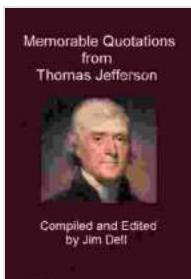


# Memorable Quotations From Thomas Jefferson: Timeless Wisdom for the Ages



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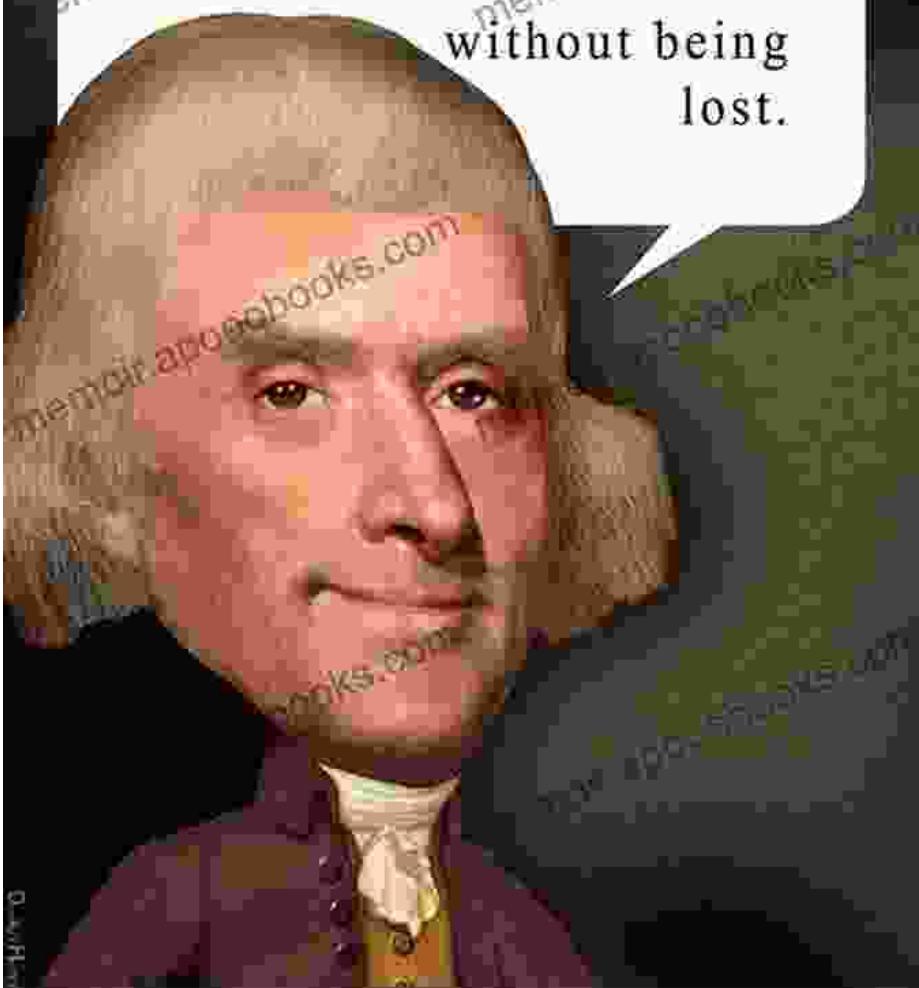
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Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States and one of the most influential figures in American history, left behind a legacy of profound wisdom and enduring ideas. His words on freedom, democracy, education, and the pursuit of happiness continue to inspire and resonate with people around the world.

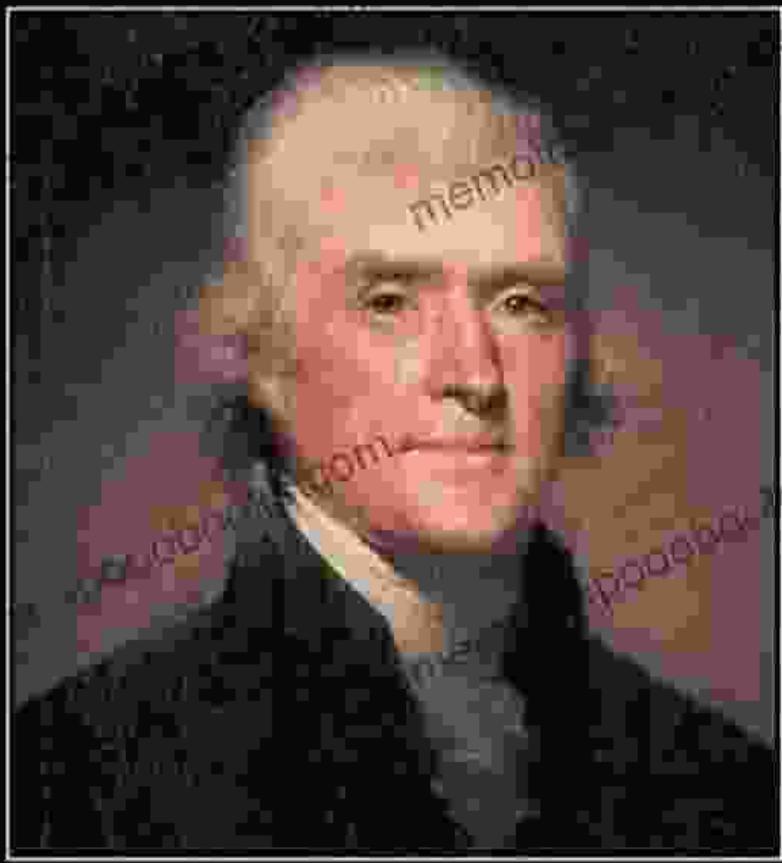
In this article, we delve into a treasure trove of Thomas Jefferson's most memorable quotations, offering a glimpse into his brilliant mind and the timeless lessons he taught us. From his thoughts on the importance of knowledge to his unwavering belief in the power of the human spirit, these quotations provide a valuable guide for navigating the complexities of life and achieving our fullest potential.

## On Freedom and Independence

A portrait painting of Thomas Jefferson, an American Founding Father. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark green velvet jacket over a white cravat and a yellow waistcoat. He has a slight smile and is looking slightly to his left. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a building.

Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.

Jefferson was a staunch advocate for freedom and independence, both for individuals and nations. He believed that the pursuit of liberty was an inherent human right and that governments should be limited in their power to infringe upon it. His words on freedom continue to inspire those who fight for justice and self-determination.



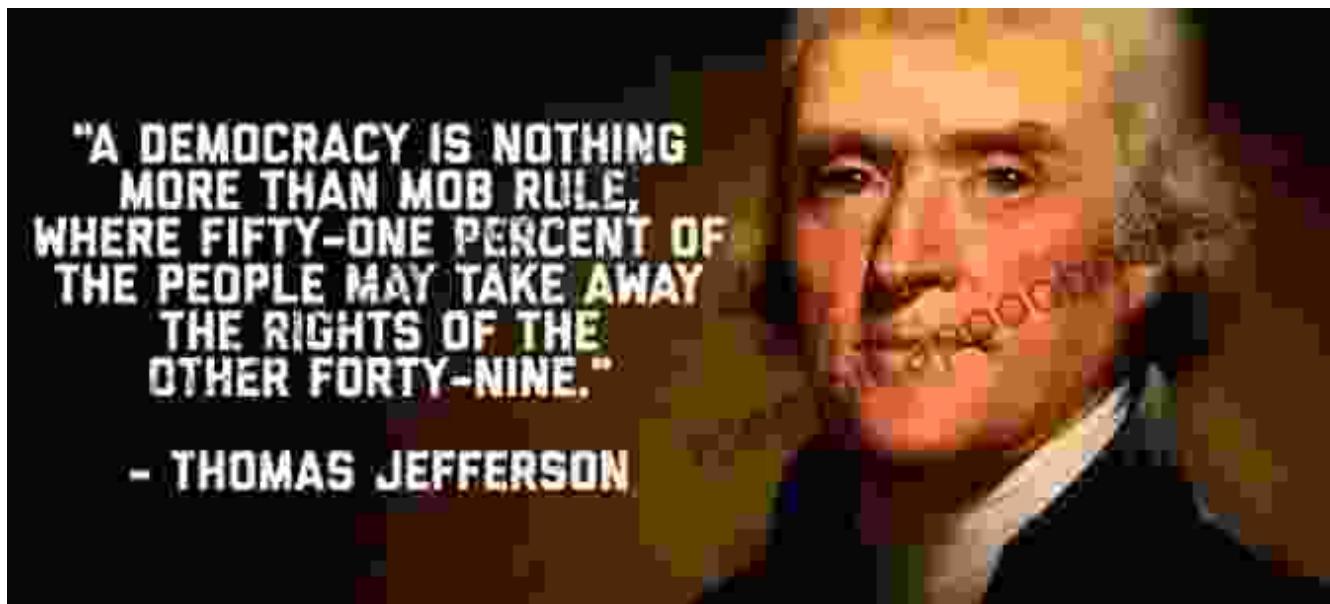
## SELF-RELIANCE

"Dependence begets subservience and venality,  
suffocates the germ of virtue, and prepares fit tools for  
the designs of ambition." -Thomas Jefferson

"I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery." - Thomas Jefferson

Jefferson also emphasized the importance of self-reliance and personal responsibility. He believed that individuals should strive to be independent and capable of governing themselves, rather than relying on the government to provide for their needs.

## On Democracy and Government



"A DEMOCRACY IS NOTHING  
MORE THAN MOB RULE,  
WHERE FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF  
THE PEOPLE MAY TAKE AWAY  
THE RIGHTS OF THE  
OTHER FORTY-NINE."

- THOMAS JEFFERSON

Jefferson was a strong proponent of democracy and representative government. He believed that the best government was one that was accountable to the people and that served the interests of all citizens, regardless of their social status or economic circumstances.



*Experience hath shown,  
That even under the best forms  
of government those*

*entrusted with power have, in time, and*

*by slow operations,*

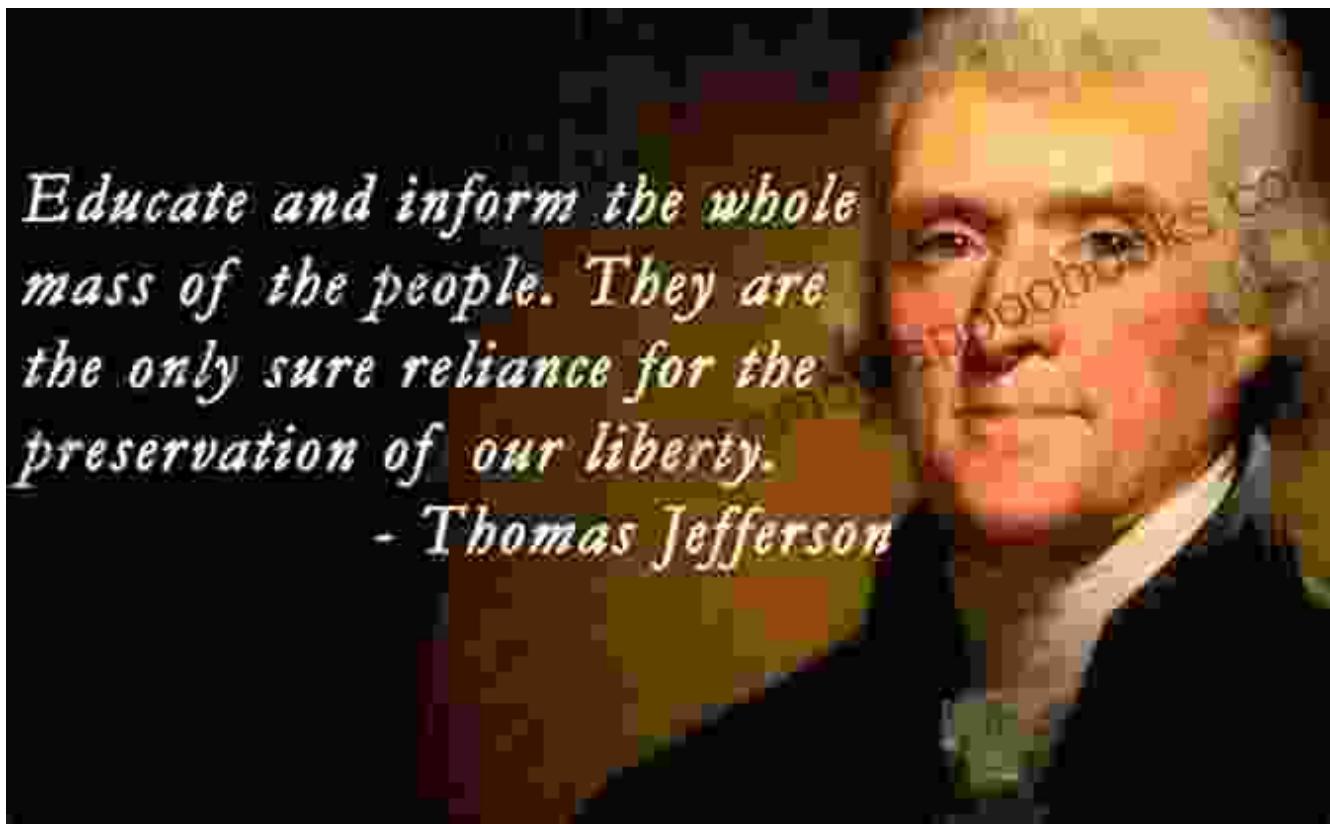
*Perverted it into tyranny*

**- Thomas Jefferson  
(3rd U.S. President)**

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be." - Thomas Jefferson

Jefferson also recognized the dangers of excessive government power. He warned against the tyranny of the majority and the need for a balance of powers to protect individual rights and freedoms.

## On Education and Knowledge

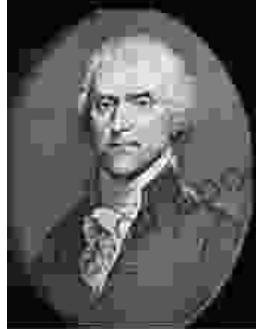


*Educate and inform the whole mass of the people. They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.*

*- Thomas Jefferson*

Jefferson was a passionate advocate for education and believed that it was essential for the success of a free and democratic society. He founded the University of Virginia and established a system of public education in his home state.

I was bold in the pursuit of knowledge, never fearing to follow truth and reason to whatever results they led, and bearding every authority which stood in their way.



**Thomas Jefferson**  
3rd U.S. President

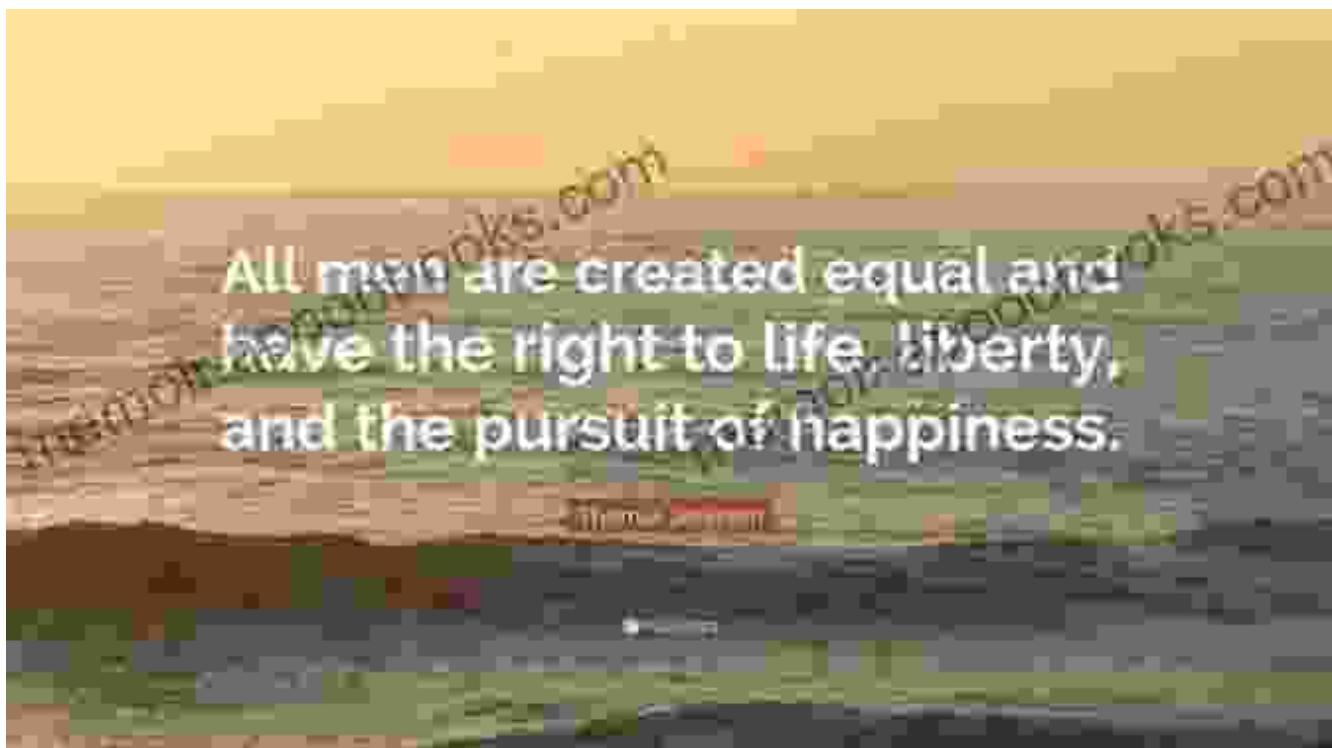
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"I cannot live without books." - Thomas Jefferson

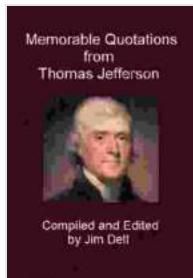
Jefferson's love of knowledge extended beyond formal education. He was an avid reader and a lifelong learner, constantly seeking out new information and challenging his own beliefs.

**On the Pursuit of Happiness**



Jefferson believed that the pursuit of happiness was a fundamental human right and that governments should strive to create conditions that allowed

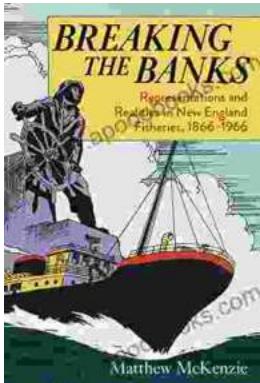
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