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Topic of the Month #9

The World through Mr. Mujica's Eyes





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You may not be familiar with the name of José
Mujica, a man of action more than a man of
words. He served as the President of his own
country, Uruguay, between 2010 and 2015 after
being imprisoned for 13 years in the 1970s and
1980s for resistance against the military dictatorship
ruling over the country. Throughout his office he
donated to social charities 90% of his monthly
salary as President.

Here you can hear his clarion call for sobriety in a world ruled by the logic of consumerism. Without extremism, but with realism and common sense, he ultimately calls our attention to the fact that we only have one life to live, but waste it by willingly enslaving ourselves to the society of 'service' where people are, quite literally, servants (read: slaves) who either sell a service or buy it. Should we think more and consume less, we would realize that freedom may be something altogether different than we are made to believe.