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Quote Of The Day

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Hugo (via [Cato](#)):

Every day I'm more of a revolutionary, every day I'm more socialist... I'm going to take Venezuela toward socialism, with the people and the workers... The revolution is not negotiable, socialism is not negotiable, because **every day I'm more convinced that socialism is the kingdom of God on earth. That is what Christ came to announce.**

My personal belief (that Christ may have been an anarcho-socialist) notwithstanding, I fail to understand how creating a system of mass oppression, malnutrition, and the rationing of electricity and water has to do with Jesus. Maybe he's taking Jesus admonishment about the likelihood of a rich man entering heaven a bit too literally, and wants to ensure there are no rich men in Venezuela.

So I'll leave it up to you, readers... Can you make sense of Chavez? Give it your best shot.

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2. “Creating a system of mass oppression, malnutrition, and the rationing of electricity and water” has nothing to do with Jesus, his message, why he proclaimed he was doing what he was doing and saying what he was saying, or what his followers who composed the materials contained in what is commonly known as the New Testament believed.

There. That was easy. However, Hugo probably understands theology and the message of Christ about as well as your average atheist Libertarian, so his confusion is understandable.

Jesus was not political and was not a politician. Oh... that is, except to certain people of the capitalistic or socialistic or libertarianistic and every other -istic, or -ism – who like to cherry-pick quotes – invariably and almost always completely out of context, to support THEIR particular political philosophy.

“See – even JESUS believed in XYZ – so MY political point of view on XYZ must be legitimate!”