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- 1 - Emancipation from Slavery. 2 Kinds -
- (a) Physical - bondman - subservient to another man's dictation - not master of his own acts or decisions - (a) Political Sl - subject to despot - no voice in govt. (b) Econ. Sl - exploitable
- (c) Social Sl - inferior status - denied equality
- (b) Sp. Slavery - Self-enslavement - A man can be pol. econ. soc. free - free to vote, free to determine his own circumstances - free + equal socially and yet - be a slave to inner tyrants - to passions - low ambitions - to bad habits - to ill will - to prejudices - to vices which make of men more abject slaves - than physical chains even can -
- (c) It is a truism that
- (1) "No man is free who is not master of himself" - Epictetus
- (2) 7/27 7/31 - 5/12 1/12 2/12 3/12 4/12 5/12 6/12 7/12 8/12 9/12 10/12 11/12 12/12
- (3) It is a truism that we can be slaves in the very midst of phys. freedom

2- From all these shackles - we must ⁽³⁾
free ourselves - if we are to be free men.

3- To be free is not to be free from care,

(a) It is to be free to wrestle with these
dark angles, & an heavenly renewal
+ want a blessing from them

(b) It is to be free to think without
prejudice, to judge without bias, to
seek without inner let or hindrance
the distant shrine, with truth & bravery -

(c) It is to be free to just-free ^{dear} the
free to obey the moral law - free to
enjoy the world and not

4. From Phys. Slavery our ancestors wanted
to be released - 1789 - 1791 1792 1793 1794 1795 1796 1797 1798 1799 1800 1801 1802 1803 1804 1805 1806 1807 1808 1809 1810 1811 1812 1813 1814 1815 1816 1817 1818 1819 1820 1821 1822 1823 1824 1825 1826 1827 1828 1829 1830 1831 1832 1833 1834 1835 1836 1837 1838 1839 1840 1841 1842 1843 1844 1845 1846 1847 1848 1849 1850 1851 1852 1853 1854 1855 1856 1857 1858 1859 1860 1861 1862 1863 1864 1865 1866 1867 1868 1869 1870 1871 1872 1873 1874 1875 1876 1877 1878 1879 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 1889 1890 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 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even as we can be really free even when in chains.

- (d) It is far more difficult to remove path ourselves sp. > phys - (1) For we are always aware of phys. slavery - while we are not always free we use our phys chains - they hurt - (2) And we know how to free ourselves - phys - even tho not always needed - Phys. Force! (3) But sp. slavery is far more subtle - less apparent - less imposed - freely delectable.

(e) We are all born with a dark heritage of sp. bondage - not born pure - but with ^{many} untutored ^{instincts} instincts which unless harnessed to certain purposes - keep us from being truly free

(f) Load of many yesterday - all stages then while man passed - canon man etc - atavistic remnants

(g) Born into group where, before we have a chance, even as we are prejudiced - untrue by attitude and action

1. Freedom is not freedom from care - responsibility - not freedom to drift, to idle, to follow every whim, along every primrose path
 2. "True freedom is to live by one's work and in that work to do what one wants to do"
 3. The joy ~~to obey~~ the law - 2/11/16
 4. "No man is free who is not master of himself" - ~~W. F. B. DuBois~~
 5. "No true freedom without virtue"
 6. Men can be ~~free~~ in chains, and slaves in freedom.
 7. Freedom means in one's hands.
 8. "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, at all times, and under all circumstances, be ready to support it"
- The Law

men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it"
- Die in wickedness -

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5. We Jews need to-day both Phys +
Sp. Freedom

① Germany - fight! Elsewhere!

② Sp. Freedom - Free from
desire to assimilate - to drift - to be
free from $\Rightarrow$ 12/10 -

③ Take on respons. of life -

- to live up to our ideals -

- to maintain our wickedness

- to train our children in ways of
godliness -

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81 what we need is econ. security for small income +
high taxation for large incomes.

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