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South Africa is currently crippled by various factors such as the xenophobic attacks, an unstable economic climate with high interest rates, high fuel prices, high crime, etc, etc.

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP), a member of the newly formed Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA), believes that the solution in taking this country forward is firstly by bringing God, moral values and standards back into society, and secondly by all South Africans working together towards a better future.

The Democratic Alliance's (DA) action of "STAYING AWAY" and "BOYCOTTING" the official Johannesburg Budget presentation and debate on 21 and 22 May 2008 is counter productive and negative, demonstrating their inability as opposition to take this country forward. Their refusal in taking part in the process instead of being pro-active is deliberately immoral, arrogant and a display of absolute stupidity.

The only achievement is that the ANC steps out of the ring as the ultimate winner without even having an opponent.

I just wonder if there is any place or hope for politicians with this kind of mentality in South African society and politics. **It is time for the electorate to wake up, read the writing on the wall and take appropriate action by voting with their Christian conviction.**