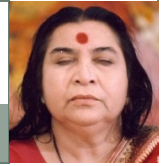


# COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF QUOTES ON AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, PART 10B: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

FROM 15 TALKS OF HER HOLINESS SHRI MATAJI NIRMALA DEVI

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"And My hero was your President, uh-uh-uh Abraham Lincoln. I always uh appreciated the way he fought for the right."

**1982-1026 Interview with Sahaja Yogis (one day after Maha Navamī and one day before Dussehra), the Lexington Hotel, 511 Lexington Avenue, Entrance at E 48th St, Manhattan, New York City, U.S.A. (location to be confirmed)**



"Even in America, it was Abraham Lincoln who fought for the uh liberation of women, not women."

**1983-0321 Birthday Pūjā, Sahaja Yogis Can't Afford to Have These Six Enemies, Āśhram, 10 Clarence Street, Burwood, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia**



"So many great Sahaja Yogis have been and a ... Abraham Lincoln was a realized Soul. Now, how do I say that? Now, you can ask Me a question, `Mother, how do You say that Abraham Lincoln was a realized Soul?' If you are realized Soul, you can feel it. You just ask a question, `Was he a realized Soul?' Tremendous vibrations will start flow[ing] in your hand."

**1983-0331 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Birthday Felicitations Program, Birla Matushri Sabhagar, New Marine Lines, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**



**Śhri Mātāji:** I think when I was born ... **When did Abraham Lincoln die?**

**American Sahaja Yogi:** Ss... eighteen sixty-ss-six [1866], sixty-seven ['67], just after the Civil War.

**Śhri Mātāji:** No. And then?

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**Śhri Mātāji:** This Reagan is: he has no vision, he is [has] no higher feelings, nothing!

You see, to combat Russia, you must have people like Mahātmā Gāndhī.

**American Sahaja Yogi:** Hmm.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** See, who knew the power of human beings, you see. Not people like Reagan, can't fight. Nor this Missus Margaret Thatcher. You need people like Mahātmā Gāndhī to fight these.

To fight a sword you must have a shield, proper shield, not a sword.

**American Sahaja Yogi:** Mh-hm.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** And if you could produce somebody like Abraham Lincoln now, you can put them right. With that one also, Abraham Lincoln, it's another great blessing they had, what a great blessing. There's only one road somewhere, very far-fetched, I saw once, in his name. Nothing else I saw. And then once a statue I saw, of Abraham Lincoln.

**American Sahaja Yogi:** Mh-hm.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** I mean he was the greatest man you could think of. And even greater than Jawaharlal Nehru or anyone because, he had such great conceptions and such great ideas of freedom and all.

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**Śhrī Mātāji:** And I had that feeling about, because if you read Abraham Lincoln you do feel, `Isn't that sahaj?' [Snaps Her palms.] Really, he was talking of Golden Age, I think.

**Sahaja Yogi:** Yes! It was a new country.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** Absolutely! And the newness, and the new ideas, and all that, and it's all brought down, just like that, collapsing type.

**1983-0527 Conversation with Sahaja Yogis, Before and During Lunch, Brighton Center, Brighton Center, Brighton Center, Brighton, East Sussex, UK**



"So, men in these modern times who are compassionate, who are .... who are forbearing, who are nourishing, will be worshiped, ...

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... and not men who try to aggress others.

Like I would say: Abraham Lincoln, is Mahātmā Gāndhī.

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All these men are of a different quality altogether."

**1983-0910 Public Program, Day 3, Seekers of Joy, Auditorium RAI (Italy's Public National Broadcaster), Sports Complex Foro Italico, Piazza Lauro de Bosis, 5, Rome, Italy**



"Now, this Viśhuddhi chakra has a speciality: is that, we always say, 'The responsibility on my shoulders.' Always we say that, 'The responsibilities are on my shoulders.' The reason is: the Viśhuddhi chakra gives you the sense of responsibility. And that's why, you know, the Americans feel responsible for the whole world. [Laughter.] Naturally. [Laughs as well.] [Laughing:] It's perfectly understood, that they feel responsible for the whole world. But how much they are aware of their role as the responsible people, that's a different point. But they feel they are responsible, but their role, as responsible people, if they understand, then they have to be ideals.

Ideals. Because a person who is the responsible person in a family, has to be the ideal, for others.

It started very well, I should say. At the time of Abraham Lincoln, it started very well. When you started talking about democracy, is also -- democracy is nothing but collectivity. He started talking about collectivity: of the people, by the people. All that shows that the sense of collectivity started coming right in this Viśhuddhi chakra."

**1983-0918 Śhrī Kṛiṣhṇa Pūjā, Bring Out the Potential of This Country by Exciting the Deities, Śhrī Kṛiṣhṇa Himself (He's to Be Pleased) and The Task of Sahaja Yoga Is to Establish the Truth within Yourself, House of Dr. Vinod Worlikar, 17301 Maria Avenue, Cerritos (32 kms SE of Los Angeles), CA, U.S.A.**



"So, politics is all nonsense. It has no meaning at all, you can see that clearly. That's why: no politics has been successful.

I have been to Russia, is another gone case, I have been to America: we do not know how to bear our freedom. We don't know. We don't know.

'We want to have freedom of-ten,' Abraham Lincoln said that. Because he was a realized Soul! But he didn't know that all the others are not.

Once you have your freedom, you go to abandonment! Violence! You don't know how to be free! That glory is not within us, to be free you have to be a king, to be

a free ... free personality. If you are not that, then you go hither, thither, do this, do that. All the time what you do is self-destruction. Morning till evening you are thinking how to destroy yourself.

Ultimately, all those who are affluent democratic countries, if you meet their young people, if you ask them, you will be amazed! That they are doing nothing but planning about their suicide, which is the most sophisticated way of committing suicide. Can you believe it? That's a fact!"

**1983-0921 Public Program, Day 2, Ramada Inn (now Romana Hotel), 6885 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX, U.S.A.**



**Sharen Dale:** OK, so You aren't necessarily for the ... the real, s-set roles for ...

**Śhrī Mātāji:** No-no-no! No-no, ...

**Sharen Dale:** ... for men [and women].

**Śhrī Mātāji:** ... not at all! Eh not at all. Any, any man could be that. As I said, Mahātmā Gāndhī was like that, or, you had Mister [Martin Luther] King [Jr.] who was like that. So many [unclear], ...

**Sharen Dale:** Martin Luther King? Mh-hm

**Śhrī Mātāji:** ... all of them were like that. Uh uh I would say Abraham Lincoln: very much was like that. He was a realized Soul, and he was a great person.

**1983-0925 Interview with Sharon Dale for Radio KFI Station, Streetside, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.**



"Automatically it happens to you. I don't have to tell you. I have seen people have changed overnight! The whole idea is: that the light has to be brought in for you to see for yourself. And when it happens, you will be amazed: you become such a different, wonderful person.

There's everyone in America has Abraham Lincoln within them, which has to be just awakened. And you'll find that, that great personality can be shown in you, when it happens to you. It has to happen to all of you to feel that greatness that lies hidden within you."

**1983-0927 Public Program, Day 3, First United Church of Hollywood, 69817 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.**



"This country had produced a very great man, Abraham Lincoln. I used to adore him from My childhood. And this man has brought such great qualities. In you, all of you lies that trick of Abraham Lincoln. And then the Sahaja Yogis will rise as a great's realized Soul."

**1983-0928 Public Program, Day 1, How to Sustain Our Realization, 1st Presbyterian Church, 112 Bulkley Avenue, Sausalito, San Francisco, CA, U.S.A.**



"So now today the hero is, say, someone like Mahātmā Gāndhī or you had Mister [Martin Luther] King [Jr.] here, all such people, or you would say Abraham Lincoln, he is coming up as a hero.

What is so special about these people, we have to see. They were all realized Souls, no doubt, but one thing more they had, was: that they imbibed in them the capacity to emit compassion, love, nourishment, and soothing capacity of the Mother Earth. Because of that only they were today respected, they are today respected, as great heroes.

And that is what Sahaja Yogis have to be now.

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Then the second thing which is very wrong uh uh within us is that: the women don't understand their responsibility, and because men oppressed them so much.

At the time of Abraham Lincoln, if you see, the men were horrid, absolutely much worse than Indian men, much worse: they used to oppress women and they used to do all kinds of things and women were denying all kinds of rights.

So, as a result of that, now, women have become men, you see, and they have tried to dominate. I mean, when I see an American [laughing:] woman, I'm quite surprised: how, oh, they treat their husbands."

**1983-1001 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Seminar, Day 1, Session 1, Kennolyn Campgrounds, 8400 Glen Haven Road, Soquel (10 kms ENE of Santa Cruz), CA, U.S.A.**



"So it's not that it is only the women who should settle down with these qualities, but the time has come that men have to have these qualities. Otherwise there will be always an imbalance. So now the men have to become extremely kind, affectionate, compassionate.

Give up that competitive spirit, that fighting spirit like Napoleon had. All those ideas are outdated.

Now, whom do you respect? People like Mahātmā Gāndhī. Or Abraham Lincoln. Everyone, an American should think of Abraham Lincoln..”

**1983-1001 Interview with Barbara Schuler for the Program `Discovery' of Kazu Radio Station in Monterey, Seminar, Day 1, Session 3, Part 1, Kennolyn Campgrounds, 8400 Glen Haven Road, Soquel (10 kms ENE of Santa Cruz), CA, U.S.A.**



“I would say, Abraham Lincoln you had, who was a great person like that.

After that also we have had so many great people in this world who have been like that. We can say in our country we had Mahātmā Gāndhī. We had many people of that temperament who were soothing, nourishing, curing and helping others in such a way as a mother would like to nourish her own children.”

**1983-1011 Public Program (6th Day of Navarātri), Day 1, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Massachussetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA, U.S.A.**



“You had great people like Abraham Lincoln, very great people here professing about ah-ah-ah freedom of your country and big ideal things.

But up to My dismay I find: where are those gone? Where are those people who will take the responsibility of spirituality? They are lost with fake gurus, they are lost with cults, they are lost with all kinds of things, and where are they?”

**1983-1012 Public Program (7th Day of Navarātri), Day 2, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Massachussetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA, U.S.A.**



“Take an example, say, of Abraham Lincoln, all right? Abraham Lincoln believed that everybody must have freedom and the government should be for the public, for the people. Whatever he talked he practiced it. Whatever he believed in he worked it out, and gave his life for it. That's why he's a great man.

Think of Mahātmā Gāndhī, they were not like Christ, Incarnations. Think of any great man, think of Śhivajī Mahārāj, any one of the Saints, they were human beings, but once they knew, `This is the principle on which we have to live,' they become one with the principles, they do not compromise.

So, what Sahaja Yogi has to be, that we should understand. A Sahaja Yogi is a person who has got Realization through the Kuṇḍalinī, and Kuṇḍalinī is the motherhood in you: is the caring, nourishing power within you."

**1983-1106 Diwāli Pūjā (Bhāubij Day), Become the Ideals (Unless and Until You Become Your Ideals You Are Not a Sahaja Yogi), Temple of All Faiths, Hampstead, London, UK**

