

PERSEVERANCE

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We are not doomed but are destined to experience failure. In times of failure, it may seem as though our previous accomplishments are distant and meaningless. Trials of failure can give our lives an illusion of darkness. By wallowing and giving up, one can accept this illusion and never see success again. As fragile as our ever-changing strength is, we must persevere. It is in moments of perseverance that we find the power to lead ourselves into greatness. As an eclipse in our life starts to pass, a new, bright beam of light will shine through. It is the reward we fight for—to become greater.

“Nations, like stars, are entitled to eclipse. All is well, provided the light returns and the eclipse does not become endless night. Dawn and resurrection are synonymous. The reappearance of the light is the same as the survival of the soul.”

-Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*



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