**Fear - Ponderings**

**For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me,   
and that which I was afraid of has befallen me. *(Job 3:25)***

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord;**

**Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him,**

**upon them that hope in His mercy.**

***(Psalm 33:12,18)***

**Therefore we will not fear,**

**though the earth should change.**

***(Psalm 46:2)***

**Praise the Lord.   
Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,   
who is vigilant in his commandments.    
His descendants shall be mighty upon earth;   
he shall be blessed in the generation of the upright.   
 *(Psalm 112:1-2)***

**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power,**

**and of love, and of a sound mind.**

***(2 Timothy 1:7)***

**When fear advances, logic backs away. *(Libbie Fudim)***

**Perhaps the angels who fear to tread where fools rush in used to be fools who rushed in. *(Franklin P. Jones, in Quote magazine)***

**We can even be afraid without being able to identify the cause of our fears! We’re just plain afraid, and we go from day to day, carefully picking our way through a fear-filled existence. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 271)***

**It is not power that corrupts but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it, and fear of the scourge of power corrupts those who are subject to it. *(Aung San Suu Kyi, Nobel Peace Prize-winner, in Far Eastern Economic Review)***

**Fear is that little darkroom where negatives are developed. *(Michael Pritchard)***

**We must not fear daylight just because it almost always illuminates a miserable world. *(Rene Magritte, artist)***

**The fear of death keeps us from living, not from dying. *(Paul C. Roud, in Making Miracles)***

**Fear is often disguised as moral outrage. *(Judy Blume)***

**Nothing is more desirable than to be released from an affliction, but nothing is more frightening than to be divested of a crutch. *(James Baldwin, in Nobody Knows My Name)***

**I’m scared! I don’t know whether the world is full of smart men bluffing or imbeciles who mean it. *(Morrie Brickman)***

**It is not death or pain that is to be dreaded, but the fear of pain or death. *(Epictetus, in Discourses)***

**What a fearful object a long-neglected duty gets to be! *(Chauncey Wright)***

**You don’t have to be afraid – I have enough fear for both of us. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Behind everything we feel there is always a sense of fear. *(Ugo Betti, in Struggle Till Dawn)***

**Fear is forward. No one is afraid of yesterday. *(Renata Adler, author)***

**No member of our generation who has a mature sense of reality and responsibility can experience a literal freedom from fear. *(Bonaro Overstreet, in Courage for Crisis)***

**The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God you fear everything else. *(Oswald Chambers, in The Highest Good)***

**There are times when fear is good. It must keep its watchful place at the heart’s controls. *(Aeschylus, in The Eumenides)***

**Many people fear that the good times will end, while others are afraid that they’ll never begin. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**We fear something before we hate it. A child who fears noises becomes a man who hates noise. *(Cyril Connolly, British critic)***

**If you knew Who walks beside you on the way that you have chosen, fear would be impossible. *(A Course in Miracles)***

**Do not fear death so much, but rather the inadequate life. *(Bertolt Brecht)***

**The more you learn, the less you fear. *(Julian Bames, author)***

**When we're afraid to listen, we only talk. When we're afraid to be with others, we make sure we're alone. *(Christopher Ian Chenoweth)***

**It is not only things going wrong that frighten us. It is also our lives going profoundly right. It is clarity piercing the armor of encrusted prejudices – about others and ourselves. It is new vitality sweeping away the stagnation of lethargy. It is deep roots, long buried beneath the surface, sending up sprouts to at last burst uncontrolled into sunlight. *(Gary Zukav, in Soul to Soul: Communications from the Heart, p. 8)***

**Boldness is a mask for fear, however great. *(John Dryden)***

**I will always have fears, but I need not be my fears, for I have other places within myself from which to speak and act. *(Parker Palmer)***

**Huge evils occur precisely because great power is placed in the hands of men who have no fear of God and who believe themselves restrained by no absolute code of conduct. *(Paul Johnson)***

**One of the things we absolutely owe our Lord is never to be afraid. *(Venerable Charles de Foucauld)***

**A timid person is frightened before a danger, a coward during the time, and a courageous person afterward. *(Jean Paul Richter)***

**We shall not fear the process, when we understand that it is all progress. (Nona L. Brooks)**

**Men resist what they fear. *(Nona L. Brooks)***

**A sense of continuity with the generations gone before can stretch like a lifeline across the scary present. *(John Dos Passos, author)***

**Never fear shadows. They simply mean there’s a light shining somewhere nearby. *(Ruth E. Renkel)***

**When people share their fears with you, share your courage with them. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The worst sorrows in life are not in its losses and misfortunes, but its fears. *(Arthur Christopher Benson, essayist)***

**You’ll never put your troubles behind you if you’re afraid to turn your back on them! *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**We always fear what we don’t understand. *(Walter Rinder)***

**Only weak men fear able women. *(Marion Boyars, publisher)***

**Most of us fight against coming to grips with our problems, but we are forced to admit, when it’s all over, that we’d never have done as well if our fears had not pushed us to try so hard. *(Ardis Whitman, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The world can be a frightening place – but it’s still safer than anywhere else. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**A good scare is worth more to a man than good advice. *(Edgar Watson Howe, in Country Town Sayings)***

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