Subject: Re: Crist: A message on the results of the American election. Date: Fri, 05 Nov 2004 00:07:04 +0000 (GMT) From: Elizabeth James <cagebc@yahoo.com> To: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

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Thanks, Brian. I'm afraid that I do, indeed, get really mad at myself when, over and over again, politics proves that, after all, it is just politics.

Currently, I'm reading a book *Worse than Watergate* by John W. Dean. The sub-title is: The Secret Presidency of George W. Bush. This book has been on the shelves for a while. Add the information it contains, to what Gabler says, to so many other books, and to CBC's The Fifth Estate and The Passionate Eye coverage of Bush and, more particularly, Dick Cheney and you have to wonder what chance any decent person stands. Certainly, well-intention but, relatively-speaking, the penniless people such as you and I will never be able to punch holes in the armour which surrounds the Bushes, the Martins and, even, the Campbells of the world. They play dirty and, unless we are prepared to do the same, we can never make headway against the likes of them.

Depressing but what it means for those of my 'tender' age, is that there are, indeed, advantages to aging.

Cheers, Liz

## Brian Platts <br/> <br/> shaw.ca> wrote:

Dear Liz,

Don't be too hard on yourself for being "fooled" over the existence, or lack-there-of, WMDs in Iraq. Remember, even countries opposed to military action -- those paragons of moral virtue, France, Germany, and Russia (whose interest was to continue doing business with Saddam) -- also believed that Iraq had WMDs. Those countries have their own intelligence agencies and don't just accept everything the US says is fact. Hans Blix himself ......

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