

DANGER

Enemies, Jeopardy, Risk and Peril

1. ESSENCE

- 781 Every man is his own chief enemy.
Anacharsis (fl. B.C. 600)
- 782 Our enemies are our outward consciences.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 783 As soon as there is life there is danger.
Emerson (1803-1882)

2. OPPOSITES

- 784 The space in a needle's eye is sufficient for two friends,
but the whole world is scarcely big enough to hold two
enemies.
Solomon Ibn Gabirol (1021?-1053)
- 785 Perils commonly ask to be paid on pleasures.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 786 Out of this nettle, danger, we pluck this flower, safety.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 787 There is no person who is not dangerous for some one.
Marie de Sevigne (1626-1696)
- 788 Be assured those will be thy worst enemies, not to whom thou
hast done evil, but who have done evil to thee.
And those will be thy best friends, not to whom thou
hast done good, but who have done good to thee.
Lavater (1741-1801)
- 789 A malicious enemy is better than a clumsy friend.
Anne Swetchine (1782-1857)
- 790 I destroy my enemy when I make him my friend.
Lincoln (1809-1865)
- 791 Two dangers constantly threaten the world:
order and disorder.
Paul Valery (1871-1945)
- 792 Biggest profits mean gravest risks.
Chinese Proverb

3. INSIGHT

- 793 The responses of human beings vary greatly under dangerous circumstances. The strong man advances boldly to meet them head on. The weak man grows agitated. But the superior man stands up to fate, endures resolutely in his inner certainty of final success, and bides his time until the onset of reassuring odds.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 794 Know the enemy and know yourself;
in a hundred battles you will never be in peril.
When you are ignorant of the enemy but know yourself,
your chances of winning or losing are equal.
If ignorant both of your enemy and of yourself,
you are certain in every battle to be in peril.
Sun Tzu (fl. c. B.C. 500)
- 795 The wise man does not expose himself needlessly to danger, since there are few things for which he cares sufficiently; but he is willing, in great crises to give even his life- knowing that under certain conditions it is not worth while to live.
Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)
- 796 There is no gathering the rose without being pricked by the thorns.
Pilpay (B.C. 300?)
- 797 Man is never watchful enough against dangers that threaten him every hour.
Horace (B.C. 65-8)
- 798 Constant exposure to dangers will breed contempt for them.
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 799 The mere apprehension of a coming evil has put many into a situation of the utmost danger.
Lucan (39-65 A.D.)
- 800 Method is more important than strength,
when you wish to control your enemies.
By dropping golden beads near a snake,
a crow once managed
To have a passerby kill the snake
for the beads.
Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)
- 801 It is the enemy whom we do not suspect
who is the most dangerous.
Fernando Rojas (1465?-1541?)

- 802 There is no little enemy.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 803 A merely fallen enemy may rise again, but the reconciled
one is truly vanquished.
Schiller (1759-1805)
- 804 If we could read the secret history of our enemies we
should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough
to disarm all hostility.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 805 You can discover what your enemy fears most
by observing the means he uses to frighten you.
Eric Hoffer (1902-1983)

4. POSITIVE

- 806 Men of sense often learn from their enemies. It is from
their foes, not their friends, that cities learn the lesson
of building high walls and ships of war; and this lesson
saves their children, their homes, and their properties.
Aristophanes (B.C. 448-380)
- 807 Some men are more beholden to their bitterest enemies
than to friends who appear to be sweetness itself.
The former frequently tell the truth, but the latter never.
Cato the Younger (B.C. 95-46)
- 808 Danger, the spur of all great minds.
George Chapman (1557-1634)
- 809 Many have had their greatness made for them by their
enemies.
Baltasar Gracian (1601-1658)
- 810 Our enemies come nearer the truth in the opinions they
form of us than we do in our opinion of ourselves.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 811 Great perils have this beauty, that they bring to light
the fraternity of strangers.
Victor Hugo (1802-1885)
- 812 Everything is sweetened by risk.
Alexander Smith (1830-1867)

813 All centuries are dangerous, it is the business of the future to be dangerous. It must be admitted that there is a degree of instability which is inconsistent with civilization. But, on the whole, the great ages have been the unstable ages.

Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947)

814 Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

James B. Conant (1893-1978)

5. NEGATIVE

815 The worst enemy is one that fears the gods.

Aeschylus (B.C. 525-456)

816 Even if the son of his enemy speaks sweetly,
The wise man remains on guard.
A poisonous leaf retains its potency,
And can cause injury at any time.

Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)

817 If you have no enemies, it is a sign fortune has forgot you.

Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)

818 Dangers bring fears, and fears more dangers bring.

Richard Baxter (1615-1691)

819 Whatever the number of a man's friends, there will be times in his life when he has one too few; but if he has only one enemy, he is lucky indeed if he has not one too many.

Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)

820 We each have some dominant defect, by which the enemy can grasp us. In some it is vanity, in others indolence, in most egotism. Let a cunning and evil spirit possess himself of this, and you are lost.

Albert Pike (1809-1891)

6. ADVICE

821 A person in danger should not try to escape at one stroke. He should first calmly hold his own, then be satisfied with small gains, which will come by creative adaptations.

I Ching (B.C. 1150?)

822 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat.

Proverbs (B.C. 1000?-200?)

- 823 The world is always burning, burning with the fire of greed,
anger and ignorance; one should flee from such dangers as
soon as possible.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 824 Observe your enemies, for they first find out your faults.
Antisthenes (fl. B.C. 444)
- 825 Let us carefully observe those good qualities wherein our
enemies excel us; and endeavor to excel them, by avoiding
what is faulty, and imitating what is excellent in them.
Plutarch (46-120 A.D.)
- 826 If we must fall, we should boldly meet the danger.
Tacitus (55-117 A.D.)
- 827 Whoever benefits his enemy
With straightforward intention
That man's enemies will soon
Fold their hands in devotion.
Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)
- 828 In time of danger it is proper to be alarmed until danger be
near at hand; but when we perceive that danger is near, we
should oppose it as if we were not afraid.
The Hitopadesa (600?-1100? A.D.)
- 829 O wise man, wash your hands of that friend who associates
with your enemies.
Saadi (1184-1291)
- 830 Wise men say nothing in dangerous times.
John Selden (1584-1654)
- 831 Let the fear of a danger be a spur to prevent it;
he that fears not, gives advantage to the danger.
Quarles (1592-1644)
- 832 In fighting and in everyday life you should be determined
though calm. Meet the situation without tenseness yet not
recklessly, your spirit settled yet unbiased...An elevated
spirit is weak and a low spirit is weak. Do not let the
enemy see your spirit.
Miyamoto Musashi (1584-1645)
- 833 Beware of meat twice boiled,
and an old foe reconciled.
Franklin (1706-1790)

- 834 It is better to meet danger than to wait for it. He that is on a lee shore, and foresees a hurricane, stands out to sea and encounters a storm to avoid a shipwreck.
Colton (1780-1832)
- 835 Danger - if you meet it promptly and without flinching - you will reduce the danger by half. Never run away from anything. Never!
Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

7. POTPOURRI

- 836 Man should observe the strictest self-restraint and reserve in dangerous times. In this way he incurs neither injury from antagonists with designs on pre-eminence nor obligations to others.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 837 There's nothing like the sight of an old enemy down on his luck.
Euripides (B.C. 480-406)
- 838 It is better to do thine own duty, however lacking in merit, than to do that of another, even though efficiently. It is better to die doing one's own duty, for to do the duty of another is fraught with danger.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 839 You are dealing with a work full of dangerous hazard, and you are venturing upon fires overlaid with treacherous ashes
Horace (B.C. 65-8)
- 840 Send danger from the east unto the west,
So honor cross it from the north to south.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 841 O'er the ice the rapid skater flies,
With sport above and death below,
Where mischief lurks in gay disguise
Thus lightly touch and quickly go.
Pierre Charles Roy (1683-1764)
- 842 During the first period of a man's life the greatest danger is: not to take the risk. When once the risk has really been taken, then the greatest danger is to risk too much.
Kierkegaard (1813-1855)
- 843 The world is large when its weary leagues two loving hearts divide;
But the world is small when your enemy is loose on the other side.
John O'Reilly (1844-1890)