

heard bullets whistle, and, believe me, there is something charming in the sound.

GEORGE WASHINGTON (1732–1799). Following a skirmish near Great Meadow (Pennsylvania) during the French and Indian War. Letter to his brother John Augustine Washington, 31 May 1754

DARING

See also • Boldness • Bravery: Herman Melville • Courage

There are cases in which the greatest daring is the greatest wisdom.

KARL von CLAUSEWITZ (1780–1831). *On War*, 2.5, 1832, tr. J. J. Graham, 1873

See Boldness: Lucius Marcius • Crises: Henry A. Kissinger (2)

A daring pilot in extremity;

pleas'd with the danger, when the waves went high,

he sought the storms; but, for a calm unfit,

Would steer too nigh the sands, to boast his wit.

JOHN DRYDEN (1631–1700). *Absalom and Achitophel*, 1.159, 1681

Dare to be yourself.

ANDRÉ GIDE (1869–1951). *Journal*, 10 June 1891, tr. Justin O'Brien, 1948

A daring beginning is halfway to winning.

HEINRICH HEINE (1797–1856). "To the Young," *Romancero*, 1851

Over-daring is as great a vice as over-fearing.

BEN JONSON (1573–1637). *The New Inn*, 4.3, 1629

Great daring often conceals great fear.

LUCAN (A.D. 39–65). *Pharsalia*, 4.702

Dare to think and dare to do.

MAO TSE-TUNG (1893–1976). Slogan. In Edgar Snow, *Red China Today*, 20, 1970

I have but dared too much.

NAPOLEON (1769–1821). Remark to his brother Lucien Bonaparte after being defeated at Waterloo, 1815, *The Mind of Napoleon: A Selection from His Written and Spoken Words*, 59, ed. J. Christopher Herold, 1955

Who dares, wins.

SAYING

DAY OF JUDGMENT

See also • God • God & Man • Redemption • Religion • Salvation

So, I think, God hides some souls away,

suddenly to surprise us, the last day.

MARY BRANCH (1840–1922). "The Petrified Fern"

God might begin the Day of Judgment, but he would probably find himself in the dock long before it was over.

SAMUEL BUTLER (1835–1902). *Further Extracts from the Note-Books of Samuel Butler*, 3, ed. A. T. Bartholomew, 1934

I'll tell you a big secret, *mon cher*. Don't wait for the Last Judgment. It takes place every day.

ALBERT CAMUS (1913–1960). *The Fall*, p. 111, tr. Justin O'Brien, 1956

The resurrected suddenly begin accusing God in all languages: the true Last Judgment.

ELIAS CANETTI (1905–1994). 1947, *The Human Province*, tr. Joachim Neugroschel, 1978

But see how many now cry out "Christ! Christ?" who shall be farther from him at the Judgment than many who, on earth, did not know Christ.

DANTE (A.D. 1265–1321). "Paradise" (19.106), *The Divine Comedy*, 1321, tr. John Ciardi, 1954

The Day of Judgment is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish, therefore, that candles be brought.

COL. DAVENPORT (18th cent.). Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives. Responding to his colleagues' clamor for adjournment because of their fear that the darkened skies at midday signaled the end of the world, 19 May 1790. In Alistair Cooke, "Getting Away from It All," *One Man's America*, 1952

See Death: Montaigne (2)

Man's willingness to turn to history rather than to God for final judgment reveals how truly secular our culture and society have become. . . . This recourse to historical judgment is more natural among Marxists who have a faith in the course of history which others do not share. Leaders in the Western democracies, nevertheless, make a similar appeal to history, hoping that subsequent events will prove that their decisions were the right ones in both moral and practical terms.

PETER W. DICKSON. *Kissinger and the Meaning of History*, 1, 1978

No man has learned anything until he knows that every day is the Judgment Day.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON (1803–1882). *Journal*, May 1849

At the Day of Judgment, we shall not be asked what Proficiency we have made in Languages or Philosophy; but whether we have liv'd virtuously and piously.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (1706–1790). *Poor Richard's Almanack*, December 1757

The haughtiness of man shall be humbled,
and the pride of men shall be brought low;
and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day.

ISAIAH (8th cent. B.C.). *Isaiah* 2:17

If we are soon to die, or if we believe a day of judgment to be near at hand, how quickly do we put our moral house in order.

WILLIAM JAMES (1842–1910). *The Varieties of Religious Experience: A Study in Human Nature*, 11, 12, and 13, 1902

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars.

JESUS (A.D. 1st cent.). *Matthew* 24:6

This gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come.