

## *Love Freedom*

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I bid you as my parting words,  
to love freedom;  
to defend freedom;  
to set it higher than any other  
condition of existence.

I do this with confidence, because  
I believe that God created freedom.  
And I believe that God has placed it  
higher than human well-being.

How else can we explain the old dilemma  
of the prevalence in the world of evil?  
The heavenly Father permits it,  
because to suppress it  
would be to destroy freedom.  
Therefore, his solicitude for freedom  
must be greater even  
than his purpose to extinguish evil.

Remarks from his commencement address  
at Berkeley, California, in 1921, when he was  
president of the University of California.