

1 only consolation is to be that I live not to weep over  
2 it."

3 He did not live to weep over it for what he  
4 prophesied happened; The tragic rending of a nation in  
5 a civil war over man's inhumanity to man and the disaster  
6 that always follows from it.

7 And in another period Abraham Lincoln was basicall-  
8 ly honest and willing to admit his confusions but he saw  
9 that the nations could not exist half-slave and half-  
10 free, but yet on occasion he rationalized and responding  
11 to the culture of his time, wrote of the physical  
12 differences between the black and the white, and made it  
13 clear that he felt that there was a racial superiority  
14 by virtue of skin color.

15 Now, morally Lincoln was against slavery but he  
16 was unable to act in accordance with his conscience be-  
17 cause of the culture in which he lived. And he  
18 said if we could first know whither we are tending,  
19 we could better judge what to do.

20 Fortunately for the nation he could see whither  
21 we were tending, and on January 1, 1896, he issued the