

Speech on the occasion of the funeral of Andreas Frank

Dear Mrs. Dagmar Frank, dear Mr. Martin Frank, dear Mr. Thomas Frank and family, dear other relatives, dear congregation, June 26 is actually a happy day for you; it is your wedding anniversary. So on the morning of this day on Thursday the week before last, the memories of what you have experienced together what you have experienced together in the 48 years of your marriage. That it would be a last.

You didn't realize at the time that it would be your last look back. But now this 48th wedding anniversary has become a completely tragic date. Because unexpectedly, on the afternoon of that day, your beloved husband husband, father, friend, companion and fellow campaigner in the fight against combating money laundering, combating terrorist financing and corruption. One of his two sons put it into words: He died at his desk desk in the middle of the fight for freedom and the rule of law. Andreas Frank was working on the correction of his 240-page report entitled report entitled "Government Criminality", a report to the Chancellor's Chancellor's Office, with which he wants to prove that existing laws have been circumvented or years that existing laws have been circumvented or not followed. How right he is with his assessment is shown by a report in the latest edition of the newspaper

"Das Parlament" newspaper on July 6 of this year with the headline "Slow The establishment of a new authority against financial crime, i.e. money laundering, money laundering, is being delayed.

You, dear Mrs. Frank, found him dead in his study when you both were about to go shopping. You are at a loss for words, or rather You are struggling to find them to express your grief. You can take your time take your time to find words to express your grief over your husband's death. Today, as we say goodbye, we reflect on what this life was all about and and we ask for the encouragement of the living God who raised Jesus to new life life after his death on the cross. Both help us to accept our grief - with our feelings and in our words. our words.

Andreas Frank was born in Pforzheim on August 24, 1951. He grew up with two siblings he grew up with. After leaving school, he studied business administration in Mannheim and Munich, specializing in tax law and psychology, graduating with a degree in business administration. In 1976, you got married and your son Martin was born that year. was born. Another son, Thomas, was born in 1985. Your

have a lively history, indeed a tradition. Andreas was just 13 years old when he said to Dagmar, who was 11 at the time: "I'm going to marry you!"

From 1977 to 1981, Andreas Frank was an investment banker at Goldman Sachs and a director at the Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Cooperation in the USA and in Switzerland. You made good use of your time in the USA young family to get to know the country and its people. and its people. Many friendships grew out of this. In his professional activities

During his professional career, Andreas Frank learned early on that - as he said - "some things at banks are going in the wrong direction". This realization led him to dedicate himself to the fight against money laundering and the fight against the financing of terror with money from dubious sources.

The local Pforzheimer Zeitung published the following in its last Wednesday's edition the following from his book, "Dirty Money", where he writes: "Black money is a slow-acting poison poison that breaks down social resistance almost silently. breaks. The opponents of democracy use corruption as a weapon. They avoid the use of force and rely on the seductive seductive power of money".

In the context of this speech, I can only touch on a few aspects of his extensive aspects of his extensive work; we will hear more about his about his work after this memorial service in the apartment in Großer Lückenweg of Prof. Reiner Nübel and the co-author of his book Markus Zydra, to which I on behalf of the relatives.

What is it all about when we briefly consider the life's work of the deceased? As the Munich Security Conference stated in 2023 4.2 trillion euros a year - the amount is twice as than global military spending - illegal money from criminal activities such as corruption criminal activities such as corruption, drug trafficking, protection money, money from laundered, i.e. channeled into the economic cycle or money circulation of money and also used to finance.

It's about serious crimes and dirty money. Andreas Frank wanted to put the financial system in order in this respect. Based on his professional background, he has extensive knowledge and experience in the areas of international financial financial markets and corporate finance and so he has been focusing

on combating money laundering and terrorist financing for over 20 years. terrorist financing. As an expert, he advises the German Bundestag, the Council of Europe and the TAX 3 Committee of the European Parliament, a special committee on financial crime, tax evasion and tax avoidance.

Andreas Frank works with NGOs, national law enforcement law enforcement authorities and civil society organizations civil society organizations, regularly speaks at national and international conferences on the subject of combating money laundering and terrorist financing.

The responsible authorities in Germany had to admit that almost 290,000 suspicious activity reports have not yet been processed, even though it simple, as Andreas Frank once said at an anti-terrorism conference in Israel in 2014:

“Just once said: “Just take the money away from the smuggling gangs”! Time and again, he has to break through a wall of silence and disinterest that has kept this issue in the background for so long. This battle is not easy: he is attacked, threatened and vilified by opponents. vilified by opponents. But he is not letting up: he is lodging a complaint with the Federal Constitutional Court because German governments are inactive.

He has as an individual citizen initiated infringement proceedings infringement proceedings against Germany because Germany is not implementing existing rights.

His professional experience paired with a clear vision and perspective combined with his intellectual abilities help him to do this. This vision after his return from America to Switzerland, when he founded a technology when he founded a technology company there for chip development for securedata transmission to reduce counterfeiting.

I got to know Andreas Frank better as a member of the congregation when the family came to Pforzheim from Switzerland; we worked together for a while in preparation together for a while in preparation for a seminar organized by the “Gesellschaft for Business and Ethics” entitled ‘Money, Greed and God’, at which he was invited as a invited to speak on the subject of combating money laundering.

When thinking about the problem, the question arises: what drives people who get involved in money laundering? In fact, it is human greed, greed distorts us humans. The legend of of the rich King Croesus. He wanted everything he touched to turn into gold.

This cut him off from life. He had nothing more to eat. Because food turned to gold. His wife became a lump of gold, but there were no more relationships. Greed does not make people happy, but plunges them into constant unhappiness. From This attitude can be illustrated by a quote from John Rockefeller. this attitude.

He was once asked: How much money does a person need to be satisfied? His answer: "Always a little more". Even as the saying goes:

"The more he has, the more he wants - the poor heart never becomes the poor heart becomes completely still!" Or according to Wilhelm Busch: "Every wish, when it is fulfilled, immediately gives birth." Greed is an integral part of all societies. We always want more of almost everything. According to Nietzsche, the will to power is an elementary primal instinct to which other norms must be subordinated to. The love of power is the "demon of man". and maximum power can be exercised through possessions.

The Bible clearly describes this dimension of being human: "Do not fall into the power of your greed, it will, like a bull, wear away your strength like a bull," it says in the Proverbs of the Old Testament. And in the Isaiah we read: "But they are greedy dogs that can never be satisfied". can be satisfied".

These are the shepherds who have no understanding, each one looking to their own way, they are all out for gain."

The biblical prophets scourge bribery and deception of poor people, the manipulation of weights and measures on the market. Yes, that's what the Bible says: the heart of man is evil from his youth. Is there no solution? Andreas Frank was confirmed at Easter 1966. Easter 1966, he was given the confirmation verse from the Gospel of John chapter 14, verse 6 for his life: Jesus Christ says:

"I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me"! This is not about scientific and philosophical truth; it is about the philosophical truth; it is about the truthfulness of one's own behavior and religious truth as a relationship with God. Andreas Frank was - as we have heard at length - always concerned with truthfulness;

I talked to him about what it means to believe in Jesus Christ Christ as the messenger of God, as the truth. In the year of the Reformation, the AEU (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Evangelischer

published a book on how managers can live out their faith in faith in Jesus in everyday life. For entrepreneurs, a Bible passage from from Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy is at the top of the "hit list":

"God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and prudence", 2 Timothy 1; verse 7: A manager pours this Bible verse into a program for his employees in New York, who were completely after the attack on the World Trade Center. It reads:

Cool Heads, Warm Hearts, Working Hands.

Jesus himself tells us of many encounters with people who were greedy. were greedy. The best example is the story of Zacchaeus, how Jesus encounters this white-collar criminal. Jesus sees him, perceives the need in his heart and says to him: "Today I will come to you; into your heart, into the heart, into the center of your life. And Zacchaeus senses this power, which changes his life and he does the deed.

He says: I will give half of my possessions to the poor and if I have cheated someone, I will give it back fourfold.

Now the deceased was not a Zacchaeus, but what I want to say is this, is this: Jesus sees our need, your grief, no matter what is troubling the heart: And this sentence also applies to you: I will come to you and your home shall receive salvation, comfort and strength. For truth means: Jesus himself went the way to death.

But God raised him from the dead; he gives us this hope beyond death. beyond death. Death is overcome and conquered, that is the hope of Easter. joy of Easter. Death is not the end, not the final point but the colon: to be continued

This is not a pious appendage but an invitation to faith, to trust in Jesus Christ trust in Jesus Christ, who has conquered death, whose peace wants to wants to enter our hearts.

The apostle Paul once says that a Christian is a new creature. is a new creature. The old creature has passed away. The new has become Paul writes: "Do nothing out of self-interest or for the sake of vain glory, but in humility esteem one another better than yourselves, and not looking to what serves the other. Be so minded toward one another one another as is fitting for fellowship in Jesus Christ".

It can be said that if we follow these words of the apostle, we preserve

legacy of the deceased, we remain true because we know the truth of the truth of Jesus Christ, who renews the hearts of men and who overcame death and who overcame death and promises us: “I live and you too shall live”. live also”.

Amen