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No children want safety from anything but boredom, and neither do adults. All our concepts of safety are meant to save us from incapacitations that threaten the mobility of health or wealth so that we can move around better to explore more and longer.

The punishment of prison is that it offers great safety. This incarceration is the old childhood punishment of "staying". Any prisoner would be glad for any kind of "rehabilitation" program that offers relief from monotony.

The fear of boredom causes wars, crusades, etc. From the boring desert comes fierce warriors dying to sack, pillage, rape, burn, do anything. From the boring cities on hot boring nights rises a smoldering fire of hope for relief. A riot suffices. The lights went out. My God! What an opportunity! Heaven (or greater powers like the electric company) has decreed a time for change. Joy fills the streets and a jolly good time was havocked by all.

Poverty is boring. Safety is boring. Sickness is boring. Ignorance is boring. Peace is boring.

In times of peace there is the need for great (even extraordinary) goals and prosperity and/or success within that society or there will be an explosion of warlike energy toward the universe beyond.

The attention span of a child, an adult, a nation another description of the universal desire for experiencing change from static situations.

If nature abhors a vacuum, it is because it detests boredom.

Nothing is more boring to the human mind than a subject completely understood.

Repetition is boring when one believes nothing much more will be gained (or changed).

A bore is someone who repeats themselves when they are already understood too well.

A bore is someone who tells you more than you want to know about something.

Beating a dead horse is the epitomized expression of over-doing, over-killing, over-telling, over-satisfying.

Over-satisfaction cannot exist; boredom replaces satisfaction that is pushed.