

Re: A Reagan quote

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In article <ca7h5s\$2vv\$1@home.itg.ti.com>, mikecombs@nospam.com_chg_nospam_2_ti says...

> "quibbler" <quibbler247@yahoo.com> wrote in message

> news:MPG.1b30c57e6dcfd121989841@news.individual.net...

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>> *You should blame him. He wasted trillions on weapons to prepare for*

>> *the mythical battle of armageddon, which many of his supporters were*

>> *convinced would occur at the millennium.*

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> *I'd say money spent running communism into the ground was hardly a waste,*

That's a complete myth. You can't spend a communist into the ground, because they are not functioning in a market economy. They had plenty of oil and natural resources. Hint: look at the size of the soviet union. Furthermore, the soviets knew that they always had nuclear deterrence sufficient to wipe us out, so they didn't need to match us dollar for dollar. The soviets wanted to restructure far before Reagan even wanted to deal with them. Reagan was one of the last people to give up his militaristic ambitions and accept that we would have peace with the soviets.

> *whether it got applied to the task of fighting a nuclear war or not.*

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>> *If it hadn't been for his*

>> *religious kookery and bizarre voodoo economics then we might have had a*

>> *lot more money for space exploration.*

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> *Since Apollo, how many new space initiatives have come from Democrats? How*

> *many from Republicans?*

Actually, I'd bet you that ever single president, both democrat and republican has had some kind of space initiative. Kerry is on the Space Subcommittee. Republicans have long claimed to be against big government, so it's kind of hard for them to support big spending in space. Repubs were instrumental in getting things like SETI killed. Plenty of democrats have supported high levels of NASA funding, despite the occasional one who complains about having other pressing priorities. Things like the Apollo program, in adjusted dollars really were enormous

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expenditures, so it's not surprising that we eventually had to cut back that level of spending to some degree.

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"It is fashionable to wax apocalyptic about the threat to humanity posed by the AIDS virus, 'mad cow' disease, and many others, but I think a case can be made that faith is one of the world's great evils, comparable to the smallpox virus but harder to eradicate." -- Richard Dawkins