

And the final transition of those principles or of those discoveries into practical application for the benefit of the people rests in a large degree with the politicians. If I may say so, Mr. Chancellor, you are the exemplification of that principle that I now enunciate. Participation in public affairs is of necessity a major responsibility of our universities. It is their responsibility to achieve the Greek ideal of the citizen participating actively and particularly in the affairs of community, so that thereby we shall be enabled, in the responsibilities that are ours in public life, to think like men of action and act like men of thought.

Freedom is the quality of mind and spirit that binds us together, as you said, Sir, in the all too kind citation. Let me add this: that free institutions are the creation of free minds and free spirits and the challenge today to the universities is that we shall maintain at all times and at all costs the freedom to think, to search for the truth and in our own way to find the truth. I believe that this university, now mine by adoption, measures up in a large degree to my understanding of the major function of a university.

Mr. Chancellor, I see India great in tradition, magnificent in its service to mankind. I see India in the days ahead with a larger and greater vista for the world's service than ever before. I see her in that position because she has seemed to me, in my all too short visit to various parts of this country, to have mobilised, in the spirit of Gandhi, men and women devoted to public service who, in the words of Arnold Toynbee, "will not accept the inevitability of the present but will help to form it". That is my message to you today, deeply fascinated as I am by what I have seen, inspired by these Plans, these economic plans, designed to raise the standards of the people.

I leave you by again using the words that I used last evening, the authorship of which I have not been able to determine, which through the years have been an inspiration to me; words which I understand had an important place on me of the tablets in this country; words representative of the eternal realities and of the demands life makes on every one of us: "In thought, have faith; in words have wisdom; in life give service; in death be courageous". So will India be great.

Mr. Chancellor, I thank you for this honour to my country which I know will be treasured by my people as it will be by me.

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