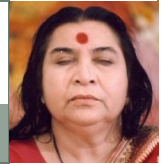


# COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF QUOTES ON AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, PART 10D: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

FROM 11 TALKS OF HER HOLINESS SHRI MATAJI NIRMALA DEVI

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"It's with all My love to you, I would say that, `Try to love each other.'

And you have seen that, in India when you travel, it's not so comfortable, and we cannot give that comfort in the small places we go to. But still you all enjoy it so much. You don't want comfort, you want the comfort of love. You enjoy each others' company so much, and that overflowing love of uh-uh-uh your host country, that is India, Indians.

That is the sign of good Sahaj Yogis.

Because there's a big purpose in our lives, greatest of all. What Abraham Lincoln did, or what Mahātmā Gāndhī did, your work is much greater and subtler. Because you can do living work.

So, we don't have to become samnyāsīs, we don't have to give up anything, but we have to change our attitude. We have to develop that detachment."

**1987-1106 Śhrī Gaṇeśha Pūjā, Materialism, Cottage, Soto de Viñuelas (25 kms N of Madrid), Spain**



"But when you are born in that country with great venturesome spirit, that, `We'll show some results in this con ... these countries,' [laughing:] what I find that: all the brain is battered. They have seen to it that all the Saints are battered, because Saints also are all ... always under attack. So many people got diseases just they were born. They got into trouble just they were born.

Then later on, as you grew up, the more you grew up in that society, the more you started accepting their ideas, the more you bec... became uh aware of the nonsensical uh development. You get filled with that. Not only the brain, the heart, the liver, everything.

Like, if you are put ... if you put something like a sponge into a dirty, filthy water, all the worms, everything, rock into it.

Now you have to squeeze it out, completely take out all that.

Whatever traditions you have are finished. Whatever value systems you had are finished. Whatever collective sense you had is finished.

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On the contrary, I have seen that slightest thing here and there upsets you. You get suddenly upset, 'I'm very upset!' For nothing at all! And you think that kind of a fuss is a very big thing. Is not. Shows that you are not a Sahaja Yogi, yet.

If you get upset with small things, what work are we going to do? What are we going to show to the world? That we have got Sahaja Yoga, we've got our Realization, so we have achieved something greater.

We have to make great people out of it. Many Abraham Lincolns and Lenin, Lao Tzes, Mozarts, all have to come out of you. We have to create William Blake out of you.

They were only one or two, I was not present at that time, still they survived and created great works.

In the same way out of you, we have to create these great people.

But first you must realize that you have to be absolutely cleansed out, and give up all the false, funny ideas that you have."

**1987-1221 Pūjā (Marathi+English+Marathi+English), Become Beautiful Vessels of Vibrations and Attention on Quality, House of Madhukar Bhikāji Dhumāl, near Railway Station, Rāhurī, Maharashtra, India**



"You had in this country people like -- I mean such great, great people you had, I need not mention -- persons like Abraham Lincoln who gave such great ideas to the whole world! Why not you people be great? He was a realized Soul, all right, but he didn't know anything about Idā, Piṅgalā and Suṣhumṇā! Why can't you become great like him?" [Silence for 8 seconds.]

**1989-0611 Śhrī Virāṭa Pūjā, We Must Talk of Sahaja Yoga, Camp Wonposet, Lennox Hill Road, Litchfield, CT, U.S.A.**



**Śhrī Mātāji:** Also there is a little bit of racialism in American Sahaja Yogis, ...

**Sahaja Yoginī:** Yes.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** ... which [unclear] out and out, which is nonsense. Racialism must be fought completely. That's the greatest curse you have in the West. Specially, in America, people like George Washington, people like Abraham Lincoln, they have lost their lives because of this racialism.

We have to know that our differences are only skin-deep. And if you are skin-deep Sahaja Yogis, you are not Sahaja Yogis. You have to be Kuṇḍalinī deep.

Unless and until you develop that, this racialism will continue. And that's the worst curse we have!

**1989-0619 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Look after Your Ascent, after Śhrī Mahākālī Pūjā, San Diego, CA, U.S.A.**



**Gentleman:** Are there any leaders of public life in the world today who are realized people, don't You think?

**Śhrī Mātāji:** Of course! Gorbachev is. Abraham Lincoln was. [Anwar el-]Sadat was. So many! Then Mahātmā Gāndhī was there, he was a realized Soul.

**1990-0315 Public Program, Department of Religious Studies, University, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia**



**Śhrī Mātāji:** And now the Iranians are penetrating that. And if you support these Azerbaijanis you are supporting the Iranians and their fundamentalism!

So there's no thought given to it. It's not a proper vision: it's a very blurred vision. One should see clearly, 'What we are doing? Who are we helping? There should be some principle in what we are doing.'

Imagine, Abraham Lincoln, who started, who was a realized Soul himself! And how far you have taken him there? And there's only one single road somewhere in his name. I mean, nobody bothers about the principles he established.

**Gentleman:** Ah-ha.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** So, something has gone wrong there. So we must s-s-sit back and see, that, 'What's wrong with our democracy?'

**1990-0316 Public Program, Day 1, Swādhiṣṭhān, Thinking, Illness, Hilton Hotel, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia**



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Also, the basic principle then [by] which this country became democratic was that: **this government is for the people, of the people, by the people.** [The 272 words Gettysburg Address of President Abraham Lincoln on the battlefield near Gettysburg, PA, on 1863-1119, ends with: ``and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."] So, it has to be people-oriented. **But democracy, at this stage without Realization, cannot work out. It's obvious.**

Sfew [so few] people who were cunning, who could make money, became money-oriented, they could advertise better, they could uh manipulate better than other people -- who were crooks also, making money like that: through drugs, through other things, by other means -- they could come up, they were elected, and they are in charge. So it is not people-oriented but it is only money-oriented democracy. And maybe if it goes on like this, you'll find you might get some horrible crooks as rulers in this country. Because the one who can make money, the one who has lots of money, by hook or crook, whosoever may be, can win over elections and can become our ruler here.

**So, the democracy that was started or was spelled out by Abraham Lincoln is no more there: it's a money-oriented thing.** And it has generated such a bad atmosphere all over the world that in the whole world, now, the conservatives, the people who think they are conservatives, who are money-oriented people, who don't care for people at all, how are becoming the leaders, everywhere."

**1990-0528 Śhrī Haṃsa Chakra Pūjā, The Divine Discretion and Seek Your Depth (In Yoga We Should Be Masters), YMCA Camp Marston, 4761 Pine Hills Road, Julian (near San Diego), CA, U.S.A.**



**Gentleman or Sahaja Yogi:** She wants to know if Gorbachev is a walk-in, which means that: `Is he from some other place which is uh advanced soul?'

**Śhrī Mātāji:** He is a realized Soul, no doubt. He is! That's why it's working out. He knows Me very well. He is a realized Soul. That you recognized him, I'm very happy to know that. He is! And look at them: how lucky they are to have him there!

**Lady:** Yes.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** And, he is a very sensible man, no doubt.

Even Lenin was. Lenin was a realized Soul, you will be surprised, but he was forced by all his party members. He was alone, you see. And, all of them forced him to take a course of line which was really proved later on. But whatever was his state, talked about stateless state and all that was his dream and that's coming true. He was also a realized Soul. But he went onto a wrong line and it took so much time for them to come back and they had horrible uh-uh-uh despotic people, no doubt.

But the way the Gorbachev is doing is great and I have a rapport with him and he is a very great man, I must say. And he has tremendous respect for Me. Because we are of the same style, you can say, the same line, that's why.

You too had! In America you had, say, Abraham Lincoln, who was a realized Soul, no doubt. And the ... we had Mahātmā Gāndhī.

We had many people but they were singled out. They couldn't give Realizations to others. They were singled out and they had to fight.

**1990-0811 Public Program, Canadadeśha, Music Academy, 1270 Chestnut Street, Kitsilano, Vancouver, BC, Canada**



"Here you believe in a person because you see his character, his behavior, his life, his style. So that's why in India we have faith in Saints. You know there were remarkable people, very honest, very straightforward, doing all the time good for others, preaching always the good things, making people righteous, helping them out. As we have faith in Abraham Lincoln, we have faith in Gorbachev. So the faith in such people is the faith which comes out of wisdom."

**1990-1200 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, India**



"But the intuitive is, some people are born intuitively, I think they are born realized perhaps, that they just shun this thing. I would say one of the examples is Khalil Gibran. Khalil Gibran, if you read him, he's absolutely you can make out he's a realized Soul. Then, G uh uh ... C.S. Lewis says another one. Then we have William Blake. So many people! Mozart. So many of them were born realized: intuitively they knew. Even Einstein, Newton. Intuitively they knew what was right. In their lifestyle -- Abraham Lincoln. Gorbachev is another one.

So, these people are intuitively having a faith though uh-uh-uh ... with the, they do not know that they are born realized people. But intuitively they [are] good and they good ... they always do good to others. They always look for good. They are

very righteous in their own character, in their behavior, and you cannot find faults with them."

**1991-0419 Public Program, Dvijah -- Twice-born, University, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia**

