

Abraham Lincoln Quotes



“[Slavery] was a continual torment to me, [and], had the power of making me miserable.”

“If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong.”

“This is a world of compensations; and he who would be no slave, must consent to have no slave. Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves”

“.....I desire that [slavery] should gradually terminate in the whole Union”

“We will treat you as Washington, Jefferson and Madison treated you, and will leave slavery alone where it already exists among you.”

"I have no prejudice against the Southern people. They are just what we would be in their situation. If slavery did not now exist amongst them, they would not introduce it. If it did now exist amongst us, we should not instantly give it up.”

““This is the *repeal* of the Missouri Compromise. The foregoing history may not be precisely accurate in every particular; but I am sure it is sufficiently so for all the uses I shall attempt to make of it, and in it we have before us, the chief materials enabling us to correctly judge whether the repeal of the Missouri Compromise is right or wrong. I think, and shall try to show, that it is wrong; wrong in its direct effect, letting slavery into Kansas and Nebraska-and wrong in its prospective principle, allowing it to spread to every other part of the wide world, where men can be found inclined to take it.”

“What had Republicans done to them? What southern rights had they violated? Did not southerners still have the Fugitive Slave Law? Did they not have the same Constitution they had lived under for seventy odd years? Why all the excitement? Why all these complaints?”

“you charge that we stir up insurrections among your slaves. We deny it; and what is your proof? Harper’s Ferry! John Brown! John Brown was no Republican, and you have failed to implicate a sing Republican in his Harper’s Ferry enterprise.”

“ A house divided against itself cannot stand.”