

**WANTED
COURAGE!**

This **force** which makes it possible for you to “risk your life”. In the frontline of life. In the face of fear.

This **virtue** which pushes you to **defend your beliefs**, deliberately and responsibly **with the makings of the hero** and of the righteous. This **weapon** which **fights for truth**, which does not fear to risk, which faces bravely the difficulties of life.

Courage is the wave **of energy behind every great act**, the spark starting up the fire during the first timid steps of growth, **the force which sails with fair wind** and pushes you ahead in the journey of life.

Courage means to defy criticism, to rest on your self, and especially to accept and to learn from the consequences of your choices.

Courage fights grief, **progress is based on courage**, it leads to spiritual conquests, to the **sense of satisfaction**, to the bravery of thought. It is the **real joy of life**.

Courage is needed, therefore, especially now in this critical situation. To stand up to the difficulties, to provide solutions, to resist against the signs of the times. Mostly, **to inspire bravery in the young, tender ages**, as a compass of guidance in their insecure future.

Having courage as its weapon, our Hellenic Book Club, is travelling 38 years in life and civilization, showing special interest for the children and the young men, and about how to confront the everyday life with strength and self-confidence.


Courage inspires and animates its work, its Truth, the “weeks of book” in the schools, the recreations of the children, the lending libraries which endow, the one after the other, the children of our isolated and frontier villages. Courage encourages new life into the youth, and it is for the Hellenic Book Club the **main method of education with a human face**. It is the medium **which shapes free, responsible, conscious, whole personalities**.

“Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered... and no one was there!”

Piltser – September (Πίλτσερ: Σεπτέμβρης σελ.389)

“Have courage! I defeated the world.” Jesus

Sweet the expectation of the wise education:

 **What you offer to a child, some day it returns it to you. If you deny it, it shall also deny it at its turn. The evil you do, this it can also repeat. But, if you blow its young sails with the breath of strength, of courage and of directness, then it can sail and knows how to confront the storm.**

Gray ★ Book of life (Γκραίη ★ Το βιβλίο της ζωής σελ.51)

The scream of courage

With what tongue to speak? / with what voice to shout? / the winds of the years, / which, with everything they took with them, left behind a glimpse of Sun / at noon. / All unripe children invited to the expectations / shall paint again, the multicolored neighborhoods, / with bravery / and the cry of audacity.

“The quintessence of life”. Zoi Tataki-Iosiphidou (Βίου απόσταγμα, Ζωής Τατάκη-Ιωσηφίδου)

The courage of the bird

Stand wherever you are. In every place there is a gaping precipice and there exists a peak. For someone who knows not to fall, everywhere is a center and everywhere is a middle, everywhere is a hidden joy.

Balance yourself wherever you are. The weight is not pushing downwards, it goes upwards. For you, who have the courage of the bird, your foot always steps on tops!
“Simple sounds in verses”. Aimos Avrilios

“Freedom needs virtue and courage” *Andreas Kalvos*

“If you loose your courage, you loose everything” *Goethe*

Man is frightened before his freedom. He was never educated for this, it is dolorously strange to him. He chooses the misery of the familiar and not the open horizons of the unfamiliar. Slavery is regarded to be safer.

Vamvounaki 🌸 Flower of cinnamon (Βαμβουνάκη 🌸 Το λουλούδι της κανέλας σελ.152)

The act of undertaking one's responsibilities is the essential condition for the real inner freedom.
Karen Horney - Our inner conflicts (Κάρεν Χόρνεϋ - Οι συγκρούσεις του εσωτερικού μας κόσμου σελ. 229)

The courage which interests us today is a force which possesses us entirely, which protects us from the fragmentation within the vicissitudes of everyday life.

J. L. Servan Schreber - Le retour du courage (Ζ. Λ. Σερβάν Σρεμπέρ - Η επιστροφή του θάρρους σελ.14)

Cowardice is the most reasonable thing in the world. It always has its rights. Slave, raise your head, and then raise your soul! It is enough. Lord Byron

After 400 years of slavery in Greece

From the native tyrants and our inner tyrant -of voluntary servitude- how can we escape?!

After 190 years of freedom

What kind of life is a life within fear? It is the life of a man who walks looking downwards. The life of a slave. But, the destiny calling us is not the destiny of slaves, but the destiny of the children and the brothers. It is the destiny of love and freedom. Because real freedom is not doing whatever happens to us, but to live as entities released from fear.

Tamaro 🌸 Answer me - (Σουζάννα Ταμάρο 🌸 Απάντησέ μου σελ.279)

Do not depend on the courage and the bravery of the others. Each one of you has to sacrifice in order to become a hero. Only then shall we be able to enjoy real freedom.

Aung San Suu Kyi - Freedom from fear (Αούγκ Σαν Σου Κι - Απελευθέρωση από το φόβο σελ.222)

Freedom needs courage and practice. Courage is after all how much freedom we can endure.

Vamvounaki 🌸 The song of the mask (Βαμβουνάκη 🌸 Το τραγούδι της μάσκας σελ.138)

If we do not risk, we shall never earn. The conservative wishing to be secure is an ossified being.
Carrell : Athanassiadis - Certainties and uncertainties (Καρρέλ : Αθανασιάδης-Βεβαιότητες και αμφιβολίες σελ.236)

The greatest power of the individual lies within the most possible integration of its personality, and this means also its greatest self-knowledge. The “know yourself” is one of the most fundamental precepts aiming at the strength and happiness of man.

Fromm - The fear of freedom (Φρομ – Ο φόβος μπροστά στην ελευθερία σελ.276)

In order to live, courage is needed. Both the intact seed and the seed which breaks its covering share the same properties. But, only the seed which breaks its covering shall be able to enter into the adventure of life.

Gibran 🌸 Beloved letters Prophet (Γκιμπράν 🌸 Οι ερωτικές επιστολές του Προφήτη σελ.137)



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