

Glory

Modernity seems devoid of glory. There are no crusades to fight, no continents to map, no frontier to tame. Instead we have the almost paralyzing lethargy of modernity. There appears limited opportunity for making one's own simple destiny into the unknown; Of creating a legacy of heroism into the future. While the lives of pioneers are not simple and death is often outcome of the pursuit of destiny and glory, it still seems unfair that we have conceded destiny and glory to a life of relative unhappy safety. What do we replace this void with? What should we do to seek these ideals? I have no solid answer for this. People like the crusaders, explorers, and pioneers did not set out with the ideal of glory or destiny before them, and many were not great people to begin with. However, their pursuit of the unknown changed the world for all of us and that should be commended. They seemed to be captured by God, chance, and luck to have such an impact. Therefore I can only assume the way to create a path of glory is to create one for yourself. You need to believe that you are a hero in your destiny and while you are not a knight in shining armor, to see the everyday mundane struggle as being so much an adventure worth fighting for. To pursue such a life you need to believe the life you have is full of glory, to impact the lives of others around you and to aspire to ideals that create a better person. You need to model your life after an ideal.