



What is going on in their mind?

If you are like me you sometimes wonder what others are thinking. At times it simple can astonish what someone will do or say.

The funny thing about other people is they have not had the same experiences and life exposures we have had. In fact, part of the difference in even twins can be attributed to their interpretations of similar environmental exposures. Though we are all humans we are subject to interpreting the world we live in differently.

Abraham Lincoln was one of the early people in our country to realize differences in views and opinions of others. Getting thrust into the tensions soon to cause our country's Civil war within in its boundaries, he found a way to continue to be as peaceful as possible. He was noted as following the line of holding judgement, stating if he had walked in the shoes of someone else he might have done the same thing.

His willingness to look at issues from the other person's point of view was paramount in the time when strong opinions could have been even more harmful. He reminds us we should each work together in remembering we might very well have felt or believed what the other person does had we lived in their circumstances.

May we also remember when it is time to speak up about differences one should do so in caution. Before we disagree with someone remember another thought form Lincoln when he stated, "I am rather included to silence, and whether that be wise or not, it is at least more unusual nowadays to find a man who can hold his tongue than to find one who cannot."

-Dr. Roger Moore