

FREEDOM - CAN IT REALLY BE  
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republic which granted its citizens freedom - political liberty.

Today the United States of America, one of the world's wealthiest and most progressive nations, rings with cries for freedom. The lyrics of many popular songs express the desires of the young generation for freedom. Posters, demonstrations, love-ins and freak-outs are all parts of this "New Revolution."

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Certainly, the United States of America is a free country. We elect our leaders, we worship as we please - if at all - and we certainly assemble freely, but this is political freedom. The cries which ring from "sea to shining sea" are for a new kind of freedom.

Freedom is many things to many people. Freedom, first of all, is political liberty. This is the kind of freedom used as the cornerstone in building our country. We tend to take this kind of freedom for granted, although we would never want to be without it. This freedom has become synonymous with the words United States, and it is for this freedom that soldiers have fought and died throughout our history.

A more liberal definition is employed when freedom means the ability to act without restraint. This kind of freedom would be characteristic of an anarchy, a government in which there are neither laws nor leaders. This freedom is undesirable, since our entire universe is based on an orderly system.

A third extreme definition of freedom is complete detachment. This freedom is absolutely unthinkable, since even the invisible particles which make up the invisible atoms depend on each other. Alone, they would be nothing. Thus, no man can be an island, and absolute freedom is both undesirable and impossible. Unfortunately, these approaches seldom, if ever, free one's mind. It is evident from news reports that they are actually Benedict Arnolds who add to the confusion.

However, the cries continue. Are these cries really for freedom? No, I believe that the freedom sought today

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is an inner freedom, a peace of mind. The revolutionists today do not try to overthrow a government but to overthrow the pressure and confusion that control their own minds. They are not bound by a Stamp Act imposed by a distant king, but by the fetter of chaos in their minds.

How does one fight a war against enemies in his own mind? This fight for freedom cannot be won with soldiers, shootings and strategies. What then will defeat this foe? Many people believe that an expanding of their minds will make them the conquerors. This expansion of course, is done by using hallucinatory drugs such as LSD. Other drugs are also used in attacks against these enemies in the mind; cold pills, diet pills, pills which disguise the enemy while in use. Each person has probably devised his own tactics, among which are demonstration and meditation.

Many Christians testify that they have won this war by finding a purpose in life, by having an anchor to cling to when life is rough, and by knowing that there is a Supreme Being who cares for us all.

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