

TWELVE THINGS ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID THAT EVERY AMERICAN OUGHT TO KNOW

Lincoln said,

"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. . . As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew." *Abraham Lincoln*

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy." *Abraham Lincoln*

"Let us discard all this quibbling about this man and the other man, this race and that race and the other race being inferior and therefore they must be placed in an inferior position. Let us discard all these things, and unite as one people throughout this land, until we shall once more stand up declaring that all men are created equal." *Abraham Lincoln*

"A government had better go to the extreme of toleration, than to do aught that could be construed into an interference with, or to jeopardize in any degree, the common rights of its citizens." *Abraham Lincoln*

"These capitalists generally act harmoniously and in concert to fleece the people, and now that they have got into a quarrel with themselves, we are called upon to appropriate the people's money to settle the quarrel." *Abraham Lincoln*

"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration. Capital has its rights, which are as worthy of protection as any other rights." *Abraham Lincoln*

"If any man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool." *Abraham Lincoln*

"I see in the near future a crisis approaching that . . . causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed." *Abraham Lincoln*

"I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being." *Abraham Lincoln*

We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearth-

**stone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."
Abraham Lincoln**

"Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them? . . . We should be too big to take offense and too noble to give it." *Abraham Lincoln*

"The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one uniting all working people, of all nations, and tongues, and kindreds." *Abraham Lincoln*

Woodrow Wilson remarked, "Lincoln . . . saw things always with his own eyes. . . Most men see things with other men's eyes. And that is the pity of the whole business of the world."