

1 his culture influenced by the psuedo-scientific and
2 amoral philosophy that recognized slavery.

3 In his notes he portrayed the Negro as an
4 inferior human being and yet out of him came the majestic
5 words that all men are created equal, but in the culture
6 of that time, it meant all white men.

7 But in his heart he knew that slavery was
8 wrong, and that it degraded the white man's mind and soul
9 as well as the Negro. In his notes on Virginia
10 he wrote "Indeed, I trouble for my country when I reflect
11 that God is just and that his justice cannot sleep for-
12 ever. The Almighty has no attribute which can take sides
13 with us in such a contest."

14 And in 1820 he wrote "But the momentous
15 question, slavery, like a firebell in the night awakened
16 me and filled me with terror. I considered it at once
17 as the knell of the Union. I regret that I am now to die
18 in the belief that the useless sacrifice of themselves
19 by the generation of 1776 to acquire self-government and
20 happiness to their country is to be thrown away by the
21 unwise and unworthy passion of their sons, and that my