

So, all I have said may be summed up in one phrase, one definition. I left my "text", so to speak, to the end, because I think it can usefully be applied to almost everything that I have said. It is a definition of a nation taken from St. Augustine's The City of God: "A nation is an association of reasonable beings united in a peaceful sharing of the things they cherish". It is hard for us individually or collectively to live up to it, but if we come here prepared to act as reasonable human beings and to try in some measure to be united, as many of us as possible, whether we sit in the front row or in the back row, in a peaceful sharing of the things we cherish, we shall have served our countries well at this critical time in the history of the world.

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