

The Rector's Address

To be delivered by:

The President of the Students' Representative Council | Mr John Andrew Murray MA

Dear Glasgow students and academics,

Today is a very important day, because the students spoke very clear and loud, made clear their very independent mind, by electing me as their Rector.

I want to thank you very much for this strong stance, this unusual vote, that not many universities have taken before in electing a Rector in absentia, and in fact electing my ideas and beliefs. These beliefs are more than my physical person.

So I want to say that in fact Glasgow students chose to follow the same direction as I did 19 years ago to publicise the fact that Israel had and has been producing nuclear weapons in secret. I decided through my own beliefs and concerns to follow the path of respect for human life, care about the human race, global security and survival and reported this to the whole world, even by taking the risk of paying a very heavy price. My conviction was strong and very deep that each of us has the obligation to the human race to ensure our survival and stop any threat or danger to our existence.

The man who took that act needs to continue the struggle to overcome the hard life of prison, in isolation and the face of secret warfare by very modern and advanced spies. Now I survived, and when free, I am ready to do much more for freedom, peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction.

My message today to you, Glasgow is be very sure and confident that each one of you has the spirit of freedom and humanity and that will be with you wherever you go. It will direct you to act on behalf of the human race, for freedom, for peace, and for tolerance and co-existence amongst all human races and religions. That is the direction of this new century, that the human race has to overcome hate, fighting, and enmity. We can use all human resources, university studies and revelations to sustain this evolution in human history: to act as one globe, one race, one humankind.

I salute you, sending my support and encouragement. I will come to see you to celebrate my survival and my freedom.

Today you can celebrate with a glass. Go – have a good day of celebration. May God bless you, and guide you in the right direction.

Peace,

Mordechai Vanunu