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**abundance** (n) [UC] the situation in which there is more than enough of something: *There was an **abundance** of food at the wedding so that everyone was full by the end of the day.*

**barricade** (v) [T] to put together a line or pile of objects, often quickly, to stop people from going where they want to go: *The army **barricaded** the streets to stop the demonstration reaching the city centre.*

**brute** (n) [C] OLD-FASHIONED a rough and sometimes violent man: *Her father is an awful man. He is an absolute **brute**.*

**cynical** (adj) believing that people are only interested in themselves and are not sincere: *Sandra has been very **cynical** about love and romance since her divorce last year.*

**despise** (v) [T] to feel a strong dislike for someone or something because you think that that person or thing is bad or has no value: *She **despised** Maria's father for being such a terrible brute.*

**enslave** (v) [T] 1 to make someone into a slave; 2 to control someone's actions, thoughts, emotions, or life completely: *The Roman army **enslaved** millions of people during their march through what is today France, Belgium and Germany.*

**imprison** (v) [T usually passive] to put someone in prison: *Nelson Mandela **was imprisoned** on Robben Island for 18 years.*

**intolerance** (n) [U] the fact of refusing to accept ideas, beliefs, or behaviour that are different from your own: *She is very **intolerant** of people who have different religious beliefs from her own.*

**perish** (v) [I] FORMAL / LITERARY to die, especially in an accident or by being killed, or to be destroyed: *More than 4,000 workers **perished** during the building of this great city.*

**reason** (n) [U] the ability of a healthy mind to think and make judgments, especially based on practical facts: *We humans believe that we are the only animals to have the power of **reason**.*

**slavery** (n) [U] the activity of having slaves or the condition of being a slave: ***Slavery** in the United States was officially ended in 1865.*

**torture** (n) [U] the act of causing great physical or mental pain in order to persuade someone to do something or to give information, or to be cruel to a person or animal: *He revealed the secret under **torture**.* (v) [T] to cause great physical or mental pain to someone: *It is claimed that the officers **tortured** a man to death in a city police station.*

**want** (n) [UC] the situation in which something that is necessary does not exist: *The sailors almost died for **want** of fresh fruit.*

abundance	despair	happiness	lie	slavery
barricade	despise	hate	machinery	torture
barrier	dictator	heart	mind	unite
bitterness	emperor	humanity	misery	universal
brotherhood	enslave	imprison	perish	unkind
brute	free	innocent	poison	unloved
cleverness	fear	intolerance	power	unnatural
conquer	gentleness	kindness	promise	victim
cynical	goodness	knowledge	reason*	violent
democracy	greed	liberty	rule	want

**Transcript:**

I'm sorry, but I don't want to be an emperor. That's not my business. I don't want to rule or conquer anyone. I should like to help everyone, if possible: Jew; Gentile; black man; white. We all want to help one another. Human beings are like that. We want to live by each other's happiness, not by each other's misery. We don't want to hate and despise one another. In this world there is room for everyone, and the good earth is rich, and can provide for everyone. The way of life can be free and beautiful. But we have lost the way.

Greed has poisoned men's souls; has barricaded the world with hate; has goose-stepped us into misery and bloodshed. We have developed speed, but we have shut ourselves in. Machinery that gives abundance has left us in want. Our knowledge has made us cynical. Our cleverness, hard and unkind. We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery we need humanity. More than cleverness we need kindness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be violent and all will be lost.

The aeroplane and the radio have brought us closer together. The very nature of these inventions cries out for the goodness in men; cries out for universal brotherhood; for the unity of us all. Even now my voice is reaching millions throughout the world. Millions of despairing men, women, and children – victims of a system that makes men torture and imprison innocent people.

To those who can hear me, I say: 'do not despair!'. The misery that is now upon us is but the passing of greed; the bitterness of men who fear the way of human progress. The hate of men will pass, and dictators die, and the power they took from the people will return to the people. And so long as men die, liberty will never perish.

Soldiers! Don't give yourselves to brutes! Men who despise you, enslave you, who regiment your lives, tell you what to do, what to think and what to feel! Who drill you, diet you, treat you like cattle, use you as cannon fodder. Don't give yourselves to these unnatural men; machine men with machine minds and machine hearts! You are not machines! You are not cattle! You are men! You have the love of humanity in your hearts! You don't hate! Only the unloved hate! The unloved and the unnatural! Soldiers! Don't fight for slavery! Fight for liberty!

In the 17th Chapter of St Luke it is written: "the Kingdom of God is within man". Not one man, nor a group of men, but in all men! In you! You, the people have the power; the power to create machines. The power to create happiness! You, the people, have the power to make this life free and beautiful, to make this life a wonderful adventure.

Then in the name of democracy let us use that power; let us all unite! Let us fight for a new world, a decent world that will give men a chance to work; that will give youth a future and old age a security. By the promise of these things, brutes have risen to power. But they lie! They do not fulfil that promise. They never will!

Dictators free themselves but they enslave the people! Now let us fight to fulfil that promise! Let us fight to free the world: to do away with national barriers; to do away with greed, with hate and intolerance. Let us fight for a world of reason, a world where science and progress will lead to all men's happiness. Soldiers! in the name of democracy, let us all unite!