



Dear Pioneers Unlimited:

Throughout history there have been men who lived in fear of the unknown, as there have been men who set forth eagerly to find what lay beyond their known horizons. Thus the fearful navigator stayed at home to escape falling off the edge of the earth he believed to be round, while men like Columbus sailed confidently west to meet the east. Thus also the fearful remained earthbound, scoffing, when men like the Wrights struggled and failed and tried again to fashion a machine that would travel through air. And thus there were—and are—those who are fearful of the modern ventures into outer space, while others eagerly look forward to a journey among the distant stars.

My point is only this: Fear engenders only fear; it produces neither safety nor knowledge. But intelligent curiosity plus courage plus persistence expands our horizon infinitely, individually as well as collectively. It is a wonderful world in which we live. May it be your portion to share in and contribute to all that makes it so.

Yours for an ever expanding horizon,
Caroline K. Barron

Pioneers: TO YOU

There is no endowment in man or woman
that is not allied in you,
There is no virtue, no beauty in man or
woman,
but as good is in you,
No pluck, no endurance in others,
but as good is in you,
No pleasure waiting for others
but an equal pleasure waits for you.

From: *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman

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