

any portion of the foreign world". Yet here I stand, a foreigner, endeavouring -- whether insidiously or not you will have to judge -- to urge America ever more permanently into new alliances. That I dare do so is a measure not only of the bond that links Canadians to you but as well of the spirit of America. Thomas Paine's words of two centuries ago are as valid today as when he uttered them:

"My country is the world, and my religion is to do good."

In your continued quest of those ideals, ladies and gentlemen, I wish you Godspeed.

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