

## COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF QUOTES ON AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, PART 2: TRUMAN, EISENHOWER, AND KENNEDY



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"All this ratlike behavior is horrible. And this cannot be manly. That means that they are such in, su ... they are such slaves of women. They may call themselves something this and that. You know, as I heard that, this Missus Kennedy's clothes, you see, under clothes were for sale. And people from Australia were falling ... uh ... flying out to buy them. I mean, think of these men! What do you call them? I don't know what you call them in English language. But they are just worst than earthworms. I don't know from where they come."

**1980-0308 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Sahaja Yoga Marriage (You Are the Heart as a Woman and He Is the Head of the Family and Heart Is a Very Important Thing), Āśram, 8, Hamilton Road, Dollis Hill, London NW10 1NX, UK**



"For example, somebody says, 'All right. I want to have lots of money, lots of power and lots of enjoyment.' But if you go and see the face him, face of that person, it looks like somebody who is worn out, who is absolute ... absolutely like a dead personality. There's no joy on his face, he is not enjoying himself. See the richest man on the Earth, go and ask him. He'll say, 'I've a headache. I don't know what to do with myself.' All those people like that lady, uh wife of, say, Kennedy, just look at her. She's every time, when, whenever she has an interview, she, what she says is her hankering, her uh unfulfilled desires. She's taking about them [that]. You see, Mister Ford who was a very great uh man, with lots of money, you go and ask him and he says that he doesn't know what to do with his money, that's all."

**1980-1010 Public Program (2nd Day of Navarātri), Zürich, Switzerland**



"Even if we try very hard we'll have to have them here because the way we love our children, the way we look after them, whatever, we may be poor, but we have heart for them. And we are not Romeo-Juliet's all our lives.

I mean, even at the eighty they are divorcée. I mean, all sorts of nonsense is going on. The [unclear] heroines like the, this Missus Kennedy business and all that. I mean, I can't imagine these women. They will be thrown out of everything, of society media, all such women. People won't see their faces in the morning. If you [laughing:] see such a face on the newspaper in the morning, they will wash

the newspaper, wash their eyes and throw it in the dustbin. Such inauspicious people you have here as [unclear], is another seven times married woman, what's her name is? Elizabeth Taylor. She's always on the cover page."

**1980-1113 Public Program, Purpose of Life Is Spirit (or What Makes Human Beings Happy), Stratford, London, UK**



"Now you start doing that exercise because for you Marylin Monroe is your heroine, or maybe Missus Kennedy -- I don't know who she is, some sort of a person --, so you must develop your legs like this, and hands like this, and all the men are trying to reduce their waistline and doing all kinds of nonsensical things. I mean, this physical body should not be that important, on the contrary, one should try to keep it clean."

**1981-0927 Public Program, Day 4, East West Center, 141 5th Avenue, Manhattan, New York City, NY, U.S.A.**



"Many people whom we think are very successful in life, really are stupid, if you look at them, they are really stupid people. Like we can say, this Kennedy's ... a man, what was his name is, whom she married ... He was a stupid ...

Gentleman: Onassis.

{\bf {\red Śhrī Mātājī}}: ... fool, I have met him.

Gentleman: Onassis.

{\bf {\red Śhrī Mātājī}}: I met him, he was a real fool, I tell you. I don't know how this woman married him. And she must be another stupid fool to marry him. [Laughter.] Both must be foolish. Actually, I met him very well, because My husband is with the shipping, and a ... I don't know how could she marry this old man like her grandfather and what was the thing? It might be the money part or whatever it was, I mean it's so stupid, the whole thing is so stupid. [Laughter.]"

**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)**



"If supposing a man is a president there, is there and his wife is a very funny woman like this Kennedy's wife was. There can never be peace. Neither in the society nor ... because wherever she'll go, she'll create a problem. You see, she'll go to a society, she being the first lady, everybody will try to follow her."

**1981-1027 Talk to Sahaja Yogis (Diwālī Day), Lakṣhmī Principle and Relationship between Men and Women, Āśhram, former Hotel, Bramham Gardens, Earl's Court, Kensington, London, UK**



"So these sixty years, as of course, Sahaja Yoga, has come out of it, but the other side is also very deep, and it has a very big bearing in America. Because last sixty years have been very important from a [unclear] for America also, very important. And how many changes in these last sixty years in America has taken place? How many presidents you have had?

I think when I was born ... When did Abraham Lincoln die?

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

**Śhri Mātāji:** No. And then?

American Sahaja Yogi: Then Grant, Ulysses S. Grant the general ...

**Śhri Mātāji:** Hmm.

American Sahaja Yogi: ... was president.

**Śhri Mātāji:** Eisenhower came. Before Eisenhower who was the thing?

American Sahaja Yogi: Tru ... Truman, Mother.

**Śhri Mātāji:** Truman. Truman and ... I think from My birth was Truman.

American Sahaja Yogi: Hmm.

**Śhri Mātāji:** You said Truman came, then Eisenhower, I mean so many.

American Sahaja Yogi: Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, [unclear]. Uh one came Johnson.

Sahaja Yogi: [unclear].

**Śhri Mātāji:** Hmm?

Sahaja Yogi: Johnson, Nixon.

Another Sahaja Yogi: So five.

American Sahaja Yogi: So, yeah.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** Five, just imagine.

American Sahaja Yogi: Yeah.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** And in sixty years time. Who was before Truman?

American Sahaja Yogi: Uh, ahm ...

**Śhrī Mātāji:** Eisenhower?

American Sahaja Yogi: No, Roose... Roosevelt.

Sahaja Yogi: Roose...

**Śhrī Mātāji:** Roosevelt. I, no, no, ...

Sahaja Yogi: [unclear] four times.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** ... Roosevelt. Roosevelt. I, I, I was with Roosevelt. I remember Roosevelt also, ...

American Sahaja Yogi: Yeah.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** ... very well. Roosevelt was one great person, I mean very great. After Roosevelt, ...

American Sahaja Yogi: Hmm.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** ... horrible. It's going down and down. 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, not like that, 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: Hmm.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** And if you could produce somebody like Abraham Lincoln now, you can put them [unclear]. That one also, Abraham Lincoln, is another great blessing they had, what a great blessing. There is 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: Yeah.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** But 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. What about these now, Reagan and all? I mean, imagine a cinema actor! English would not accept that at least. Of course, even Margaret Thatcher is petty trader sort of a person. But, Reagan, I just don't understand.

American Sahaja Yogi: There didn't seem to be much choice for the election.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** Huh?

American Sahaja Yogi: But there didn't seem to be much choice, uh, just between him and Jim, Jimmy Carter.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** [Laughs.] Who's that?

American Sahaja Yogi: [unclear], there is no other chorus [choice].

**Śhrī Mātāji:** Uh first the Jimmy Carter was a wrong [choice], you see.

American Sahaja Yogi: Hmm.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** That's like stepping down one after another.

American Sahaja Yogi: Hmm.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** So between them two, what to do?

American Sahaja Yogi: Hmm.

**Śhrī Mātāji:** But with such a great country, you have such great thinkers. Will you have only these two clowns there to be voted for? What I am saying, [laughing:] that why not bring out some great people? People with ideas, people with higher thinking. Or you cannot beat Russians otherwise, unless and until you drop Reagan. You have to tell them all these bad things. Then Russians can't talk."

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



"They ... they [women] lost that power of femininity. So the men thought, 'Is better to have man's company,' not to have a woman's company.

Because you have seen the women like Missus Kennedy, now look at her. Is she a woman or a man? I don't know what to call her. I mean, imagine! And she made a such a thing out of her life, is something surprising and shocking. For us, Indian women, we can't understand, because she was selling her underclothes, and people from Australia ran all the way to buy her underclothes. [Laughter.] We couldn't understand what[']s] happening to these men and to the women. The men becoming women and women becoming men was a horrid stuff.

So, as it is, it was homosexuality. Because they were not of different sexes left. So men took to homosexuality as a matter of convenience."

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



"Languagewise also they tried to have their own language. American language is not easy to understand, I tell you, very difficult.

My husband once brought a beautiful record saying, 'Oh, I've got John Kennedy's first declaration.' I said, 'All right, that's good. Let's have it.' So we all gathered together to listen to it. When he put it, it was just wae, wae, wae, wae, [laughter starts] we couldn't understand anything, like uh, like the ducks, you know. [More laughter.] We just couldn't understand what sort of an English it was and we were supposed to know English. [Laughter.]

And it was not so bad. English was not so bad here. If you see your pic... old films and all that, they are absolutely, just normal English, you see.

But this is a modern trend that they developed an English that nobody can understand in the world, you know. It's difficult."

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



"You see, you have a problem that you feel that you must take charge. All the wives of the leaders are not like that, but some of them are like that. Like Madam Chiang Kai-shek Star, you can say, or Missus Mandar Naiki, or Missus Kennedy, or we had another one, this, what's her name? Aah, uh? Indonesian one, horrible! You see, they want to assert themselves as people who should control. Is it true, Derek? Not direct, indirect."

**1985-0806 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, We Have to Know what Are the**

**Commandments of Vishwa Nirmala Dharma (Taking the Medicine or The Priorities Are to Be Changed), Āśhram, 44 Chelsham Road, Clapham, London, UK**



“But the worst are the leaders' wives, they start thinking themselves to be leaders. They are the worst of all. Don't treat the wives of leaders as leaders. And they have no business to guide anyone or to tell anyone. Be very careful on that point! All such wives I don't know where they'll end up. **It's very common, those women who have nothing in them try to bask in the glory of their husbands. You see so many prime ministers are like that, their wives. We have so many of them we have had: Missus Kennedy we had, we had Mao Tse-tung's wife, we had the wife of a Charda Sheikh, uh ... of this Carlos, also of the ... what is name was uh?**”

**1988-0509 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Commentaries on Songs and Leadership Is a Myth, Rome, Italy**



“Like, we can see now, Onassis also married this mad woman, Kennedy's wife, because he must have realized that Kennedy never gave her any security so he married her. All right. He married her, up to a point. But most of his property went to his daughter, not to Missus Kennedy.

This balance and this wisdom is a special Greek style of life. That's why you might say that they are not overdeveloped like Americans are. **But now Americans have realized that they are idiots.** But Greeks can never become idiots, whatever you may try. [Laughter.] They are very sharp and very intelligent but they know how far to go with everything.”

**1989-0524 Śhrī Pallas Athena Pūjā, The Origins and Role of Greece, House of Stamatis Boudouris, Athens, Greece**



“I'll tell you a story of some friends went to see the grave of President of America, Kennedy. So the, the child was looking at it, you see, and everybody was very solemn. Then the child turned to his father and mother and said, ``Mommy, why should you put this President under the earth? All the worms will eat him up. Why this punishment?” ”

**1994-0911 Śhrī Gaṇeśha Pūjā, Innocence and Love, Moscow, Russia**



"Western people are so impressionable that they tend to accept as truth whatever the newspapers publish. This sensational trend is going from bad to worse. **For example, they are so scandalous that they wrote gleefully about the price at which the undergarments of Missus Kennedy were to be sold.** So filthy and so dirty is the mind which writes about such things in the newspapers. Surprisingly, this trend has also now impressed the people who are at the helm of religions. For example, in England some eminent leaders of the Protestant Church are now adapting an attitude of "understanding" and "tolerance" in respect of men and women cohabiting without marriage. This was regarded as a sin. But no longer."

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

