

The Vision of Thomas Jefferson

I never told my own religion, nor scrutinized that of another. I never attempted to make a convert, nor wished to change another's creed."

– *Thomas Jefferson*
to Mrs. M Harrison
Smith, August 6, 1816.

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“The happiness
of mankind is best
promoted by the
useful pursuits
of peace.”



– *Thomas Jefferson*
to the Young Republicans
of Pittsburgh and its
Vicinities,
December 2, 1808

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“Enlighten the
people generally,
and tyranny and
oppressions of body
and mind will
vanish like
evil spirits at
the dawn
of day.”

– *Thomas Jefferson to
Monsieur Pierre Samuel
du Pont de Nemours,
April 24, 1816.*

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“The greatest good
we can do our
country is to heal its
party divisions,
and make them
one people.”



– *Thomas Jefferson
to John Dickinson,
July 23, 1801.*

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*“We shall all
consider ourselves
unauthorized
to saddle posterity
with our debts,
and morally
bound to
pay them
ourselves.”*

*– Thomas Jefferson
to John Wayles Eppes,
June 24, 181*

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“*To procure tranquility of mind we must avoid desire and fear, the two principal diseases of the mind.*”



– *Thomas Jefferson
to William Short,
October 31, 1819.*

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“Nothing makes me
more happy than
to render any service
in my power,
of whatever
description.”



– *Thomas Jefferson*
to Samuel Osgood,
October 5, 1785.

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“He who receives an idea from me, receives instruction himself without lessening mine; as he who lights his taper at mine, receives light without darkening me.”

*– Thomas Jefferson
to Isaac McPherson,
1813.*

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