

[25] Friedman Conversation 1-3-05

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Professor Friedman,

Thank you for taking the time to respond before leaving on your cruise. I do not know if you and Rose are looking forward to bumping into lots of inquiring minds or just relaxing and “being there” together. Whatever it is, Claudia and I wish both of you well.

As it is with the evening sun, I delight in the moment. Upon your return, and with a sense of gratitude, I will seek to work toward a closure that facilitates others in pursuing those points most germane to the task of linking the free-market and individualism positions. I will appreciate any assistance you may choose to afford me.

For now, you have left me with the question of whether my inability to walk on “water” and your cruise ship’s ability to stay afloat tells me anything about the characteristics of the “water” as it exists independently of me—or, independently of the characteristics of your ship.

Best wishes,
Gordon