

“I WISH I COULD SAY THAT RACISM AND PREJUDICE WERE ONLY DISTANT MEMORIES. WE MUST DISSENT FROM THE INDIFFERENCE. WE MUST DISSENT FROM THE APATHY. WE MUST DISSENT FROM THE FEAR, THE HATRED AND THE MISTRUST. WE MUST DISSENT BECAUSE AMERICA HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO DO BETTER.”

Thurgood Marshall American lawyer and Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (1908-93)

“HE THAT WOULD MAKE HIS OWN LIBERTY SECURE MUST GUARD EVEN HIS ENEMY FROM OPPRESSION, FOR IF HE VIOLATES THIS DUTY HE ESTABLISHES A PRECEDENT THAT WILL REACH TO HIMSELF.”

Thomas Paine American political theorist and writer (1737-1809)

“BIGOTRY IS THE DISEASE OF IGNORANCE, OF MORBID MINDS; ENTHUSIASM OF THE FREE AND BUOYANT EDUCATION AND FREE DISCUSSION ARE THE ANTIDOTES OF BOTH”

Thomas Jefferson 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. President (1743-1826)

“THE PRICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE IS A GROWING APPRECIATION OF PEOPLE'S DIFFERENCES, NOT MERELY AS TOLERABLE, BUT AS THE ESSENCE OF A RICH AND REWARDING HUMAN EXPERIENCE.”

Jerome Nathanson American Philosopher

“MEN HATE EACH OTHER BECAUSE THEY FEAR EACH OTHER, AND THEY FEAR EACH OTHER BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER, AND THEY DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER BECAUSE THEY ARE OFTEN SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. American civil-rights leader (1929-68)

“WE HAVE BECOME NOT A MELTING POT BUT A BEAUTIFUL MOSAIC DIFFERENT PEOPLE, DIFFERENT BELIEFS, DIFFERENT YEARNINGS, DIFFERENT HOPES, DIFFERENT DREAMS.”

Jimmy Carter 39<sup>th</sup> U.S. President (1924-)

“AS LONG AS MEN ARE FREE TO ASK WHAT THEY MUST, FREE TO SAY WHAT THEY THINK, FREE TO THINK WHAT THEY WILL, FREEDOM CAN NEVER BE LOST AND SCIENCE CAN NEVER REGRESS.”

J. Robert Oppenheimer American physicist (1904-67)

“PEOPLE EAGERLY FASTEN THEIR EYES ON THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEIR OWN CREED AND YOURS, WHILST THE CHARM OF THE STUDY IS IN FINDING THE AGREEMENTS AND IDENTITIES IN ALL THE RELIGIONS OF HUMANITY.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson American poet and essayist (1803-82)

“IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE A RICHER CULTURE, RICH IN CONTRASTING VALUES, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE WHOLE GAMUT OF HUMAN POTENTIALITIES, AND SO WEAVE A LESS ARBITRARY SOCIAL FABRIC, ONE IN WHICH EACH DIVERSE HUMAN GIFT WILL FIND A FITTING PLACE.”

Margaret Mead American anthropologist (1901-78)

“ONE DAY OUR DESCENDANTS WILL THINK IT INCREDIBLE THAT WE PAID SO MUCH ATTENTION TO THINGS LIKE THE AMOUNT OF MELANIN IN OUR SKIN OR THE SHAPE OF OUR EYES OR OUR GENDER INSTEAD OF THE UNIQUE IDENTITIES OF EACH OF US AS COMPLEX HUMAN BEINGS.”

Franklin A. Thomas American philanthropist and political activist

“IF WE CANNOT END NOW OUR DIFFERENCES, AT LEAST WE CAN HELP MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DIVERSITY. THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE IS NOT THE CONQUEST OF THE WORLD BY A SINGLE DOGMATIC CREED BUT THE LIBERATION OF THE DIVERSE ENERGIES OF FREE NATIONS AND FREE MEN.”

John F. Kennedy 35<sup>th</sup> U.S. President (1917-63)

“THE TRUE MEASURE OF A MAN IS HOW HE TREATS SOMEONE WHO CAN DO HIM ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD.”

Ann Landers American columnist (1918-)

“WE SHOULD NOT AND CANNOT CHANGE ALL OUR DIFFERENCES. EACH OF US BRINGS FROM OUR OWN BACKGROUND THINGS WHICH WE SHOULD SHARE. THERE IS GOOD IN DIVERSITY.”

Georgie Anne Geyer American correspondent and columnist (1935-)

“HOW CAN WE LOVE OUR COUNTRY AND NOT LOVE OUR COUNTRYMEN, AND LOVING THEM, NOT REACH OUT A HAND WHEN THEY FALL, HEAL THEM WHEN ARE SICK, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE THEM SELF-SUFFICIENT SO THEY WILL BE EQUAL IN FACT AND NOT JUST IN THEORY?”

Ronald Reagan 40<sup>th</sup> U.S. President (1911-2018)

“CIVILIZATIONS SHOULD BE MEASURED BY THE DEGREE OF DIVERSITY ATTAINED AND THE DEGREE OF UNITY RETAINED.”

W.H. Auden English poet (1907-73)

“HUMAN DIVERSITY IS A VIRTUE. TOLERANCE MORE THAN A VIRTUE: IT MAKES IT A REQUIREMENT FOR SURVIVAL.”

Rene Dubos American bacteriologist and author (1901-82)

“PREJUDICE IS THE CHILD OF IGNORANCE”

William Somerset Maugham English writer (1874-1965)

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