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Charlie Chaplin - Final Speech from *The Great Dictator*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7GY1Xg6X20>



First watch the segment once without reading the text, just paying attention to Chaplin's performance. Then watch as many times as necessary to complete the gaps, only one word is missing:

I'm sorry, but I don't want to be an emperor. That's not my business. I don't want to rule or anyone. I should like to help everyone - if possible -, Gentile - black man - white. We all want to help one another. Human beings are like that. We want to live by each other's happiness - not by each other's, We don't want to hate and one another. In this world there is room for everyone. And the good earth is rich and can for everyone. The way of life can be free and, but we have lost the way.

..... has poisoned men's souls, has barricaded the world with hate, has goose-stepped us into misery and, We have developed speed, but we have shut ourselves in. Machinery that gives has left us in want. Our knowledge has made us cynical. Our cleverness, hard and, We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery we need, More than cleverness we need kindness and gentleness. Without these, life will be violent and all will be lost....

The aeroplane and the radio have brought us closer together. The very nature of these cries out for the goodness in men - cries out for universal - for the unity of us all. Even now my voice is reaching millions the world - millions of despairing men, women, and little children - victims of a system that makes men and imprison innocent people.

To those who can hear me, I say - do not, The misery that is now upon us is but the passing of greed - the of men who fear the way of human progress. The hate of men will pass, and die, and the power they took from the people will return to the people. And so long as men die, will never perish.

Soldiers! Don't give yourselves to brutes - men who you - enslave you - who regiment your lives - tell you what to do - what to think and what to feel! Who you - diet you - treat you like cattle, use you as cannon fodder. Don't give yourselves to these men - machine men with machine and machine hearts! You are not machines! You are not cattle! You are men! You have the love of humanity in your hearts!



You don't hate! Only the unloved hate - the unloved and the unnatural! Soldiers! Don't fight for! Fight for liberty!

In the 17th Chapter of St Luke it is written: "the Kingdom of God is man" - not one man nor a group of men, but in all men! In you! You, the people have the power - the power to create machines. The power to happiness! You, the people, have the power to make this life free and beautiful, to make this life a wonderful

Then - in the name of - let us use that power - let us all unite. Let us fight for a new world - a world that will give men a chance to work - that will give youth a future and old age a By the promise of these things, brutes have risen to power. But they lie! They do notthat promise. They never will!

Dictators free themselves but they the people! Now let us fight to fulfill that promise! Let us fight to free the world - to do away with national - to do away with greed, with hate and Let us fight for a world of reason, a world where science and progress will lead to all men's happiness. Soldiers! In the name of democracy, let us all unite!



How did the speech make you feel? The film was made in 1940, at the very beginning of World War II and more than 80 years ago. How do these ideas of Chaplin apply to our current reality in the 21st century? Express your opinion in a paragraph:



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Greed has poisoned men's souls, has barricaded the world with hate, has goose-stepped us into misery and bloodshed. We have developed speed, but we have shut ourselves in. Machinery that gives abundance has left us in want. Our knowledge has made us cynical. Our cleverness, hard and unkind. We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery we need humanity. More than cleverness we need kindness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be violent and all will be lost....

The aeroplane and the radio have brought us closer together. The very nature of these inventions cries out for the goodness in men - cries out for universal brotherhood - for the unity of us all. Even now my voice is reaching millions throughout the world - millions of despairing men, women, and little children - victims of a system that makes men torture and imprison innocent people.

To those who can hear me, I say - do not despair. The misery that is now upon us is but the passing of greed - the bitterness of men who fear the way of human progress. The hate of men will pass, and dictators die, and the power they took from the people will return to the people. And so long as men die, liberty will never perish.

Soldiers! Don't give yourselves to brutes - men who despise you - enslave you - who regiment your lives - tell you what to do - what to think and what to feel! Who drill you - diet you - treat you like cattle, use you as cannon fodder. Don't give yourselves to these unnatural men - machine men with machine minds and machine hearts! You are not machines! You are not cattle! You are men! You have the love of humanity in your hearts! You don't hate! Only the unloved hate - the unloved and the unnatural! Soldiers! Don't fight for slavery! Fight for liberty!

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[*The Great Dictator*](#) is a 1940 American [anti-war](#), [political satire](#), and [black comedy](#) film written, directed, produced, scored by, and starring British comedian [Charlie Chaplin](#), following the tradition of many of his other films. Having been the only [Hollywood](#) filmmaker to continue to make [silent films](#) well into the period of [sound films](#), Chaplin made this his first true sound film. Chaplin's film advanced a stirring condemnation of the German and Italian dictators [Adolf Hitler](#) and [Benito Mussolini](#), as well as [fascism](#), [antisemitism](#), and the [Nazis](#). At the time of its first release, the [United States](#) was still at peace with [Nazi Germany](#) and neutral during what were the early days of [World War II](#). Chaplin plays both leading roles: a ruthless fascist dictator and a persecuted Jewish barber. *The Great Dictator* was popular with audiences, becoming Chaplin's most commercially successful film. Modern critics have praised it as a historically significant film, one of the greatest comedy films ever made and an important work of [satire](#). In his 1964 autobiography, Chaplin stated that he could not have made the film if he had known about the [true extent of the horrors](#) of the [Nazi concentration camps](#) at that time. **(information from Wikipedia)**

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