

I cannot ever put aside the feeling ... the belief ... that what has happened to me is based upon a fundamental implied in every document upon which our form of government is based. A free society has room for motion ... and when the hearts and minds of a free society are given space to breathe and think ... then that society will always seek and find improvement.

I do not believe that we have found perfection...I DO believe that what I as an individual do ... that what every member of our society does ... can help us attain perfection. Handicaps, stumbling blocks, prejudices ... all of these are imperfect. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ If there were obstacles in MY path ... they made me fight all the harder. But my fight took place in a free society ... and that meant that I never once was forced to face an imovable object ... that never once was dogma so implacable that I had no chance at all. Free minds were at work...because our society is free and that which once was wrong, gave way to a further step toward improvement.

Each time I look at my children, I can say to them... whatever the obstacle...there's a chance for you. A chance for you to do whatever you want ... to become whatever you want to become ... and this chance exists so long as our free society exists. Here, there is nothing static ... no medieval logic that can prevent any of us from taking a forward step.

To say that every person, in every walk of life, will find fulfillment....this I do NOT believe. But I believe with every fiber in me that what I have attained ... I attained because slowly, all of us in this society of ours...slowly we put behind us the dogmas of the past ~~and fight for and find the fresh, exhilarating air of~~

...discover the greater truth of today...and seek the greatness of tomorrow.

I believe in the human race....I believe in the warm heart... I believe in the goodness to be found in every free society. And I believe that under the American Flag, goodness, and righteousness cannot long be stifled. That injustice will wither....and that what I did was done TO me....and FOR me. That ours IS a free society... ^{that} and ~~when~~ the hearts and minds of a free society are given space to breathe and think...and that when this happens, what was done for me must always be done for others.