

What Freedom Means to Me

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Freedom means not just being free in your mind and body but being free in your heart and soul.

Freedom means being a good person from your heart to yourself and other people.

Freedom means people being happy from the soul because they have been freed from slavery.

When I think of this I think about people in the desert laughing and drinking wine and children playing games.

Freedom means a free ocean with no plastic on the sand or in the water -- just normal ocean with waves.

Freedom is children laughing, horses running, the green grass with just a little bit of dew on the blades, the ocean lapping against the shore, plants growing wildly, the sun shining on a perfect day with few clouds in the sky, and people making friends and being happy

When people are free God is happy.

If people are not free the earth is not happy.

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If freedom means doing everything you want to do, then anything you do will make you unfree from something.

What freedom means to me is not action but being able to think, feel, and believe. Nobody can take that away from you even if you are in the worst situation possible. You have the freedom to think, feel, and believe freely.

Even if there are chains on your hands and feet, you have the freedom to feel in your heart, think in your brain, and believe freely, notions nobody can ever take away from you.

This freedom will stay forever.