

George Washington's Farewell Address was delivered September 17, 1796—over one hundred and forty three years ago.

*This great document is commonly accorded a place beside The Declaration of Independence, second only to the Constitution.*

With almost uncanny accuracy, he foresaw many of the troubles that face us today.

*He recommended "for our frequent review" many warnings of possible dangers, with suggestions how to guard against them.*

For our frequent review—perhaps with the thought in mind that we may forget momentarily the indescribable sufferings and privations our forefathers endured in order to gain the freedom and liberty, which we enjoy today.

*Maybe he foresaw possible foreign entanglements and their great danger to our happiness, prosperity and general welfare—*

He certainly warned against the abuse of public credit and the accumulation of debt with which to burden posterity.


*A lot of things are happening today that he apparently visioned when he delivered that famous address—*

In this month of his two hundred and eighth birthday—it might be well to review the many pertinent things he outlined to us in this famous document.

*It would be timely if every law-maker in this great land of ours would take time out and read this document—carefully—and ponder over it—they will find real guidance and inspiration in it.*

It would do us all good—to re-read and ponder over a copy of Washington's Farewell Address.





**I hold the maxim no less applicable to public than to private affairs, that honesty is the best policy.**

— George Washington

**A fire not to be quenched, it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting into a flame, lest, instead of warming, it should consume.**

— George Washington

**As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit. One method of preserving it is to use it as sparingly as possible.**

— George Washington

**Associate with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; it is better to be alone than in bad company.**

— George Washington

**Europe has a set of primary interests, which to us have none, or very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns.**

— George Washington

**It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliance with any portion of the foreign world.**

— George Washington

**Gambling is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity and the father of mischief.**

— George Washington

**Friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.**

— George Washington