***Thomas Jefferson***

***This is amazing. There are two parts. Be sure to read the 2nd part.***

**That gives you an idea of how stupid your audience must be ... you actually have to tell them to read the 2nd part. E-Mazing.**

***Thomas Jefferson was a very remarkable man who started learning very early in life and never stopped.***

**He also enslaved other human beings. But to be fair to Jefferson, he did have sex with them ... so there's that.**

***At 5, began studying under his cousin's tutor.***

**Exactly what do you mean by ... under?**

***At 9, studied Latin, Greek and French.***

**Quite the obnoxious little show-off, wasn't he?**

***At 14, studied classical literature and additional languages.***

**Good idea. You don't want to be embarrassed when people find out you only know 4 languages.**

***At 16, entered the College of William and Mary.***

**So?**

**At 16 I drove a car. Bet he didn't do that.**

***At 19, studied Law for 5 years starting under George Wythe.***

**Most people finish law school in 3 years. Maybe he should have spent more time on law and less time on languages.**

***At 23, started his own law practice.***

**As a slave master, they wouldn't allow him in law school in America today. Obviously, standards were much lower then.**

***At 25, was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses.***

**At 25, I finally got laid. I haven't seen anything on this list yet, that indicates that Jefferson was that lucky.**

***At 31, wrote the widely circulated "Summary View of the Rights of British America and retired from his law practice.***

**Lawyers don't retire at 31. They're making too much money. Let's face it ... he got fired.**

***At 32, was a Delegate to the Second Continental Congress.***

**Since the colonies were under British rule at the time, the correct term for delegate would be "traitor."**

***At 33, wrote the Declaration of Independence .***

**Big deal.**

**At 33, I wrote my mother many letters ... from jail.**

***At 33, took three years to revise Virginia's legal code and wrote a Public Education bill and a statute for Religious Freedom.***

**Slight problem there, Bubbles:**

**"Thou shalt have no other Gods before me."**

**Jefferson gave everyone the freedom to worship ANY God.**

**That must have really pissed God off the edge of His roof. Maybe that's why it took Jefferson so long to get laid.**

***At 36, was elected the second Governor of Virginia succeeding Patrick Henry.***

**"Give me liberty or give me death." Boy, that must have been a hard act to follow. Especially with a very pissed off invisible ghost following Jefferson around, waiting for a chance to get revenge for disrespecting His first and foremost commandment.**

***At 40, served in Congress for two years.***

**He doesn't seem particularly good at holding down jobs.**

***At 41, was the American minister to France and negotiated commercial treaties with European nations along with Ben Franklin and John Adams.***

**Never knew Jefferson was a minister. I wonder if that was when he wrote the famous "Jefferson Bible?"**

**(That pissed God off even more. I guess Jefferson figured he was already going to Hell anyway, so he might as well have some fun).**

***At 46, served as the first Secretary of State under George Washington.***

**So he traded in his ministry gig for a secretarial job. It sounds like he's desperately trying to "find himself."**

***At 53, served as Vice President and was elected president of the American Philosophical Society.***

**Between those 2 jobs, the greater degree of prestige goes to the second one. Vice President, as everyone knows, is a dead-end job.**

***At 55, drafted the Kentucky Resolutions and became the active head of Republican Party.***

**I wonder if this was when he was "doing" the help?**

***At 57, was elected the third president of the United States***

**Okay, now we're finally gettin somewhere. President - nice house, big paycheck, lots of babes, and he gets to hang out with a bunch of crooks.**

***At 60, obtained the Louisiana Purchase doubling the nation's size.***

**I'm getting suspicious: why are a bunch of conservative Fox News Ghost Worshippers praising a man who believed Jesus was nothing more than an influential rabbi who kept pissing off the government till they strung His ass up on a pair of two-by-fours?**

***At 61, was elected to a second term as President.***

**For those who couldn't get it right the first time ... try, try again.**

***At 65, retired to Monticello***

**Finally, kick back and collect that social security check ... in 120 years.**

***At 80, helped President Monroe shape the Monroe Doctrine.***

**How incompetent was Monroe that he needed the help of a slave-owning, itinerant octogenarian who could never hold a job?**

***At 81, almost single-handedly created the University of Virginia and served as its first president.***

**That's pretty impressive for a guy who probably had to pee about 10 times a night.**

***At 83, died on the 50th anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence along with John Adams.***

**Something's fishy there. That just seems to be too big of a coincidence to me. It's too bad they didn't have CSI in those days.**

***Thomas Jefferson knew because he himself studied the previous failed attempts at government. He understood actual history, the nature of God, his laws and the nature of man.***

**The "nature of God?" Are you serious? Have you read the Jefferson Bible?**

**Like two-thirds of the planet, Jefferson didn't believe Jesus was anything other than an annoying rabbi with some good ideas. To Christians that means Jefferson is being roasted, as we speak ... at the Big Barbecue.**

***That happens to be way more than what most understand today.***

**That was amazingly stupid. There was no way the people of his day had even a fraction of the knowledge available to today's high school students. And against someone like me, with a certified GED, he would have no chance at all.**

***Jefferson really knew his stuff. A voice from the past to lead us in the future. John F. Kennedy held a dinner in the white House for a group of the brightest minds in the nation at that time. He made this statement: "This is perhaps the assembly of the most intelligence ever to gather at one time in the White House with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."***

**Thomas Jefferson hadn't heard of evolution, the Big Bang, the germ theory of disease, automobiles, flying machines, computers, televisions, spacecraft, or tacos. Jefferson may have been smart in his day ... but he wouldn't have passed a 7th grade achievement test in one of today's public schools.**

**In a private religious school ... he may have squeezed by.**

***"When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe ." -- Thomas Jefferson***

**That's the problem with trying to predict the future. Unless you are Miss Cleo, it's better to save yourself the embarrassment.**

***"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not." -- Thomas Jefferson***

**Ah, so that's what you've been building up to. I've been waiting this whole time, knowing that you devious little YUCs had something up your sleeves.**

**The fallacy in your argument, and his, is in assuming that all poor people who need help don't want to work. That is the logical fallacy of "Generalization." Also, it is a lie perpetuated by Fox News, the propaganda arm of the Christian Far Right in America. The fact that you can find freeloaders, does not justify painting all poor people with that brush.**

**(By the way ... that quote has not been proven to be from Jefferson; but it's pretty easy to see why you tried to sneak it in though, by mixing it with other real Jefferson quotes. You people don't have an honest bone in your body).**

***"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."***

***-- Thomas Jefferson***

**That's not bad advice. A little impractical, but definitely something to aim for.**

***"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." -- Thomas Jefferson***

**Now the true agenda behind this email becomes clear. It is nothing more than an attack on poor people.**

**Question: why do you even call yourselves Christians, when everything you do, and stand for, spits in the face of Jesus Christ?**

**One of the most dead-on sayings I have ever heard is "Those least likely to follow Christian principles ... are Christians."**

***"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government." -- Thomas Jefferson***

**That may have been true then, but that doesn't mean it's true ... now.**

**(That's another quote not proven to have been made by Jefferson. But again, it's easy to see why you hid it among the real ones. It promotes your "anti-govmint" mentality).**

***"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms." -- Thomas Jefferson***

**You left off the rest of the quote "within his own lands."**

**Gee, I wonder why you stopped it where you did?**

***"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." -- Thomas Jefferson***

**Though that quote, like several previous quotes, hasn't been proven to be from Jefferson, the concept made sense in the day of dictatorships and kings. In the 21st century, Democracy has conquered half the nations of the world, and most importantly, the most advanced nations. In a Democracy, the people ARE the government. The only tyranny that is possible comes from those who advance their own interests at the expense of their fellow citizens.**

***"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." -- Thomas Jefferson***

**Fortunately the world has advanced since Jefferson's time. The tree of liberty is now refreshed with hard-working, dedicated civil servants instead of blood and death. Jefferson would also be happy to know that the tree of liberty he so cherished ... is now available to African-Americans.**

***"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical." -- Thomas Jefferson***

**Here is the actual quote before you edited it to say what you wanted it to say: "To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors, is sinful and tyrannical."**

**There. All fixed now.**

***Thomas Jefferson said in 1802:***

***"I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies.***

**Well ... he may have a point there.**

***If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property - until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."***

**That sounds like poetic justice to me. The graves of millions of "savages" probably started rumbling with laughter when Bush crashed the economy.**

**Oh, I'm sorry. I meant to say, when Obama couldn't restore the economy.**

***I wish we could get this out to everyone!!!***

***I'm doing my part. Please do yours.***

**Roger that.**

**Now it's time to drag you YUCs out to the woodshed again.**

**(Not that it ever does any good. It's kinda like pissing on a duck's back: you can stand there all day draining your bladder, but that little fucker will never get wet).**

**That said, you may have gotten the impression from my replies that I am anti-Jefferson. Nothing could be further from the truth. While he was fallible, as are all humans, his contributions to humanity are matched only by the greatest of humans.**

**We Freethinkers don't worship our heros as Gods. We admit their failings and praise their accomplishments. Jefferson is one of my greatest heros. Your attempt to claim him as your own really pisses me off. He had more respect for his slaves than he would have for you morons.**

**I know how much you YUCs hate it when the truth interferes with your lies and delusions, but since you are too lazy to investigate for yourselves, here is a link that will educate you about some of the quotes you are passing around:**

**http://www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/j/jefferson-quotes.htm**

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**as always, replies are encouraged**