

## Swamy Vivekananda's Thunders

"I am a Socialist not because I think it is a perfect system, but half a loaf is better than no bread".

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### What is good with Socialism?

"Its advantage will be the distribution of physical comforts – There will be a great distribution of ordinary education".

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"The Western world is governed by a handful of Shylocks. All those things you have about – Constitutional Government, Freedom, Liberty, and Parliament – are but jokes. I have seen your parliament, your senate, your vote, majority, ballot; it is the same thing everywhere, my friend. The powerful men in every country are moving society whatever the way they like, and the rest are only like a flock of sheep".

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"The massive Europe and America have been the first to awaken and have already begun the fight. Signs of this awakening have shown themselves in India too, as is evident from the number of strikes among the lower class now-a-days".

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"The next great upheaval is to bring about a new epoch will come from Russia or China. I can't quite see which, but it will be either Russia or Chia".

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"So long as the millions live in hunger and ignorance, I hold every man a traitor who, having been educated at their expense pays not the least heed to them".

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### Do you love your fellow men?

"Where should you go to seek for God? Are not all the poor, the miserable, the weak, Gods? Why not worship them first? Why go to dig a well on the shores of the Ganga?

"I do not believe in a God or religion which cannot wipe the widow's tears or bring a piece of bread to the orphans' mouth. However sublime the theories, however well-spun may be the philosophy, I do not call it religion".

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## Militant – Monk – First Asian Socialist

A time will come when there will be the rising of the Shudra class, with their Shudra-hood; that is to say, not like that as at present when the Shudras are becoming great by acquiring the characteristic qualities of the Vaishya or the Kshatriya, but a time will come when the Shudras of every country, with their inborn Shudra nature and habits-not becoming in essence Vaishya or Kshatriya, but remaining as Shudras-will gain absolute supremacy in ever society”.

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“The poor, the low, the sinner in India have no friends, no help. They cannot rise, try however they may. They sink lower and lower every day, they feel the blows showered upon them by a cruel society, and they do not know whence the blow comes. They have forgotten that they too are men”

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