



ADDRESS of ABRAHAM LINCOLN at the Dedication of
Gettysburg Cemetery, the 19th of November, 1863.

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are

engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of the war. We have come

to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that their nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never

forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us--that from these honored dead we take increased devotion

to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain--that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom--and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

Spoken in clear American was a call to all Americans to devote their activities to the advancement of human progress so nobly begun in the War for Independence and continued in the Civil War.

Let us to-day respond to his call and uphold all things American.

Let us call our language American, because the name "English" renders it unsuitable as a vehicle for expressing the American idea that

"All Men are Created Equal"

MESSAGE

ADDRESS

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