

FDR's First Inaugural Address

FDR's most famous line in his first inaugural address is "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Read the full line below, and answer the questions that follow in 4-6 sentences.

So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.

In the context of this address, what did Roosevelt mean by "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself"? Why do you think this particular quotation has stood the test of time? Is it still relevant today?		

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