GOD GAVE ME MY MONEY

CHARACTERS:

CALVIN

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR.

DIRECTOR, METROPOLIS BANK

WORKER, PIZZA HUT

CALVIN

Seems to me, John, that the elect have nearly everything sewn up on earth.

JOHN

Calvin, God has elected us for his work on earth. We are only doing his will.

CALVIN

Keep strong, John. We will see you here in heaven.

JOHN

Only after I have bought up every stream, every piece of land, every patent on earth!

(A man approaches Calvin and John. He is dressed in white apron and puffy cook hat.)

WORKER, PIZZA HUT

Someone here ordered pizza?

CALVIN

No I never eat pizza.

JOHN

No I never eat pizza.

WORKER

Well, someone did. Someone has to pay for this, else I lose money.

JOHN

Work harder.

WORKER

What do you mean? Work harder? Listen, mister, I have a family of five kids, a mortgage, credit card debt, a mother-in-law that lives with me and you say work harder? That’s all I do, work.

JOHN

Well, you know, there is no such thing as a free lunch.

WORKER

You got to be kidding! YOU’RE telling ME that there is no such thing as a free lunch?!?

JOHN

Yes.

WORKER

So where did you get your money?

JOHN

God gave me my money.

CALVIN (self righteously)

Yes. God gave him his money. John is a hard worker, a smart worker, an upright man of the community. He doesn’t ask for handouts from the government. He doesn’t lie around at home watching TV and eating….. (disgusted) pizza!

JOHN

I repeat, there is no such thing as a free lunch... or as you would say, free pizza.

(DIRECTOR, METROPOLIS BANK, ENTERS)

DIRECTOR

John, I need your signature.

JOHN

What’s happening James?

DIRECTOR

John, these things can’t wait. The world needs our money – so many corporations are depending on our loans. So many governments too. If we don’t keep giving these loans, there will be worldwide recessions.

JOHN

Well, that’s good for us. Recession means we foreclose. It will be doing God’s will.

DIRECTOR

Well, that’s true. But we must also keep the world running, keep the machine working. I like being a Director of eight corporations. It’s fun. I don’t want it to end.

JOHN

James, you are a shining example of the elect. So much shine! So much correctness! So much money!

DIRECTOR

Let’s see. I’m on the boards of Metropolis Bank, Thoreau Electric, Intrexon – gene therapy, Southrup Grumman Corporation – weapons, Boy Scouts of America – our youth, Catalyst – encouraging women into our workplaces, National Corporate Theater Fund, and of course my alma mater Wheat University.

JOHN

No free ride here!

WORKER

Hold on here. I know your type. What makes you better that me?

JOHN

We are the elect.

DIRECTOR

We work hard and we deserve our wealth. You too could have what we have. But you have to work for it. Too many people want a free ride.

WORKER

Free ride? You guys have the free ride.

CALVIN

Preposterous.

JOHN

Impossible.

DIRECTOR

Poppy-COCK.

WORKER

Listen, my sister works for your bank.

DIRECTOR

Metropolis Bank?

WORKER

Yeah. She writes your computer programs. And she tells me you guys HAVE A FREE RIDE!

CALVIN

Insolence!

JOHN

Impertinence!

DIRECTOR

Impotence!

WORKER

Yeah, she tells me that you guys in your banks get to create money in the computer when you give a loan to someone. That’s it’s a lie that you lend the money of your depositors. She says you don’t lend money, you create it.

CALVIN

Nonsense.

JOHN

Bosh.

DIRECTOR

Crotch!

WORKER

Yeah, she says you get the first use of our money when you create it. We smucks all have to get it from you – we workers, businesses, governments.

Why are you charging us all interest for our money?

JOHN

I told you. There is no such thing as a free lunch.

WORKER

But you are getting a free lunch. You are doing nothing. The computer creates the money by creating accounting entries. And you guys get the interest for free! While the rest of us work our asses off to pay you banks.

That’s a free lunch for you!

JOHN

But we are the capitalist bankers and we create the money for everyone. Over time, whoever controls the money system, controls the society.

THE END

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