

Believing that the fear of congressmen to meet the conditions prevailing from 1929 to 1932, and their hesitancy in assuming the burdens placed upon them by their oaths of office, caused them to pass legislation giving extraordinary powers to the President, because of these many things I have decided to talk a bit upon the development of fear and the influence it has exerted on mankind.

"Fear of the Lord that is wisdom". Job

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear."  
--John

Here we have two sides of the question, one as seen by Job, who had undergone the test; and the other by John to whom the heavens had been unrolled as a scroll.

Fear so dominates the Old Testament that it makes the love stories of Ruth and Boaz, and of David and Jonathan, stand out in strange settings.

In a world where "An eye for an eye" was the basis of action between men, and where in religion, man always faced an angry God, Christ dared to discard the word FEAR and to stress over and over again the power of LOVE.

Christ suffered and died, because he was obsessed with the idea of a loving God, and boldly and unceasingly proclaimed it. Like the prophet of old, who declared that God was sick of burned offerings, Christ featured a loving God, who cared for his children, and loved even sinful men.

I have wondered why theologians have perverted the teaching of Christ, and why they have replaced love with cruelty, fear and punishment. Doubtless there are many answers, but actually is there any real reason, other than misunderstanding cupidity, or the desire to rule over the lives of men, both in life, and in the hereafter?

Man is undoubtedly nature's and God's most frightened animal.