

Happy Tax Day
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Today my final tax payments for 1998 and my first quarter 1999 estimated tax payments have been mailed.

It depresses me that state and federal governments will spend a portion of these funds oppressing drug users and prostitutes, among others, in America, and that the federal government will use some to assault people and governments it disagrees with around the world.

I don't like financing sanctimony and might makes right.

It bothers me that some of my tax dollars are destined for the pockets of Wisconsin parents who will use them to pay tuition at religious schools and that some will help provide free government services to tax-exempt-god-businesses nationwide.

I'm appalled that I'm slaving away to help perpetuate the world's oldest fraud and ensnare yet another generation in the web of deceit that is religion.

And every time "one person's terrorist is another person's freedom fighter" or complete innocent falls by American bullets, bombs, knives, or hands, it saddens me that I helped finance the deed.

My tax payments will also assist every Nazi-helmeted SWAT team raid on drug addicts and every local-vice-squad-decoy bust of Johns and prostitutes much to my embarrassment and dismay.

But, what to do? If I don't pay they will take me away.

Happy tax day!