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We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

- Lincoln, Abraham

If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. You may fool all of the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

- Lincoln, Abraham

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

- Lincoln, Abraham

How many legs does a dog have if you call the tail a leg? Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg.

- Lincoln, Abraham

I dream of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth.

- Lincoln, Abraham

The best way to destroy your enemy is to make him your friend.

- Lincoln, Abraham

My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Freedom is the last, best hope of earth.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Do not destroy that immortal emblem of humanity, the Declaration of Independence.

- Lincoln, Abraham

The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Tell me what brand of whiskey that Grant drinks. I would like to send a barrel of it to my other generals.

- Lincoln, Abraham

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Hatred can be overcome only by love.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

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