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*Great minds are to make others great. Their superiority is to be used, not to break the multitude to intellectual vassalage, not to establish over them a spiritual tyranny, but to rouse them from lethargy, and to aid them to judge for themselves.*

*-William Ellery Channing*

I am the oppressed, a slave of suppression. We-those parallel to myself-are tyrannized by the degenerate, whose sole desire is to terminate our right of decision and our unhindered independence of spirit. We call upon you, imploring we be granted tolerance and equality. We are greeted by the iron hand of your offensive reign. You pressure not the unyielding, but prey on the defenseless minds of those who would anguish over a stranger's calamity. You have no honor, and you feel no shame. Once we would have embraced you in impartiality, yet no longer are we naive and undiscerning. Your actions once concealed under the guise of good will, they succeeded to our detriment. Your handiwork revealed, we cry unjust! Yet what was once ours is ours no more, our autonomy forsaken; never again shall our voice be heard. The will of the strong dictates over the convictions of the weak; such is the law of nature. What was once taken for granted shall nevermore be acknowledged, for tyranny has no regard towards the sovereignty of singularity.

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