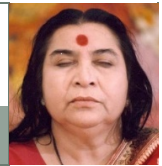


COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF QUOTES ON AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, PART 10C: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

FROM 11 TALKS OF HER HOLINESS SHRI MATAJI NIRMALA DEVI

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"Truth cannot compromise. It does not. Compassion is different from compromising. It cannot compromise: truth, stands on its own legs.

So, that's what happened when Christ said that.

And that happens to you, you become a strong person. You become a person who is strong but does not try to oppress other. You do not try to destroy others. You do not want to hate anyone. But what you do, is: to stand up on your own, to stand up for the rights of other, to stand up for something great.

Like we will say Abraham Lincoln, a person like him, uh Abraham Lincoln was a realized Soul, and how he fought for the rights, how he talked about democracy." 1984-0726 Public Program, Day 2, Session 2 (evening), Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove (next, W of Brighton), East Sussex, UK



"If you see the history of America, you'll see there's a fight going on. From the very beginning, George Washington uh-uh-uh came up, there was a big fight. Black and the Whites, left and the right fighting. Then you find Abraham Lincoln, a great orator, great personality, talking of collectivity, that is, democracy, developing it to this stage.

But I don't know what it is now, whether it is democracy or [laghing:] demonocracy. [Laughter.] It has reached another stage now, which we cannot describe in the Divine Language.

And when the challenge to the Divine starts, we start doing just the opposite of what we are not supposed to do

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I mean, it doesn't behove [behoove] a person, a president.

And you had's Abraham Lincoln. What a man! I think his blessings should work out one day in this country is. What a Saint! What a personality!

And that's what: you had people, great people in this country. And that greatness, that vision, is lost now. Have confidence in yourself!

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You have to have tradition of your Spirit, and not of these material traditions!
They'll all vanish into thin air!

So the traditions of the Spirit, which you have got from people like Abraham Lincoln, you must develop."

1984-0818 Śhrī Kṛiṣhṇa Pūjā (the day before Janmāshṭamī Day), Tent, Backyard, House of Judy Gaddy, 442 Liberty Road, Engelwood, NJ, U.S.A.



"And we have had so many great people who were born realized, before also. Abraham Lincoln was a born-realized fellow. We had people everywhere in the world, like I would say, that Michelangelo was a realized Soul, Mozart was a realized Soul. I mean there, so many people were realized Souls. But nobody knew about them.

They were effective because they were above all that. And they created these tremendous things because they were one with the Divine Power that is creative.

That is not only creative, It is protective. It is the one that thinks, that understands, coordinates, cooperates and works out!"

1985-0315 Public Program, Day 2, Where Are Religions Leading, Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton Gardens, 9 Nicholson Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia



"Actually, in the West, I must say, it was an, I'm sorry, the another unfortunate thing that you'll never had good kings. All horrible kings were there. And also the people who came here, invaded ... will Indians and all those people, were very cruel people. And that time aggressiveness was regarded as very courageous thing. So the aggression is still on.

But we had people like Abraham Lincoln in this country. Think of it. And, but for Abraham Lincoln you would not have been even knowing about freedom.

But can we produce one Abraham Lincoln again? We can only have Reagan, the actor."

1985-0528 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Another Lincoln, Gāndhī, Śhivajī, Gorki, Lenin, Shakespeare, Mozart, Michelangelo, Garibaldi, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A. (other dates 0529 and 0530 and place San Diego)



"To understand the Truth, you have to be the Spirit. Otherwise whatever you understand is falsehood, is not the Truth. Because of your mental projection, you think that, 'That is the truth,' is not so.

For example, now, if I am sitting on this chair, you won't know anytime that I ever sat on this chair. But supposing there's a realized Soul who comes round, immediately, he will know that there was someone like Me.

For example I say, that, 'Mozart was a realized Soul.' How do I know? He's dead now. Because you can feel it on vibrations that he was a realized Soul.

I say, 'Abraham Lincoln was a realized Soul.' Not because the way he lived or what he did, that what just an expression or was the symptom of his greatness, but because, when you think of him, you get Cool Breeze in your hands, tremendously Cool Breeze, soothing, which crawls over you: 'Oh, that's Abraham Lincoln!' "

1985-0530 Public Program, Day 2, Enjoying the Joy, San Diego, CA, U.S.A.



"So we are the people of America, who represent the quality of Viśhuddhi chakra.

Vi-śhu-ddha. Śhudda is purity. Vi-śhuddha means absolutely enlightened with purity. So, this makes you smile at the whole thing. Absolutely: viśhuddh. Viśhuddha means: absolutely clean. Enlightened by knowledge, absolutely clean.

So now you will understand what I am saying that it's all anti-God activities we are doing here.

And these things are taken over by the whole world because it is Virāṭ, also. People try to accept what good or bad America is doing.

When America was good, people like Abraham Lincoln were here, they accepted democracy. Virāṭ: it's a Virāṭa. People of the people, uh the government of the people, by the people, for the people. It's the idea of Virāṭ, which was accepted.

But anti-Virāṭ activity is that we are very individualistic."

1985-0601 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, The Role of Women in America, Tent, Backyard, House of Judy Gaddy, 442 Liberty Road, Englewood, NJ, U.S.A.



"So you have your dignity, you have your special style, you live with a special style. Don't be one of them! Dress up properly, in a proper way. You may have only two shirts, you may have only three shirts, you need not have many. But have in something sensible, normal, comfortable, and, also, which is not [laughing:] charring [jarring] to others.

We are the ones who are going to encourage our art, we are the ones who are going to bring back all that is lost.

We can't have Rembrandt anymore, we cannot have Leonardo da Vinci, we cannot have Michelangelo again. Finished them all completely! But everybody thinks they are Michelangelo! We can't even have, say, Gorky. We can't have William Blake, can we? Of that courage? We cannot have Abraham Lincoln, can we have?

All dwarfs, useless people! You scratch them and you find they are good for nothing, useless! **Out of you all these great people have to come out now!**

And their speciality about them, they had their own personality, and they would not give way to any fashions or anything. They wouldn't give way to any cheap popularity.

Out of you people, all these great personalities are to be born.

So for you and for your progeny, you have to think: 'What are we doing?', in such a great work as it is.

Is not only for your enjoyment, that we have a seminar, nice music, nice food, nice place, we come, we enjoy, no! Enjoyment is just an advertising department. [Smiles, some laughter.]

You have to really work hard, inside, not outside. No arguments of any kind! Useless!"

1986-0504 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, On Hygiene and Other Topics, After Sahasrāra Pūjā, Consorzio Alpe Motta, Via per Motta, 2, Madesimo (115 kms N of Como), Italy



"Out of you great, people like Abraham Lincoln, will come out. We have given up hopes of having those great people, [but] they're all going to come out of you."

1987-0513 Public Program, Day 2, A Person Who Is a Realized Soul (Complete Integration), Camberwell Civic Center, 340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia



"As our Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is also a realized Soul, for your information. But he is uh uh troubled by so many negative forces in India, just torturing him for nothing at all! But I'm sure he will come out of it. Like a beautiful lotus comes out of the mire. And I'm sure he will uh-uh-uh make our country very fragrant.

So, we have had people who were realized Souls, in the olden days. Like America had Abraham Lincoln.

And I'm sure a day will come when we will abide as very beautiful citizens of the whole world.

So, one has not to neglect the power that is within ourselves. And at least you pay some attention to it."

1987-0722 Public Program, Moscow, Russia



"Here stands the symbol [Statue of Liberty] of such great protection of a woman to man.

On the contrary, the same protection today has become a domination of men. Instead of men becoming men, they have becoming cabbages here. Is the other way round, things have moved.

I find it very hard to believe that the same time we had people like Abraham Lincoln. Now, I don't think we can produce anyone like this.

Where are those mothers who created Abraham Lincoln? Where are those great women who sacrificed everything for their children to give them such greatness? George Washington fought uh-uh-uh the whole time, all his life, with such a strong wife he had."

1987-0808 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Woman Plays the Most important Role or The Power of Woman, the day before Śhrī Viṣṇumāyā Pūjā, Y.M.C.A. Holiday Hills Conference Center, 2 Lakeside Drive, Pawling, NY, U.S.A.



"There are many incidents in our history, I don't know if I can cite anything in your history.

But I would say, when I see Abraham Lincoln, I think he was a great brother to the Statue of Liberty. The way he fought for women, in such pure love and without taking any money, without charging them anything, to punish the husbands who were drunkards. That's just like a very good, powerful brother to behave.

But those feelings are now dying out, I think."

1987-0809 Śhrī Viṣṇumāyā Pūjā, Y.M.C.A. Holiday Hills Conference Center, 2 Lakeside Drive, Pawling, NY, U.S.A.

