed themselves in a short time, such as Japan and Singapore, how much more could we achieve if we aim for the supernatural.

Numbers 17:6-8

"Moses placed the staffs before the Lord in the tent of the testimony. When Moses entered the tent of the testimony on the next day, behold, Aaron's staff for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds".

Likewise, the potential to bloom, bear fruit, and multiply lies within us, because the seed of God is also within us; we carry this potential with us.

"Stre def stre, un no sa frede, Gado de wi fesi mang." (This line appears to be in Sranan Tongo, a creole language spoken in Suriname. Translated to English, it means: "Strength for strength, we are not afraid, God is our leader."

Fifty Political Lessons for political leaders.

The Bible is a book, ful of wisdom and understanding given to us by the grace of God. I have written down fifty political lessons to encourage political leaders to take notice of them in serving to people.

Lesson 1. A hypocrite is more dangerous than your opponent.

Your political opponent is open to you. The hypocrite beside you in the party pretends to be your ally and destroys you. Goal of the lesson: Be honest and truthful towards each other. Be yourself and value one another more than yourself.

DOCTRINE 6 KNOW THIS POLITICAL LEADERS: GOOD LUCK EARNED BUSINESS, DON'T WEAR PERMANENCE.

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SUBSTANTIATION: "LUXURIES PAST A FOOL, HOW MUCH LESS A SLAVE TO RULE OVER PRINCES". PROVERBS 19:10

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Political Lesson 2. Be an impeccable leader.

Do not steal. Know that stealing is a crime, even if you do it in a coat and tie. Stealing ultimately leads to the "murder" of the people, your fellow human beings.

Goal of the lesson: Be an impeccable leader.

Political Lesson 3: Envy is worse than jealousy.

You shall not be envious. Envy arises from hatred towards others, even towards your own brother or sister, because they possess what you must and will have. Even if you have to kill or disable them.

Goal of the lesson: Let every form of jealousy and especially envy vanish from your heart and mind. See the human in every human, and you shall be human. Even in politics.

Political Lesson 4: He who claims to be just, will live by the truth.

Any political leader who spreads lies lives in injustice and leads his people, both desired and undesired, to destruction. Goal of the lesson: Always be truthful. Justice and truth set one free. The universal truth is kept alive by those who speak the truth. The liars are children of the liar from the beginning, Satan the devil. Justice and truth set you free.

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DOCTRINE 7. Obtain Wisdom and Knowi Edge from the Source of Divine Authority.

SUBSTANTIATION: THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON, THE SON OF DAVID, KING OF ISRAEL, TO CET WISDOM AND INSTRUCTION, ...JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT AND UPRIGHTNESS... TO GIVE THE YOUNG MAN KNOWLEDGE AND DISCRETION." PROVERBS 1:1-4

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<u>Political Lesson 5: Be loyal to the entire nation and</u> <u>reliable in the use of all means at your disposal for the</u> <u>benefit of the country and its people.</u>

This applies to everything, but especially to financial resources. Goal of the lesson: As a political leader, you should always be trustworthy, whether dealing with little or much.

Political Lesson 6: The good political leader distinguishes themselves by executing their political tasks excellently.

They must excel in their behavior, character, words, and actions. Excellence should be their lifestyle. Goal of the lesson: This way, they cultivate dedication, perseverance, and determination.

Political Lesson 7. Be sincere and honest in politics.

Apply the same standard to all. Treat all inhabitants of the country equally.

Goal of the lesson: Do not engage in populist or opportunistic politics.

Political Lesson 8: Compassion must be a characteristic of a leader.

Have compassion for every human being, even those who do not resemble you. Ethnical politicking is immoral. Goal of the lesson: Only then will you be willing to give your life for those you lead.

Political Lesson 9: Be faithful to your marital promise; you shall not commit adultery, nor be an adulterer.

Goal of the lesson: Set the right example for the people. The people look up to you. They are shaped or misshaped by you.

Political Lesson 10: Place God at the center of everything.

He is the way, the truth, and the life. Goal of the lesson: Go forth, survey, and conquer everything in life with the power of God.

Political Lesson 11. Do not be a hypocrite, be sincere, even in politics.

Goal of the lesson: This will make your yes, yes, and your no, no. Anything in between is malicious; you become unreliable and deceitful.

Political Lesson 12: A good political leader is honest.

Integrity is a personal and valuable trait. It means being honest and sincere. It is incorruptible. It is inherently trustworthy. Goal of the lesson: Such a leader says what they do and does what they say, has no hidden agenda, and does not feign emotions.

Political Lesson 13: A good politician is peaceful.

Righteousness is a fruit sown by those who live in peace, pacemaker.

Goal of the lesson: Peace doesn't mean there is no war. It is a way of thinking. You must always fight against injustice.

Political Lesson 14: A political leader is honored for their courage and bravery. Truth is their essence.

Goal of the lesson: Never be a coward. Cowardice and indecision go hand in hand, a stab in the back of the people.

Political Lesson 15: As a political leader, do not be a hypocrite, be sincere.

Your integrity should not be for sale at any price. Better to die with honesty than to bend to the opponent.

Goal of the lesson: Principles come before leadership, not the other way around.

Political Lesson 16: A good leader, every good leader, knows and experiences one law, that an attack directed at them is seen, felt, and responded to as an attack on their entire following.

Goal of the lesson: Truth, justice, togetherness, equality, and unity receive full support where they are recognized in the character of the good leader.

Political Lesson 17: A political leader must be guided by a strong, pure, and clear conscience.

Goal of the lesson: A clear conscience enables love to function in all your actions.

An impure or silenced conscience leads to various forms of injustice, murder, and malevolence.

Political Lesson 18: A good leader chooses to stand for the weaker in society.

The politician chooses those without adequate healthcare, those made jobless, those oppressed, those without fair judgment, those lacking proper education, those missing daily meals, those deprived of love and care, those humiliated due to their ethnic background, those without a future, those exploited. And does not choose money and greed, the root of all evil.

Goal of the lesson: To prevent sending your own brother into the abyss and sharing responsibility for his destruction, not only for him but also for his descendants.

<u>Political Lesson 19: The leader's position must be</u> <u>undisputed.</u>

This is achieved not through a culture of fear or paternalism. But through exceptional character traits such as wisdom, knowledge, integrity, compassion, honesty, reliability, leadership qualities, courage, and bravery.

Goal of the lesson: Let your life be an example for the people.

Political Lesson 20: The political leadermust be ready to

make sacrifices. There is no instant political result. Goal of the lesson: Just as light emerged from darkness and chaos, and it was good.In the same way, in difficult circumstances, the leader will be tested. From this, their leadership qualities will or will not become apparent.

Political Lesson 21: The political leader must be steadfast in their positive message from an honest heart.

Additionally, they must ensure that their message is translated into action and executed.

Goal of the lesson: Discipline, steadfastness, and decisiveness are the foundations of every organization.

Political Lesson 22: The political leader is a visionary. He

address not only symptoms but the root causes of problems. Goal of the lesson: Do not be ensnared by self-deception. Facts matter.

Political Lesson 23: A good political leader fearlessly represents the interests of the entire people.

Goal of the lesson: This provides strength and establishes authority. Likewise, political opportunists, including greedy sponsors, are thwarted. Matters for the people can be accomplished.

Political Lesson 24: As long as the lion has its teeth, it remains king of the animals and of the forest.

Goal of the lesson: A true leader fears no one, is fearless. Speaks the truth, speaks not for the appeasement of people, but upholds truth and sincerity.

Political Lesson 25: Good leadership is always accompanied by ethical values and norms.

The wise leader constructs their political house on such a foundation.

Goal of the lesson: Ethical values and norms as the basis of your existence are like someone building their house on a rock.

Political Lesson 26: A good political leader has patience and perseverance by his side in everything he does.

Goal of the lesson: Do not focus on quick victories or achieving rapid results. The upliftment of the people requires time and effort. It is the deceivers who enrich themselves.

Political Lesson 27: The true political leader brings for his people:

KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING OF AFFAIRS, FREEDOM, LIFE, EQUALITY, JUSTICE, AND TRUTH. Goal of the lesson: Be such a leader, create and shape such leaders among the emerging generations.

Political Lesson 28: The selfless leader is always mindful of

the life lesson: DO GOOD AND CARE NOT, FOR THE WORLD (THE PEOPLE) OFFERS NO THANKS. Goal of the lesson: Arm yourself against heavy disappointments after performing good deeds. Because it is written: GIVE US BARABBAS, and TANGI FOE BOENG NA KODJA (The reward of goodness is a bat).

Political Lesson 29: The political leader knows that a "body" in motion is set in motion by a force. It can only be

brought to a stop by a force greater than the force sustaining the motion.

Goal of the lesson: To understand that the force towards decline can only be halted by presenting a greater force of upliftment and improvement in opposition. That is the power of the 'Light,' to stand against it. Wisdom is the explanation of knowledge and the application of knowledge in times of crisis.

Political Lesson 30: Revolution is not a revolution if the change is not total.

Goal of the lesson: The change has nothing to do with superficial alterations. Building bridges, constructing houses, implementing social measures, etc. It is about changes in thinking, in soul and spirit. In character and behavior. Otherwise, you get fake revolutionaries who fall into the same behaviors of those they fought against.

Political Lesson 31: The strength lies not in overthrowing or replacing governments.

The strength lies in reliability, loyalty, courage, fearlessness, morality in strong and characteristic leadership. Goal of the lesson: What is the point of changing governance if the leader cannot articulate what they will do to combat poverty, feed and educate the people, build thousands of homes, fulfill your vision for employment, make life affordable, ensure good education? What is their will and sacrifice towards that? That is what the people want to hear and know.

Political Lesson 32: Do not be afraid to die, you will die anyway.

Death marks the end for all who are born. Those who do not wish to die should not have been born.

Goal of the lesson: Always die in service of Life, of humanity, and its offspring. But do not die as a liar, thief, deceiver, or as a traitor to the people.

Political Lesson 33: There is no peace.

Nowhere in this world. Flee elsewhere, then you will understand!

Goal of the lesson: In thought, in morality, spiritually, we are slaves to those who live in darkness. The struggle is not so much fought externally but is an inner struggle for liberation. When the will for inner liberation strengthens, victory will naturally manifest externally.

<u>Political Lesson 34: Victory in politics is not for the</u> <u>swiftest or the strongest, but for those who persevere.</u>

Goal of the lesson: Victory means moving to a different level. Do not fear losing friends in the process. There will be dropouts. However, you will make new friends who think alike at the new level.

Political Lesson 35: Politics without economic progress is like a symbol without substantive value.

Just like how our National Anthem is treated. We speak the words from our mouths but have no respect for any of those words, nor do we live by them; they are perpetually trampled upon.

Goal of the lesson: Abandon meaningless talk about life and instead take action.

Political Lesson 36: Justice and Truth set free.

But if complete injustice still prevails and if one must still fight for freedom, then someone has lied to us. Goal of the lesson: True freedom never comes without a struggle.

Political Lesson 37: A people oppressed by leaders devoid of justice suffocate and live in fear and dread.

Whose parts are false and cruel towards their fellow human beings. That people do not deserve to be liberated. Goal of the lesson: Those who are not friends of the truth should be left in their filth. We are a free people. Do not act like cowards. Then the adversary will have no grip on you.

Political Lesson 38: It is always the desire of the Almighty that the oppressed be liberated.

Goal of the lesson: The Almighty says, "If I am with you, who can be against you and stand?"Living in the present time encompasses being free. But if your actions are in the past tense, you are still a slave. Stop bowing to the slave master!!

Political Lesson 39: When you are organized in unity, you can determine your destiny, your future.

Goal of the lesson: There is power in unity. However, any house, organization, political party that is divided within itself will certainly, I repeat, certainly, fall.

<u>Political Lesson 40: If you stand for Justice, yet allow</u> <u>injustice to occur in your vicinity and remain silent, then</u> <u>you are unfit to lead even a single person.</u>

Goal of the lesson: True leadership is founded on fruitful, genuine human principles that extend beyond death. Thus, true leaders are fearless, with fear melting under their authority like ice exposed to heat. True leaders are divinely guided forces for the benefit of oppressed peoples.

Political Lesson 41: The government, the authorities, do not dictate to people that they submit due to their skin color, race, religion, etc.

Instead, people submit themselves due to fear and dread of the "power," the destructive influence emanating from them. Goal of the lesson: Fear is the driving force that enables submission. Every "power," its operation, can only be overcome by a greater power. Divine inspiration conquers every force, even the force emanating from fear and anxiety. Therefore, He says: "Fear no man but Me alone, who can not only kill the body but also the soul and spirit. If I am with you, who can be against you."

Political Lesson 42: There is no reality without a cause.

What you have now stems from behavior presented in time. The current crisis, the current political crisis, is what has been chosen for oneself. The destructive leader now could say, "Did I force you? I am nothing but your choice, do not blame me." Goal of the lesson: Do not let politics deceive you, be wise and be a bearer of knowledge. Through thoughtlessness, downfall is assured.

<u>Political Lesson 43: There is no comparable power to the power of truth.</u>

Hence it is written that the way, which is the right direction, and the life, which is life force, are companions of truth. Only with truth can we make our country a nation of prosperity and well-being.

Goal of the lesson: Political parties should be called to proclaim the truth.

<u>Political Lesson 44: Early elections will not bring about the</u> <u>expectations that many think they will achieve.</u>

What you are under every circumstance determines your future.

Goal of the lesson: Be unique, persistent, reliable, honorable, honest, and fearless in politics, and uplift the people. Then you will be unbeatable. Determine your own future, not your opponent.

Political Lesson 45: The Law of Conservation of Misery works in politics too.

Within a closed system, misery remains constant. Solve one problem, and another problem will always emerge. To bring about change in that, you must break open the system. Goal of the lesson: We must not patch but realize that the current political system has run its course.Drastic decisions will need to be made to emerge from the crisis and all its facets. Political Lesson 46: Politicians who seek power and wealth are not only destroyers of the people but also of the generations to come.

However, if they lack knowledge of politics, they are like the lame leading the blind.

Goal of the lesson: Educate people with ambitions in politics tirelessly, also in ethical values and norms.

Political Lesson 47: When truth is not capable of delivering justice where there is injustice and deception, a higher

Power must intervene to remove evil. Goal of the lesson: You are warned not to trifle with the dispensation of justice.

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POLITICAL

WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE

SUBSTANTIATION: "LUXURIES PAST A FOOL, HOW MUCH LESS A SLAVE TO RULE OVER PRINCES". PROVERBS 19:10

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Willingness to change

Doctrine 21 Peace is brought by those who live in peace. Government leaders and politicians must therefore live in justice and justice with the people.

Substantiation

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government is upon his shoulder, and he is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace: . Isaiah 9:5 Political Lesson 48: As long as any entity, including political parties and their leaders, does not follow enlightening ideas, a belief in a higher Power (God), or truth and justice, or values and norms, the people will live in darkness.

Goal of the lesson: Revolution, transformation are the keys.

Political Lesson 49: In moral terms, the people have greatly deteriorated, been corrupted.

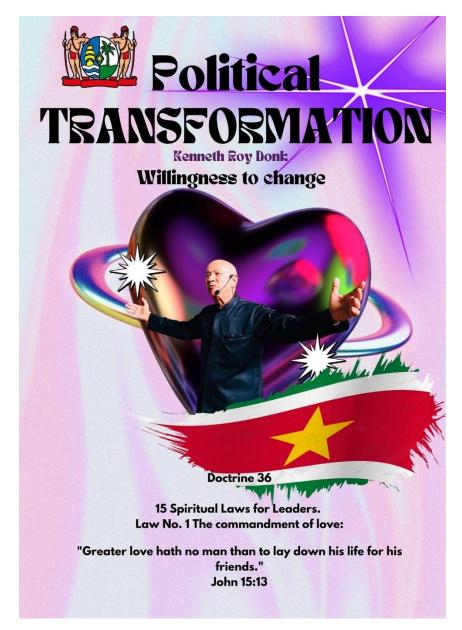
Many institutions have been compromised. On what power can they rely? Not politics, not the labor movement, not the business sector, not the legislative, executive, or judicial power, not the religious leaders, no, not even one. Goal of the lesson: Repent.

Political Lesson 50: The fate of the people is inevitably measured by the extent of self-development.

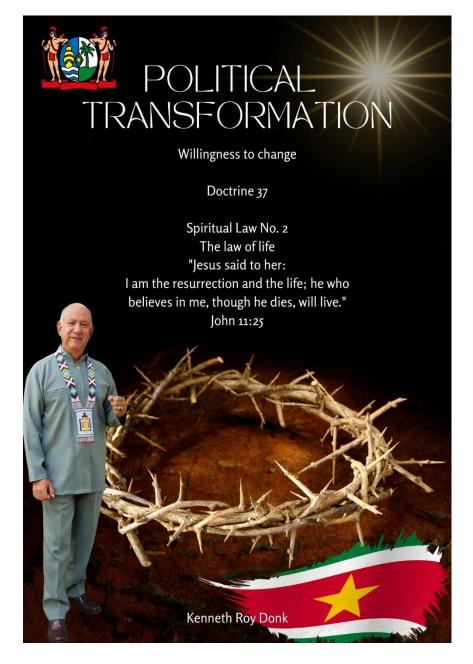
In the series of political lessons, this is the concluding lesson. Goal of the lesson: Draw firm, fearless, always pure conclusions, and act diligently according to ethical values and norms, then you will be successful.

Fifteen Spiritual Lessons for Every Political Leader:

1. The Commandment of Love.



2.The Law of Life.



3. The Law of Truth.

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Doctrine 38

Spiritual Law No. 3

THE LAW OF TRUTH "He who speaks the truth declares what is right, but a lying witness deceives". Proverbs 12:17

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4. The Law of Obedience.

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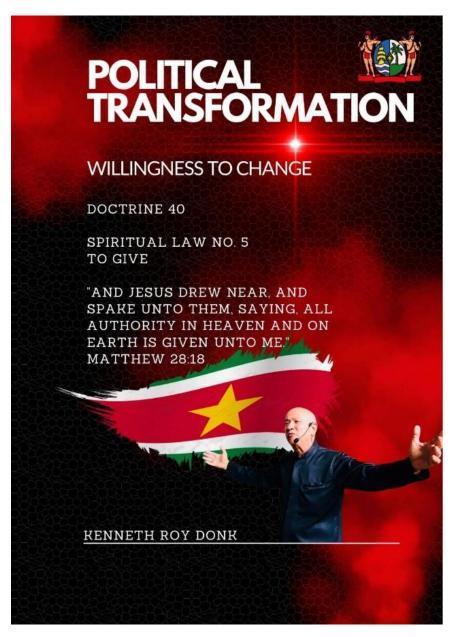
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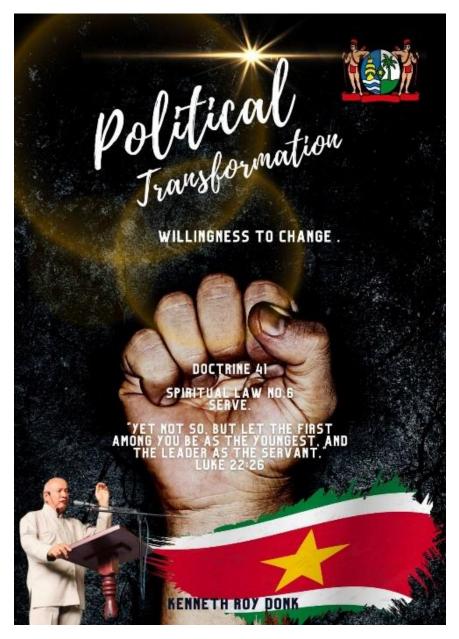
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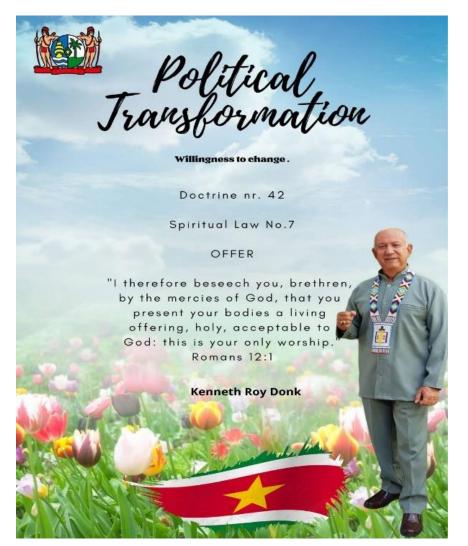
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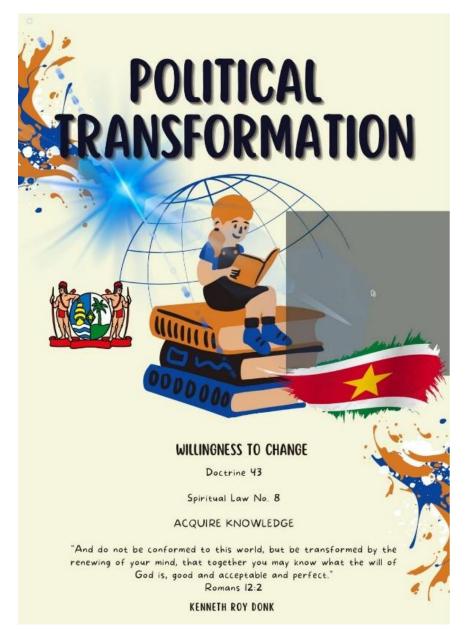
6.The Law of Service.



7. The law of sacrifice



8. The Law of Knowledge Acquisition.



9. The Law of Prayer.

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DOCTRINE 44

SPIRITUAL LAW NO. 9

"AND MY PEOPLE, WHOM MY NAME IS CALLED, HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR EVIL DEEDS, THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEM HALF, AND RESTORE THEIR LAND." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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10. The Law of Building.



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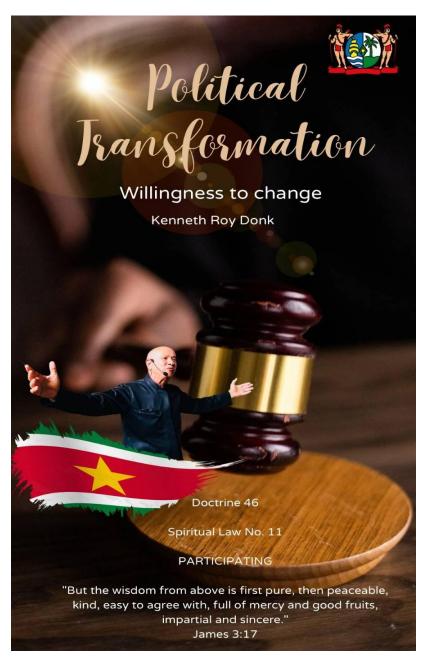
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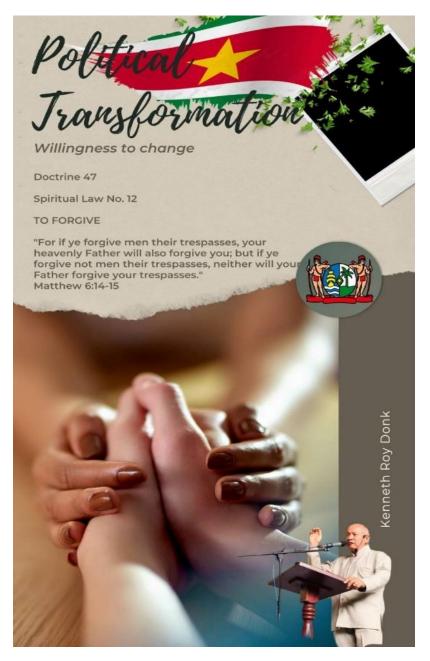
To build

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1

11. The Law of Impartiality.



12. The Law of Forgiveness.



13. The Law of Reliability.



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DOCTRINE 48

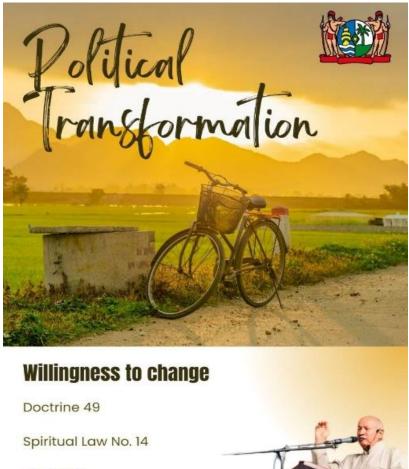
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RELIABILITY

"MANY MEN BOAST OF THEIR OWN BENEVOLENCE, BUT A TRUSTWORTHY MAN - WHO CAN FIND HIM"? PROVERBS 20:6

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14. The law of integrity



HONESTY

"Let us, as in the light of the day, walk honorably, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lust and licentiousness, not in strife and envy." Romans 13:13

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15. The Law of Compassion.

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DOCTRINE 50

Spiritual Law No. 15

GRACE

"When He saw the multitude, He took pity on them, because they were hunted and weary, like sheep that have no shepherd." Matthew 9:36



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Master yourself, society, and the world.

I have brought to you a message of hope, but also a message that entails a challenge. I am grateful to be able to do so, knowing that it is an honor to address you.

For me, it is remarkable that you, as an individual or as a people, can be empowered and encouraged to make the right choice in choosing your leaders.

I am a lover of truth and justice, which means that the truth must be taught. Especially to the weak, the truth must be taught, as they suffer the most from the consequences of falsehood in this world.

Injustice is something I dislike entirely. Injustice is something that seriously affects and undermines the community. It makes it impossible for a person to build a good relationship with the government, as well as disrupting interpersonal relationships between people. We end up with a crippled society.

This can only be remedied if the truth is spoken and told, if the truth is understood, and if the principles of truth are upheld. Especially by those who claim to follow the truth and stand for justice.

In Suriname, the right words have often been used to expose injustice, but their enforcement has consistently been under pressure. Actions stand in stark contrast to the noble words and aspirations. It is the duty of every government to work towards the happiness, prosperity, and wellbeing of its people. Life, justice, happiness, and freedom of the people must be safeguarded. These are rights for everyone; let us ensure those rights.

Hence, ethnic politics must be rejected to make way for divinely conscious politics.

However, proud and arrogant politicians have no room in their hearts to choose truth and goodness. They are blinded by their own ego and self-interest, preventing them from advocating for all in the country. Without making distinctions, without being biased, and without having prejudice towards others.

For these politicians, it holds true: If you cannot hear the cries of the people who depend on you, the house you build will collapse upon you, and you will be rejected. To the ethnically driven politicians, the people ultimately say: We do not look for race or color; we look for salvation, enlightenment, progress, growth, prosperity, and wellbeing for all.

When you are grown and have become wiser, you look beyond color, beyond hair type; you see people who have been created by the same God, with the same blood. How mature are you then, engaging in ethnic politics? We must put an end to this foolishness of ethnic politics.

Let us stand against everything that is inhumane, that goes against the Creator's intention for humanity. Let us continue to build bridges towards each other and towards the Creator, by looking with vision at reality.

Politicians should be deemed capable of uplifting the country and its people. If this doesn't happen, there is a significant problem with their intent, behavior, and actions.

Therefore, I have started to propagate God Governance, as it has been given to me as inspiration and vision. Because when people harbor and commit evil within themselves, there are consequences attached to it, as they sin.

The consequences are that you become devoid of vision. You lose the inner ability to hear. You can no longer focus on reality. Because your malicious actions and improper treatment of your fellow human beings diminish your connection with the Creator.

And as you increasingly concentrate on doing wrong, you will eventually want nothing to do with the good. You become deaf, mute, and blind; as a political leader, you are unworthy.

Sin has the effect of beheading. Those who lose their head are nowhere. People who are spiritually, morally, intellectually, and mentally dead cannot grasp this, cannot understand it. A turnaround in their lives must come. Many people are far below their potential and are not who they are meant to be. They are the lost ones in politics. God created each person with a plan and purpose. If you do not meet certain qualities, you will ultimately not achieve the goals for your life.

When we say in politics that governments are meant to safeguard people's lives, their happiness, and their freedom, prosperity, and wellbeing, we must first understand what these things entail before we can guarantee them.

For example, life is not merely an activity of breathing, walking, and speaking. Life is more than that. It's more complex than just eating, drinking, sleeping, and reproducing. Life has both a physical and a spiritual aspect. These two go together, they are interconnected. The binding force is the Creator, to know and obey.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. A powerful statement that shows us that these two, heaven and earth, go together. In this, I see the foundation of God Governance. It's important to understand that without the heavenly, the earthly cannot progress. We are dependent on the Creator. This applies to politics as well.

An important factor in the universe is movement. Another crucial factor is order. In politics, movement signifies progress, and order signifies honesty, authenticity, and discipline. It is the sun that determines the order and movement of the earth. The sun serves God, created to fulfill its purpose.

In other words, everything is regulated, determined by the Creator on how to function. But when we talk about politics and political leaders, to what extent can we rely on them? We can rely on day and night, on time and seasons. The farmer can rely on the times for planting and harvesting. Who can we rely on in politics?

Moses was the liberator because Pharaoh extinguished the light in people's lives. In those times, people had no freedom, movement, or order; they were slaves and oppressed. Heaven, God, provided the solution. The Creator sent Moses, who said: I bring you God's governance.

Darkness is also taking over in the lives of humans even now. Fear and anxiety everywhere. Injustice, discontent. Malice and disobedience, lies and slander. Some among us have lived their whole lives aimlessly. They've passed away without realizing their true purpose in life. Look at yourself and ask, why am I alive? You dream of your greatness, which you might never see. But if you can't achieve your dream while you're awake, you'll feel a sense of worthlessness, even though you are valuable to the Creator. People around you probably haven't granted you much.

Yet when you can express what's within you, when you, as a politician, can bring forth something within people, then we have a different situation. Just as the sky sends rain to the dry earth, the living water touches the earth, and what's in the seed comes to life; there's an interaction with God, the Creator. Then God's glory becomes visible. This is how it should be in politics as well. That's why we sing in the Surinamese national anthem: "God lifts our glorious land."

But how is our relationship with the Surinamese people? Can we give a place to these beautiful words in our lives? We should be able to, but a disobedient people are, in fact, disconnected from God.

If we, as a people, were truly connected to the Creator in everything we do, including politics, then we wouldn't accept any form of oppression, poverty, neocolonialism, external interference, or exploitation.

We should reject racist and ethnic politics, because we shouldn't hold anyone in contempt. No race is superior to another; no one person is better than another.

God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Let us bring light into the politics of 2023. Let us know that with God, we are capable of doing what needs to be done. It is unjust to subject humans to poverty. Every person is made in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, we cannot deny any Surinamer the fruits and riches of this land that they rightfully deserve. The word says, "How can you love God, whom you cannot see, if you hate your brother, whom you see every day."

Hence, I consider the introduction of "God Governance" a duty and command. Together with those of you who are politically conscious, I aim to bring corrections to the direction of politics, to establish order and goodness for the country. This endeavor begins from Nickerie.

God has given humanity power and authority to rule over the earth. Ruling has everything to do with governance, with politics. What kind of politics? "God Governance," the politics in which God has a place.

Power, authority, sovereignty over the territory, we possess everything necessary; let's use it and not abuse it. Isn't it written that truth and justice set us free? Start, however, with yourself, the small cosmos that you are; only then can you govern your country, the earth, and the universe.

God gave humanity three clear commands: Be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth. Rule over everything I have created. Bring about development, produce, and then you have achieved your destiny.

If we follow this, we won't have to hold out our hands to anyone in this world.

If you have faith in yourself and in God, and you possess the necessary knowledge, the entire universe will have to grant you what you ask and request. That is God's law in this universe; do not doubt.

It is written: Ask in Jesus' name, and it shall be given unto you.

Epilogue

Political Transformation, is the book that operates from a spiritual perspective. These are lessons that are highly significant for every politician, but also for those interested at the administrative level, concerning aspects of organization and structure.

Jesus Christ said, "My kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). My kingdom is not visible to the eyes of men, my kingdom does not operate with weapons, it does not wage war. In fact, my kingdom does not have a geographic location on this earth (Luke 17:20-21). My Kingdom is a heavenly reality, and you can only see it through the Spirit of God (John 3:1-10). It is the spiritual lens we must possess to contemplate what Donk calls "God Governance." You can only fathom it when you are born again in the Spirit. Furthermore, Christ states that His Kingdom is among the people. It is within the hearts of people. God is not interested in a political-military nation constantly at war, where humanity is constantly the victim.

In the current situation, you can see nations falling apart due to a lack of knowledge of God. In Christ, there is a new creation. God desires harmony and peace. People should be a temple of the living God where He has the highest place (2 Corinthians 6:16). We are God's dwelling, and His Spirit builds us as houses where God can reside. Through us, He brings peace and harmony to the world. There are different "mindsets" in the world carried by people in an earthly manner. The Bible provides many insights through which life can be viewed from a different perspective. An exceptional transformation in political life then takes place.

"A life without books is unlivable," a quote from Erasmus, a Dutch humanist and philosopher who lived from 1469 to 1536.

As I reflected on how remarkable political life could be transformed with biblical principles, I was pleasantly captivated by the book by author Donk. In his previously published book, "The mystery behind the Suriname national anthem," Donk emphasizes that divine right and divine truth will set us free. God is a just judge; He does not oppress people (Job 37:23), and He is the King of Heaven, whose works make all truth and paths straight (Daniel 4:37).

The right to freedom of expression is a human right mentioned in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). This right is also enshrined in Article 19 of the Surinamese constitution. "In a free state, tongues should also be free." But how does this right relate to a state governed by the rule of law where we daily encounter various aspects of governance? Does it, for example, offer new perspectives?

Donk approaches the issue of "political organization" from a Biblical faith perspective and the divine inspiration he mentions. Using very recognizable and clear biblical principles, he shows where to look to find the political aspects of a decision.

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His message is that it is in the interest of all parties that people in an organization learn to play the political game effectively because that can enhance the quality of decision.

Using the Word of God, which he has encapsulated in the term "God Governance," he systematically unravels the elements in a decision-making process. The book is much more practical than the decision-making models I am familiar with because it is inspired by God's Word. It provides useful tools to look at your own situation in a country with fresh eyes, discover new possibilities, and take action.

In the time of Jesus, the Pharisees wanted a political and military kingdom. However, the apostles joined Christ. Judas was also one of them and followed Jesus. He also expected Christ to bring restoration, but in a military and political way. When Jesus did not do that and it became clear that Jesus would be killed, Judas betrayed him. It is exactly what we see today, how earthly thinking negatively influences political life. But God's kingdom is carved from a different wood. The divine principle in which Donk paints a much more nuanced picture through biblical characteristics. The gray area is getting darker, turning it into a black-and-white version.

Is the desire for transparency ultimately a totalitarian longing? You could also argue that democracy as a form of governance is always a provisional-definitive design and, therefore, constantly evolving. More transparency is simply the next step in the design phase. God Governance provides a clear and highly transparent vision of politics. Lessons are being taught.

When the Spirit of God came upon the people (Acts 1:8 ESV), they suddenly began to understand what Christ had explained. This book is not about a political dictatorial way of thinking. It encompasses a heavenly realm, a heavenly reign of God in the heart (God Governance), where you are transformed from within, and where heaven dwells in the heart. You become a completely new creation in Christ, not through religion or politics, but simply by accepting His word and applying it in life.

During the campaign season, politicians promise a golden future to the people. At the negotiating table, the initial visions are shattered, and in the end, citizens see their representatives defending the opposite of the campaign promises. Many citizens don't understand this dynamic and complain about the growing gap between politics and 'ordinary people.' Donk meticulously describes how God would have wanted it, and he evaluates it based on the Bible. But isn't Christian politics something very strange, some might have asked. I mean, the Bible isn't written as a political manual, many would argue. That's true! Just as it is not a scientific overview or medical advice. Many see the Bible as the Word of God and read it primarily to discover who God is. Along the way, you do find useful advice for the political arena: regulating the power of rulers, the wisdom of compromises, and collaborating with those with different views.

Donk means to use the Bible for the image it develops of the good life. The Bible offers various stories, principles, and values about this. Anyone can absorb and translate them into the current situation.

The primary term the Bible uses for "that good life" for individuals and nations is the Kingdom of God. Kingdom, of course, is a thoroughly political word. It concerns influence and power. Every believing politician has images of the good life in this regard. In the world, we see that many politicians and other involved actors draw much inspiration from this.

This book is not only intended for those who are Christian, but even if you are not religious, it is very interesting and fascinating. It explains the core of global governance. It relates to all of us, regardless of our backgrounds and beliefs.

I had the privilege of previewing the manuscript of this book before it was published. It is a great honor for me to be able to share my opinion about it. During my student days in high school, I always aspired to a role in the administrative and political field. Right after completing my secondary education, I pursued a law degree at Utrecht University in the Netherlands, although I unfortunately did not complete it. The hunger and the need for a better governance where peace and harmony are central have not subsided. My passionate friendship with the author and constant discussions with him about the valuable lessons of Political Transformation have given me a broad insight into his world as a writer. When I became friends with the author, I had no idea that today I would be sharing an opinion in his writing world.

An earthly political nation is not the focus, but the spiritual seed (Galatians 3:16) where people have pure hearts, are faithful, and walk in faith even when their eyes cannot see and their understanding falls short, yet they trust in the word and foundation of God. We should live as Christ and walk in His footsteps. This is what Donk aims to achieve with this book – nation for all of us based on the biblical principles of Divine governance.

In Donk's series of writings, books such as Surinamese History, Plantations, and Architecture and Surinamese History, Places, and Life Stories have been published, covering stories about journeys to plantations in districts such as Nickerie, Saramacca, and Commewijne.

I hope that after reading this book, your knowledge and perspective on political terrain may undergo a transformative development, and that especially politicians may regard this book as a "sacred source" of inspiration.

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