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Read over the questions below and think about the ideas expressed in the letters from Phillis Wheatley and Abigail Adams. Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. According to Phillis Wheatley, religious freedom by itself is not enough to make a person free. What other freedom does she say is necessary?

2. What reason does Wheatley give to explain why people are willing to allow slavery?

3. What "strange absurdity" does Wheatley refer to?

4. Abigail Adams is very concerned about the safety of Boston. Explain why.

5. What contrast does Adams point out between the goals of the Congress and the attitude of the delegates toward their wives?

Answer the following questions based on your understanding of the letters. (15 points)

6. What does Wheatley think will be the fate of the slavery system? Why does she think that?
7. In what ways does Adams's life and the way she feels contrast with the life and feelings of her husband? Support your ideas with details from the letter.