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Abraham Lincoln



said . . .

This is "Lincoln Year", as proclaimed by the President of the United States. Citizens of this nation and others throughout the world are honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln, who was born 150 years ago, and whose compassionate philosophy as a "Symbol of the Free Man" has been preserved through his writings and speeches.

Here are selected excerpts from the words of Abraham Lincoln.

I have no other (ambition) so great as that of being truly esteemed of my fellow men, by rendering myself worthy of their esteem. (1832)

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The better part of one's life consists of his friendships. (1849)

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If I fail, it will be for lack of *ability*, and not of *purpose*. (1860)

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Yet in all our rejoicing let us neither express nor cherish, any harsh feeling towards any citizen who by his vote, has differed with us. (1860)

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If I do get up a little temper I have no sufficient time to keep it up. (1863)

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No man is good enough to govern another man, *without that other's consent*. (1854)

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Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves, and, under a just God, cannot long retain it. (1859)

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The power of hope upon human exertion, and happiness, is wonderful. (1859?)

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Advancement—improvement in condition—is the order of things in a society of equals. (1859?)

That some should be rich, shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise. (1864)



There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law. (1838)



That we are right, we can not doubt . . . In leaving the people's business in their hands, we can not be wrong. (1848)



Stand with anybody that stands RIGHT. Stand with him while he is right and PART with him when he goes wrong. (1854)



Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it. (1860)



I do not deny the possibility that the people may err in an election; but if they do, the true (remedy) is in the next election. (1861)



I hold the value of life is to improve one's condition. (1861)



The struggle of today, is not altogether for today—it is for a vast future also. (1861)



The severest justice may not always be the best policy. (1862)

So long as I have been here I have not willingly planted a thorn in any man's bosom. (1864)

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The way for a young man to rise, is to improve himself every way he can, never suspecting that any body wishes to hinder him. (1848)

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You *can* not fail, if you resolutely determine, that you *will* not. (1860)

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Wanting to work is so rare a merit, that it should be encouraged. (1861)

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The United States don't need the services of boys who disobey their parents. (No date)

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Stand by the cause, and the cause will carry you through. (1856)

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It is not merely for today, but for all time to come, that we should perpetuate for our children's children that great and free government which we have enjoyed all our lives. (1864)

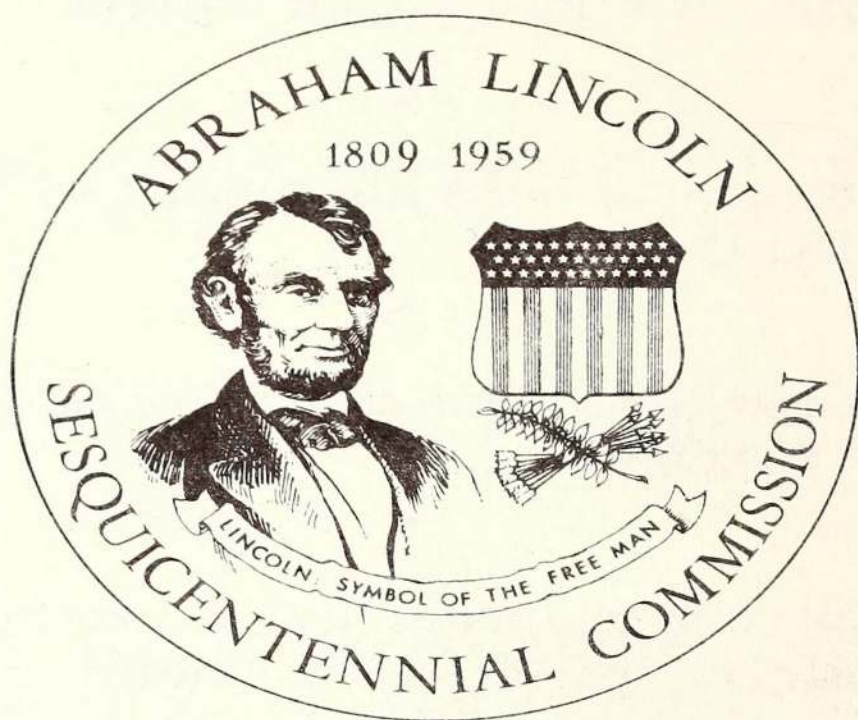
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I make a point of honor and conscience in all things to stick to my word. (1838)

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I must not only be chaste but above suspicion. (1849)

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