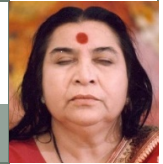


## COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF QUOTES ON AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, PART 10F: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

FROM 11 TALKS AND 1 BOOK OF HER HOLINESS SHRI MATAJI NIRMALA DEVI



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“So, the Americans system, somehow or other, goes against democracy. Not only against democracy but against what Abraham Lincoln wanted.

He had, they had such a great man there, and there's a little sht... street I saw in his name. Of course, in Washington they say they have some nice beautiful uh-uh-uh statue.

But otherwise, his principles are finished, his ideas are finished. Because somehow or other, some people came and wrote against him, different, England specially, against the Black people.

What business [do] they have to write against something which is created by God?

If there are the same colors everywhere, they all I... all will look like military people. They have to have different colors, they have to have different hues.

See, look at the trees, look at the flowers! And look at the different hues the sky has, just to make us happy, āhlāda.

What gives you happiness is variety.

Variety is a sign of beauty.

If there is no variety it's so boring, I tell you, so very boring.

But they are very proud of it, and they think no end of themselves. They think they are very great people, they have a sense of superiority, because they have a certain type of nose or maybe certain type of lips or maybe certain types of hair.

Such stupid things they are! And you join hands with them? How can you join hands with them?

You want your freedom? Then be a free person.

**In the freedom you have to have variety, very important.”**

**1997-0823 Śhrī Kṛiṣhṇa Pūjā, Primordial Taboos and Sahaj Dharma, Hangar, Cabella Ligure, Alessandria, Italy**



"Now, so this actual understanding of the whole thing should be such: that if you rise above your awareness, the awareness itself gets enlightened. You can feel vibrations you can easily say who is a realized Soul, who is not a realized Soul.

That's how I said, that: William Blake was realized Soul, Abraham Lincoln was a realized Soul, because you can feel the vibrations. They are dead, but still you can feel.

You can feel vibrations from so many things, that you can feel that: 'This is the place where some great men must have lived, that's why there are vibration[s].'

Is not a myth, it's actualization. It just happens: you can see the actualization of the Baptism you can call it. And actually, it happens, is not just talking, saying this, that, money collection, but it is the mind within us which is awakened."

**1999-0615 Public Talk to VIPs, Nirvana Restaurant, 346 Lexington Ave, Manhattan, New York City, NY, U.S.A.**



"Even Einstin [Einstein], you will be surprised, has talked about it, that he was trying to find the theory of relativity, and just he couldn't find it. So he went into his garden and was playing with the soap bubbles, and, "Suddenly from somewhere unknown," that's what he says, the theory of relativity dawned upon him. And he called that unknown area, he called them by name, you see. And that name is, [laughing:] rather to Me, not so precise. But he says, "There is an area which you can exploit, by which you can understand for the future generation, for the future scientist," where you get the ideas from there. And he said, "For that, you must have a kind of a personality that can perceive that Torsion Area," from where the ideas are coming."

If you can enter into the ... that area, you can get the full idea as to what is Reality. He calls it cognitive. He says, "Is it, this is cognitive science."

And such a person can tell you so many things, which when you put it to the scientific test, you'll find is absolutely correct.

And this is what happened to him because himself was a realized Soul.

And many people, like Newton himself was a realized soul. Abraham Lincoln was a realized soul.

But they could not tell about it to others, because nobody would believe, and anybody trying to tell anything, they just used to torture them. Every Saint has, a real Saint I mean, has been tortured, every Sufi has been tortured. In our country specially, many Saints have been very badly treated. Also in other countries.

Why? Because they are only one, and maybe people were jealous, that, 'How could they know so much? How could they talk about so many thing[s]?' "

**1999-0624 Public Program, Human Mind, Lincoln, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 1150 22nd Street, N.W., Washington DC, U.S.A.**



"He [Gāndhī] said, "All right, when you start you Sahaja Yoga, you can teach them all these things. Right now the emergency is there. We have to fight for our freedom and all that. We have to be like this."

He had seven steps he put for going to the bath because when it rained sometimes [unclear]. Somebody thought, 'It's a little far away from each other, put one more.' He just went off. Temper. 'Who dare do this? I need seven of them.' He used to count even that, very meticulous.

But you might find [him] otherwise very sweet. If you knew how to handle him, he was very-very sweet, **an Abraham Lincoln-like person** [unclear]. How can you compare him with anybody else?"

**1999-0627 Press Conference with One Reporter for 'VisionTV' Channel and with Four Journalists for 'Common Ground Magazine', 'U Magazine', 'The Link' Newspaper, and 'Vancouver Indian Community Press', Sutton Place Hotel, 845 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada**



"And also I loved to hear about Abraham Lincoln. I know about him very much because I've read a lot. I never had a chance to meet him, I think much before My, My birth he was not there. This is all right. But in thought and in his work, a greatness of a great Soul he shown.

And such people are never lost to the world. There have been so many great people in this world, so many great. So many enlightened people, and their lives if you want to depict, you won't know how they have become so great. Unfortunately, they had no Mother to guide them, to save them, to protect them - - that's what they thought. But it's not so, because all these great people are always protected, always given encouragement, always ... uh ... completed nourished because this is what is very much needed for their life [lives].

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**So, after seeing Lal Bahadur Shastri, Mahātmā Gāndhī, and all these great men and also Abraham Lincoln, I feel that these people were not so much supported as you are. Because you are all collective, you are helping each other, and you have understood everything and your Mother is there. Despite that, they worked hard**

and tried to do something. But because they were not collective the whole thing fizzled out in a way because there's only Abraham Lincoln, there was Mahātmā Gāndhī, this, that, doesn't matter. But their work has stopped.

Now in this drama, you can see that it has been shown that we still remember them.

But if you are so many like Mahātmā Gāndhī, like Abraham Lincoln, like Shastriji, then I think, I mean this world will change. We have to change the world. That's important."

**1999-1106 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, after the Evening Program, the day before Diwālī Pūjā (Naraka Chaturdaśhī Day), Apollon Camping, Delphi, Greece**



"This country has been blessed with very, very great people, as you know, very great people. But Abraham Lincoln, what sort of a man he was. Or even, say, George Washington. All these people showed the quality of Mahālakṣhmī.

But they didn't much think of them, and they started working out a new method of capturing the whole world. Because, then the idea of power came into their head: that, 'With money, we can purchase everything. We can make everybody dance to our tune if we have money.' "

**2000-1029 Diwālī Pūjā (3rd day after Diwālī Day), Lake Piru Recreational Area Campground, 4780 Piru Canyon Rd, Piru (87 kms NW of Los Angeles), CA, U.S.A.**



"You see the life of all great men, I would say, people like Abraham Lincoln. He realized, mh-mh in very young age, that he has to assert on others his own value system by showing his own example. Though it was very hard for people to understand him, still he has shown such results.

I have read many lives of this kind. Like in uh Turkey we had Ataturk [Atatürk]. We had everywhere one person like that.

In India we had Lal Bahadur Shastri, who was such a great man and who knew about Sahaja Yoga, who used to respect Me so much. People would wonder why should he respect Me heh, more than he would respect My husband or anyone. Because he realized what I was. But he was not, he didn't get the chance.

Now, you people have a chance."

**2001-0320 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Birthday Felicitations, Nirmal Dham, Behind BSF Camp Chhawala, New Delhi, India**



"As you see in this world, though we have progressed so many years -- **I used to always admire Abraham Lincoln very much** -- I find, still, so many of us are lost in the search of Truth."

**2001-0802 Public Program, Meeting Room 6, Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY, U.S.A.**



"Because I am a big admirer of Abraham Lincoln.

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[He was a Saint and the greatness and meaning of the U.S.A. comes from him.]

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Because of him, America has become so great.

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[He laid the foundation of the democracy, which is a wonderful, highly developed form of government. He achieved all this despite being married to a very difficult wife. From him the Americans also learned to recognize the subtle essence of things.]"

**2001-0804 Public Program, Sylvan Theatre, Washington Monument Grounds, 15th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC, U.S.A.**



"I was a ts... child, very small, when I was in school, I used to go to the library, and read about them [the] lives of great men, who have created some great things for us. So many of them! And I was so impressed: how, some of them were so simple, so childlike.

For example, Abraham Lincoln, for whom I had tremendous, tremendous respect, was a man tortured by his wife also. She said, "You don't know, you are very clumsy. You don't know how to dress up, you don't know how to behave." And the ... she actually was very harsh on him: all the time torturing him.

Ultimately, he was also killed. So one can say, 'You see, wha[t']s the use of being Abraham Lincoln? Because he was killed. He was not successful.' And til today, all over the world, people know who was Abraham Lincoln. They don't know his wife, maybe. [Laughter, smiles.] But they knew who was Abraham Lincoln, everybody. Clumsy man, according to her, and all sorts of deg... degradation for him. But nobody respects her, nobody thinks anything about her. Who is respected today: is Abraham Lincoln. Why? 'Actually he was murdered, he was killed, that shows that he had no strength to survive.' But he survived through ages! So many years have passed, still, he's surviving.

Take the case of all the great people, who have been innocent, and that's why they had ideals. To them their ideals were more important than anything else, even [than] their lives. Everything was nothing."

**2001-0922 Śhrī Gaṇeśha Pūjā, You Have to Protect the Innocent, Hangar (now Nirmal Temple), Albera Ligure, Alessandria, Italy**



"You have got writers who have written stories, and they have written so many things here, that how can parents be stupid like that?

Whatever may be, whatever may be your father or mother, they may be poop ... poor or rich, whatever it is, they are your parents! And parents are there to look after you.

The stupid thing is: that they make the child look after themselves. [Laughing:] When he is eighteen years of old, he earns of his own, and the parents say, 'All right, go ahead.' They want to shirk all the responsibility.

Never heard of such a thing! Said they, "This is, this is a very recent fashion."

**When Abraham Lincoln was there, did it happen like that?**

Did it happen with Christ? That Mother gave Him up and said, "All right, go ahead and get Yourself crucified"?

How can parents behave like this? They have no heart? That they have no love for their own children?"

**2007-1017 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Navarātri Celebrations (6th Day), Āśhram, 10 Clarence Street, Burwood, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia**



"When I read the news about the abuse of children in America in the newspaper, I was really shocked. An American lady in the next seat, who was also flying to America, was surprised as to why I should be so shocked. She said: "I am not at all shocked, because if you think about it rationally, you will know that similar things are happening all over the world. Only the American media aren't afraid to print such news". Individual rational justification has been taken to its logical conclusion in these new dimensions of collective thought, or rather of collective escape from introspection. Such careless, irresponsible thinking means avoiding the issue of dangerous, destructive earthquakes of humanity. Also, it means complete ignorance of the painstaking, respectfully preserved values of the traditional culture. **If Abraham Lincoln were alive, how would he react to this kind of society?** Thank God all these great Souls are resting in peace. It is only we, the

modern people, who have to be shocked all the time by the sensationalism of the modern media.

Nowadays no one seems to be safe in any of these developed countries. This is because everybody is busy using their rationality to explain or justify violence like the American lady I spoke to on the plane. Or again, with the constant presentation of violence as entertainment in the media, the public is being made shamelessly and inhumanely insensitive to such things. And, as we see, people are quite brazenly happy to make money out of all kinds of horrible things. They have no time to bother about anything else. Even those who have enough money are so greedy that they want to have more, by hook or by crook, from those people who are supposed to have more than them and even from those who have less."

### **1995-0929 Meta Modern Era, Chapter 1: Modernism and Rationality**



"It was the great advent of Abraham Lincoln which brought the uniquely true idea of democracy into reality in America. He specifically said that the government should be "of the people", yet today we find that most countries who call themselves democracies have been "demonocracies". They are ruled by people who are either money-oriented or power-oriented. Concern for the benevolence of the people, which should be the main aim of a democracy, has become completely lost in modern times. It is simply no longer a matter of concern for those people who are said to be at the helm of affairs. Many people have claimed, and perhaps they are not entirely wrong, that America is nowadays no longer ruled by the people, but by the rich only, by big businesses, or by cinema actors and actresses. The rest of the developed countries nowadays, are also ruled by the banks, the entrepreneurs, the media and the underworld.

Thus, the idea of Abraham Lincoln, like the ideas of all great Saints and Prophets, has become completely perverted, as democracy has degenerated in our money crazy, modern society. Whatever generous principles were announced at the beginning have vanished into the mist of violent, argumentative discussions at various conferences called throughout the world to solve the problems of democracies. The establishment of higher ethical values, which was originally meant to be the top priority in any democratic country, is now completely missing from the agenda.

For example, America, that great country of the free, will support, without any compunction or hesitation, any country that happens to suit the current policy of the current President. This is done regardless of the fact that that country may be ruled by a despotic person, who may not have the slightest respect for democracy. For example, it was America and most of the European countries that professed to be democratic, who manufactured and sold arms to Iraq which is ruled by Saddam Hussein. Thus, many democratic countries joined hands to make him very powerful and war-oriented, just because it happened to suit their policies.

Real democracy is only possible when people truly imbibe democratic principles and respect ethical values above everything else. People who are power crazy and who want to make money by any means, cannot be said to have the right democratic ideology. Democracy cannot be managed by people who are greedy, of loose character and self-centered. Those who are womanizers, or who drink while they are working on solving the national problems, are in fact the true source of their nation's problems and of the whole world at large.

Politicians should be dedicated to the welfare of the people, but sometimes politics becomes like a game of chess, in which the sole aim is to stay on the board as long as possible. The politicians do not want to leave their seats, to which they are glued, until they are forced to admit defeat. Until the last moment of their lives they want to be in a state of political intoxication. They only resign when one foot is definitely placed in the grave. Such low-level people cannot work for a real democracy. For democracy you need very noble, learned and compassionate visionaries, who have a benevolent attitude towards the people and total dedication to the ideals of democracy.

**Where is the so-called democratic country whose people have the character that can sustain a clean and a righteous democracy as envisaged by Abraham Lincoln?** In the Third World, where politicians religiously imitate the example of these great developed countries, they degrade the democratic value system even more. In India, for example, the people in power may not want to eradicate poverty, because they can buy the votes of the poor by giving them a little money. Or else, they may support a minority and pamper it to use as a vote bank. Thus we find in these underdeveloped countries, poverty actually helps to maintain this type of "demono-crazy".

**Nowhere in the world is there a democratic government truly "of the people, for the people, by the people" ["of the people, by the people, for the people" are the words of President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, PA, U.S.A., on 1863-1119].** What one sees in reality is, people in power who have no sense of ethical values and no concern for the people whom they should serve. Political power is treated like an investment which is intended to generate much more money, as it does in business. **Abraham Lincoln, like any other Saint, had his eye on Absolute Values and he did not know that people were not yet ready for as great an ideal as that of democracy, and that most of them would develop a tendency to stray off the straight and narrow path of dedication to the collective well-being and follow the broader road of self-interest.** Those people who are elected to power basically need to have concern for the well-being of the whole and the wisdom to function in a spirit of service.

A benevolent ruler, in the form of a philosopher king (as put forward by Socrates), is the ideal person to be the head of government. Such a person must be an extremely wise, detached personality, without any desires for lust, power and



money. There have been such persons in the recent past, people like Mahātmā Gāndhī, Atta Turk, Kemal Pasha, Anwar el-Sadat, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Ho Chi Minh, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Dag Hammarskjöld, and Mujibur Rahman.

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As I have said, those who are elected to serve the people's welfare should be evolved souls whose ideas should be like Abraham Lincoln or whose ethical values should be like Mahātmā Gāndhī's. Perhaps the cynical political strategy of modernist leaders is to let people ruin themselves in their private lives. Why would the government disturb people in their private life? This is because anyone who raises a question about private lives of the people will not get a vote. The modern politician says that if the people want to destroy themselves, they have the right and the freedom to do so. So why disturb such political thinking? The strategy is common in democracy and communism. As long as voters do not try to dislodge those in power from the comfortable seats (to which they are glued in order to serve their own self-interest) the politicians feel very reassured."

### **1995-0929 Meta Modern Era, Chapter 3: Democracy**



"In America the biggest social problem has been racialism. The way the Black people were treated by the authorities as well as the common White people was not only wrong but absolutely sinful. Great Souls like Abraham Lincoln were shaken up by this sinister attitude and tried their best to remove racialism by law. But despite such laws being on the statute book, serious riots take place frequently between the Whites and the Blacks. This gangsterism has now permeated society and people in many urban areas live constantly in a state of terror. Those who have sown the seeds of racist violence are now themselves reaping a harvest of chaotic violence in which even teenagers are participating brutally. As every action has a reaction, this reaction has reached an extreme all over the world in such an ugly and unjustifiable manner that it seems impossible now to reverse the relationship between the Whites and colored people. If the Whites have any wisdom, they should know that Black people are superior to them in many areas. For example the white skins cannot sing like the Blacks. They don't have the same natural gift of rhythm. I have seen even when the Blacks carry their dead they play a band, while all the mourners move in a rhythmic dance-like way. To understand and appreciate them, you only need to be subtle, to become humble to realize how much they are blessed with gifts by the Divine. The talent in sports which the Blacks have cannot be easily surpassed. All the games which require vigor and agility are performed better than anybody else by the Black people. In basketball and baseball games, the Blacks predominate and because of their proficiency and indispensability they are accepted by the Whites as equals in their teams. Why should this non-racialist attitude in sports not spread to society as a whole? I accept that most of the great singers are Black people. Of course

some White people have been able to succeed but they cannot beat the Black Western singers who are so melodious and beautifully rhythmic that they remind you of the cuckoo bird of India which sings to announce the coming spring. The cuckoo is also very black compared to all other birds. In spring, the cuckoo starts singing melodious songs. It even announces the arrival of spring in the garden. You cannot find birds having this kind of absurd complex about color. They all live very happily with each other with all kinds of varieties in colors.”

#### **1995-0929 Meta Modern Era, Chapter 4: Racialism**



“If persons of high eminence, integrity, wisdom, character and intellect are elected to the proposed new high body to direct and guide the entire United Nations System, the people of the world may have a new chance of seeing the world governed by righteousness and dharma and not by narrow selfishness, greed and immorality. In that case, world peace and a good social, political and moral order may yet be established. Such a high body which we may call the Supreme Council, will not be dominated by any one country, not even by America. I sometimes feel that on the whole the Americans are still very immature people. **There have been very great Americans like Abraham Lincoln and George Washington**, but what one sees in America now is that people need to become mature, and this maturity will only come if they take to Sahaja Yoga and not to some sort of evangelists or false gurus.”

#### **1995-0929 Meta Modern Era, Chapter 8: World Peace**

