

Liberty and Knowledge

“Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right, from the frame of their nature, to knowledge, as their great Creator, who does nothing in vain, has given them understandings, and a desire to know; but besides this, they have a right, an indisputable, unalienable, indefeasible, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge; I mean, of the characters and conduct of their rulers.” — John Adams

I think this is telling the world to in a way learn about their rights and freedom so they can work to prevent their liberty from being taken, so if it ever comes down to it they can defend their freedom, and if it would be a matter of life or death they will know what they are fighting for. a more direct way of explaining this to the people would be: liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge of the government, and that they have a right to know all things. They also have the liberty to desire to obtain the knowledge they are looking for in almost any way.

Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom- and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech.-Benjamin Franklin. I think this quote is similar to the one of John Adams because they are both talking about the freedoms of the mind meaning, we can think freely, we can speak freely, we can learn, teach, care, keep the government in check, and much more, freely.

Many of our forefathers have said many similar things including Thomas Jefferson saying: Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty. All of our forefathers knew that the government had to be reliant on the people or else the people would lose their liberty's, the government would get too powerful, and it would enslave the country.

I do not mean to write these in a manner of breaking laws, war like, extinguish the government, etc., I mean to write this in more of a peaceful, educating, way while still defending our rights of knowledge and speech. Fighting doesn't always have to be violence or have a negative effect, it just has to be for something.

I know that if we learn and pay attention to the world around, from a distance we can keep our liberty's. Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains to bring it to light.-George Washington. we also need to stay in the world but not of the world and defend our freedom's.

- Jaxom Whipple