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Simply the most dominating phrase in the English language is the final speaker before dinner then. I'm completely aware that I reached the most dangerous points of the evening. It's the point of which everything has been said but not everyone has said it. And it is also the point of which I am seriously becoming an obstacle between an audience with the rumbling stomachs on their food. So, I shall take the advice of one of my principal heroes, Franklin Delano Roosevelt who memorably in advice to young politicians said, "Whatever you do, be brief, be sincere, and be see-through." But I want to just say one thing before I am see through it and that is with great sincerity to congratulate the Dialogue Society on a very successful, hardworking 10 years, and to hope very much that all of the values which we care passionately about honourable democrat in which we share with the Dialogue Society values of getting people to work together, talk to each other, to understand each other, tolerate each other, and I'm not going to debate the values in toleration versus acceptance so as Dr Johnson once said so. I shall not debate president which will then allows them to flee. I think he was talking about politicians at that time. But what I do think is an absolutely key function for politics. I'm very glad to be here on a platform would representatives of all the other parties is that we should develop a society in which we can respect each other, respect each other's differences, celebrate those differences, and draw strength from as a society. And so, I very much so that the Dialogue Society goes from strength to strength, here's to you. Thank you.

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