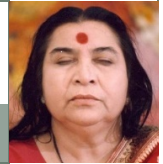


## COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF QUOTES ON AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, PART 10A: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

FROM 9 TALKS OF HER HOLINESS SHRI MATAJI NIRMALA DEVI



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“For example, we can say [of] Abraham Lincoln, a man we call him very great. What was the thing about him? He was very big, why? Because he could see that, ‘When I do not want to be enslaved, why should I have a slave?’ ”

**1977-0701 Guru Pūjā (Guru Pūrṇimā Day) (first more formal Pūjā in the West), Self-realization, Living Room, Gavin Brown's Geological Institute (Terrace House), 160 North Gower Street, 2nd Floor, Euston, London, UK**



“Just now, today I was discussing [laughing:] capitalism, democracy, and communism. Say, Abraham Lincoln was a realized Soul, no doubt. He had his vision of democracy. But he could not fulfill it! Because others were not realized Souls, they could not come up to his vision and they could not imbibe these things within them. They just praised him. He's their hero. They'll make a statue out of him, garland him, write books on him, but nothing of Abraham Lincoln goes into their being, nothing. They do not follow him in the way he lived his life. They'll call thems[elves] ‘Lincolinist[s]’ or something like that. [Laughs.] Some sort of a ism they'll add, put to that. They will try to possess him, brand him into something, but not try to imbibe him into themselves.”

**1980-0901 Public Program, We Have to Get Our Yoga, Caxton Hall, 10 Caxton Street, Westminster, London, UK**



“What a place it [America] is! I mean, you had great people like Abraham Lincoln. Great people like him! What a man he was, you had! You have forgotten him completely, his ideals and things, I mean what a man Abraham Lincoln. I mean, if I read about anyone, in the beginning, was Abraham Lincoln. I said, “Look at him!” He was a realized Soul. He's ideas and all that are gone off.”

**1981-0928 Public Program, Day 5, Christ Church (United Methodist), 524 Park Avenue, Manhattan, New York City, NY, U.S.A.**



“Now, this is a very-very important thing one has to know: that America itself, God has created with a special purpose. Abraham Lincoln and all these people, great people who [have] talked about the fraternity, and the collectivity, and all that. Because this is the center of collectivity. This is the center where people feel the collectivity.”

Even your Unity Church is the outcome of that Anconsc... Unconscious guiding that you have to become the Collective Being."

**1981-1004 Public Program (6th Day of Navarātri), Day 1, Becoming the Truth, Pyramid, Unity (Church of Christianity), 2929 Unity Drive, Houston, TX, U.S.A.**



"People like Abraham Lincoln, as I said yesterday, and great people in this country established these great ideals of liberty."

**1981-1005 Public Program (7th Day of Navarātri), Day 2, The Beauty that You Are, Venue 1, Unity (Church of Christianity), 2929 Unity Drive, Houston, TX, U.S.A. (Unity to be confirmed)**



"Of course, you had great people like Abraham Lincoln who gave you such great ideas. He was a realized Soul and he talked of great things. I don't know even now if Americans cal [can] understand him. But after Realization you will understand that he was a man who really gave you a very great foundation, and you should not try to dig them out."

**1981-1016 Public Program, Day 5, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, 18480 Nordoff Street, Panorama City (32 kms N-NW of Los Angeles), CA, U.S.A.**



"Of course, some of them have been great people like Abraham Lincoln, who was a realized Soul. And he gave those great ideas of responsibility to the whole."

**1981-1018 Public Program, Day 2, Session 2 (evening), Heartwood Community Center, 200 7th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA, U.S.A.**



"All of us have to learn, give up what we had, our identifications, and have to become subtler and universal and people of such values that anybody who sees will say that, `In America, Mother has created Abraham Lincolns! In Russia, Tolstoys! In Maharashtra, Śhivajīs.' I'm too ambitious, I should say, but I see reality in you and reality in Myself. On that basis, I say, one has to create people of that special quality which they have sterling qualities in them, sterling qualities, spiritual qualities, which are so subtle, so beautiful, so sweet [smiles], [smiling:] so understanding. And still, just like steel, nobody can budge them from their own principles, tattwas.

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But they had Abraham Lincoln, so for that you have to excuse the whole country. But you can't live with one Abraham Lincoln!"

**1982-0125 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Growth of the Being on the Subtler Plane (Count Your Blessings, Take Responsibility of Sahaja Yoga, Understand the Subtler Values of Everything, The Greatest Thing for a Sahaja Yogi Is the Living Energy, Be Sweet in Your Tongue, Just Open Your Heart, Great Power of Love, Take Up Love as Your Worshiping), Seminar, Day 3, Session 1 (morning), Lonavala, Maharashtra, India**



"From your democracy, your politics to your economics, to all your, so-called, ideas of creativity, everything becomes so artificial.

Now people can't paint. What they paint, if you see was, you are just aghast! You don't know what is this supposed [laughing:] to be. `And it is supposed to be this but it looks there's a hand, isn't it? Can't you see that?' `Yes, I can. It's a little bit showing.' [Laughter.]

They can't do anything!

We can't have Shakespeare, we can't have Gauguin, we can't have any one of that type. We can't have, say, Abraham Lincoln.

You can have only machines, you see, bolts and nuts sitting there, fitted nicely. `You're fixed, you are fixed, you are fixed, you are fixed.' Everybody fixed nicely.

Where do, [knowing gently with Her right fingers onto the upper part of Her forehead:] double this, brain go? Where will this heart go? What will it do then? It cannot collapse. I mean, ex... as long as you are existing, the heart has to beat.

So all this artificiality has to be overcome by Sahaja Yogis. The responsibility is so great. Such a big building you have to bear on your shoulders. And the foundation stones have to get up in the morning [laughter, smiles], [laughing:] to be chiseled out properly."

**1982-0607 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Ego and Humility or You Must Improve Yourself, Nirmala Palace Āshram, 99 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London SW12 8LZ, UK**

