

<p>Man is condemned to be free. --Jean Paul Sartre, <u>Existentialism is a Humanism</u></p>	<p>I only ask to be free. The butterflies are free. --Charles Dickens, <u>Bleak House</u></p>
<p>There can be no real freedom without the freedom to fail. --Eric Hoffer, <u>The Ordeal of Change</u></p>	<p>What stands if freedom fall? --Rudyard Kipling, <u>For All We Have and Are</u></p>
<p>We look forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms [freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, freedom from fear]. --Franklin Delano Roosevelt, speech, Jan. 6, 1941</p>	<p>To be free, in a planetary sense, is to feel that you belong to earth. To be free, in a social sense, is to feel at home in a democratic framework. --E.B. White, "Freedom" essay, July 1940</p>
<p>Carelessness about our security is dangerous; carelessness about our freedom is also dangerous. --Adlai Stevenson, speech, Oct. 7, 1952</p>	<p>Let us admit to this one basic realization: political freedom is not easy. It is not orderly. It takes effort and is often inconvenient... --Marianne Williamson, <u>The Healing of America</u></p>
<p>Freedom is just Chaos, with better lighting. --Alan Dean Foster, <u>To the Vanishing Point</u></p>	<p>Irreverence is the champion of liberty and its only sure defense. --Mark Twain</p>
<p>Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom. --Albert Einstein, <u>Out of My Later Years</u>, 1950</p>	<p>Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. --Emma Lazarus, from the poem at the base of the Statue of Liberty</p>
<p>The last of the human freedoms is to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances. --Viktor Frankl</p>	<p>You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom. You can only be free if I am free. --Clarence Darrow, <i>People v. Lloyd</i>, 1920</p>

I offer images; I conjure memories of freedom that can still be reached ... But, we can only open the doors. We can't drag people through. I can't free them unless they want to be free--more than anything else ... A person has to be willing to give up everything--not just wealth--all the bullshit he's been taught--all society's brainwashing. You have to let go of all that to get to the other side. Most people aren't willing to do that."

--James Douglas Morrison, lead singer of The Doors

I think people resist freedom because they're afraid of the unknown. But it's ironic....That unknown was once very well known. It's where souls belong....The only solution is to confront them--confront yourself--with the greatest fear imaginable. Expose yourself to your deepest fear. After that, fear has no power, and fear of freedom shrinks and vanishes. You are free.

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Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls
Where words come out from the depth of truth
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit
Where the mind is led forward by thee
Into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.
--Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), Gitanjali, 1912.

But a man's free condition is of two parts: the instinctive freeness he experiences as an animal dweller on a planet, and the practical liberties he enjoys as a privileged member of human society. The latter is, of the two, more generally understood, more widely admired, more violently challenged and discussed. It is the practical and apparent side of freedom.

--E.B. White, "Freedom" essay, July 1940

Freedom does not mean that we all agree on a particular issue. Quite to the contrary, it means that we are free to disagree.

--Marianne Williamson, The Healing of America

I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it.

--Thomas Jefferson, 3rd US president, architect and author (1743-1826)