

Abstract

Finding Courage in Times of Fear

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Fear is a universal emotion. It is absolutely a guarantee that everyone will feel fear at some point in their lives. It, truly, is an intrinsic component of being human. However, just as essential to the tale of our existence, we are somehow able to find strength amidst terrible times, and through distressing situations. As one examines our long and storied history of existence on this Earth, we as a species have, without fail, been able to find the inner strength necessary to overcome great obstacles. In this way, we are all linked. Our seemingly innate ability to persevere despite terror, panic, and dread connects us all. Finding courage in times of fear is ingrained in us. There is a universality in our human condition that creates in all of us a drive to hold firm despite awful conditions. To examine this topic, I would like to narrate and present the story of the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93, who, against insurmountable odds, found bravery during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The paper will discuss our innate strength and courage amidst the fear of non-knowing & death.