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"INASMUCH AS YE VOTED . . . YE DID IT TO ME"

Speech of candidate John Allman at the Harrogate and Knaresborough declaration - 6 May 2005

I am grateful to everybody who voted for me, the **AllianceForChange.co.uk** candidate in this constituency. I am grateful to my wife Mpumi, and to my helpers, Rick, Anne and Janet, and to Julian Fitzgerald, our Leeds Central candidate, for his help, and to Ejiro Etefia, the Alliance For Change candidate in Bethnal Green and Bow constituency.

I am grateful to the Returning Officer and his staff. I congratulate Mr Willis.

My late father volunteered to fight in the war against the Nazis. Though I know he would have been proud of his son, it is a mercy that he did not live to see this day. The present UK general election as a whole has failed dismally, on a number of points, to meet the published, international criteria of a "free and fair" election.

Moreover, the 555 election ushers in a further period when wickedness and national shame are horribly likely to make further gains. (It is ironic indeed that 555, I'm told, happens to be the number symbolising Babylon, the former capital of the country we now call Iraq.) It is tragic that I was unable to obtain the early support I sincerely expected, which might have allowed the British people the chance to vote for an entire government that cared about people, and treated them properly. I respect all those who did not vote for any of the three main parties that form what I call "the Lib Lab Con Trick".

I remember the amputee Iraqi orphan I met at a fringe meeting of the Labour Party conference last September. She had lost all seventeen of her blood relatives, and one of her own legs, from just one of the unnumbered bombs. She is one of those for whom I stood. So are the detainees at Guantanamo Bay, the persecuted Jews in Russia who might very soon need to seek asylum in other countries, the victims of psychotronic abuse who contact me often from within the UK and overseas, the British soldiers killed who did not realise how "expendable" they were going to be, and the poor of this country, and of the world.

Since the election was held on Ascension Day, I will leave you with this outrageous paraphrase of my own, of the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, recorded in Matthew chapter 25.

"Then they shall also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee anhungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or persecuted, or tortured, or wrongly imprisoned, or being bombed, or deprived of contact with a parent or a child by family courts, or the victim of injustice, or of psychotronic abuse, or any non-consensual medical experiments, or weapons testing, or any sort of human rights abuse, and did not minister unto thee?"

"Then He shall answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye voted again for a government already complicit in the ill-treatment of one of these the least of my brethren, ye voted for them to do it to *me, again!*"

That's why politics matters to me. That's why I stood.