

## The Mission Statement

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Most blogs have a "mission statement" where they ramble for pages about their core beliefs and attitudes. Well, I have [one of those here](#) , but for my front page, I thought I would simply offer some quotes which best summarize my political and economic beliefs:

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."* - [The Founding Fathers of these United States of America](#)

*"The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries."* - [Sir Winston Churchill](#)

*"The government solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem."* and *"Underlying most arguments against the free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself."*

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[Milton Friedman](#)

*" Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and*

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*then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. " - [Jesus Christ](#)*

*"I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice! And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue!" - [Senator Barry Goldwater](#)*

*"Anyone may arrange his affairs so that his taxes shall be as low as possible; he is not bound to choose that pattern which best pays the treasury. There is not even a patriotic duty to increase one's taxes. Over and over again the Courts have said that there is nothing sinister in so arranging affairs as to keep taxes as low as possible. Everyone does it, rich and poor alike and all do right, for nobody owes any public duty to pay more than the law demands." - [Judge Learned Hand](#)*

*"You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.  
You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.  
You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.  
You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.  
You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.  
You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatreds.  
You cannot establish security on borrowed money.  
You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.  
You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves." - [William J. H., Boetcker](#)*

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*"Let us rise up and be thankful,  
for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little,  
and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick,  
and if we got sick, at least we didn't die;  
so, let us be thankful." - [the Buddha](#)*

*"Indignation over the sting of truth is the defense of the indefensible" - Me.*

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