

Shahbaz Bhatti was a government minister in Pakistan who was assassinated by extremists in 2011 for the views that he held. He was a devout Christian, and shortly before his death spoke the prophetic and brave words –

‘I have been told by pro-Taliban religious extremists that if I continue to speak against the blasphemy law, I will be beheaded. As a Christian, I believe Jesus is my strength. He has given me power and wisdom and motivation to serve suffering humanity. I follow the principles of my conscience, and I am ready to die and sacrifice my life for the principles I believe’.

One can only be inspired by the courageous and principled stand taken by such an individual.

