

Serendipity

Serendipity is a word invented by Horace Walpole in his letter of January 28, 1754 about a “... fairy tale called The Three Princes of Serendip, now Sri Lanka. As their highnesses travelled, they were always making discoveries, by accidents and sagacity, of things which they were not in quest of...”

Serendipity refers to the effect by which one accidentally discovers something fortunate, especially while looking for something else entirely. (From Google, 2007)

Goethe on Commitment

“Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness.

Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation), there is one elemental truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans - that the moment that one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves all.

All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one’s favour all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance which no man could have dreamed would have come his way.

Whatever you can do or dream you can begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.

Begin it now.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 1749-1832

German poet, novelist, playwright, courtier, and natural philosopher