

A letter from Kurt Vonnegut to *In These Times*

Dear Editor:

If I may impose on your extraordinary hospitality yet again: I was on Jon Stewart's *Daily Show* September 13th, and arrived with a compendium of liberal crap I never wanted to hear again, and my responses thereto. But I only had six minutes, and so never got a chance to read them out loud. For whatever they may be worth to you:

'Give us this day our daily bread.' Sure. I'll pay for it. Enjoy!

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

Oh, yeah? Anybody trespasses on me, and I'll cut him a new you-know-what.

'Blessed are the peacemakers.' Jane Fonda? Give me a break!

'Love thy enemies.' Arabs?

'Blessed are the meek.' You bet! I love 'em, too. I tell 'em to kiss my ass, and they'll kiss it.

'No man can serve two masters. You cannot serve both God and Mammon.' Mammon, of course, is the god of greed and riches. And the hell I can't serve both God and Mammon. Look at Pat Robertson! He's as happy as a hog up to its ears in excrement!

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