

# dementia

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Trivia nuts, this is for you! The following was quoted directly from The Dictionary of Misinformation by Tom Burnam.

**"Tis better to have loved and lost/Than never to have loved at all."** Although they are usually applied to traditional relationships, these famous lines from section 27, stanza 4, of Alfred, Lord Tennyson's long poem *In Memoriam* do not refer to love between man and woman. They were written, as was the whole of *In Memoriam*, with reference to Arthur Hallam, Tennyson's close friend, whose premature death at 22 was a shattering experience to the young poet (Tennyson himself was in his early 20s when Hallam died.)

**"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."** Often thought to have been spoken first by Franklin D. Roosevelt at his inauguration in 1933, these words, or others like them, had been spoken by Montaigne in the 16th Century ("The thing of which I have most is fear"), Francis Bacon in the 17th ("Nothing is terrible except fear itself"), and the duke of Wellington and Henry David Thoreau in the 19th ("The only thing I am afraid of is fear"). Even further back Proverbs 3:25 has "Be not afraid of sudden fear."

**Sherlock Holmes.** At no point in any of the 56 short stories and four novels that Arthur Conan Doyle wrote about his famous detective does Holmes say either "Elementary, my dear Watson," or "Quick, Watson, the needle!"

**Money is the root of all evil.** Not what the Bible says. Correctly, it's "For the love of money is the root of all evil." See I Timothy 6:10. There is a difference.

**Doctor, as a title.** Medical doctors and dentists invariably refer to themselves and to others holding the M.D., D.M.S., or D.D.S. degree as "Dcotor." As everyone knows, it is incorrect to refer to the holders of these degrees as "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Ms."

Contrary to popular belief, however, it is entirely proper to address holders of the Ph.D. as "Mrs." "Mrs." or "Ms." In fact, in America it is regarded as rather pretentious for the holder of the Ph.D. to put "Dr." on his office door or calling card.

**Hale, Nathan—and his dying words.** Nathan Hale is best remembered for saying on the gallows, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose (not "give") for my country. However, that is not what he said. Recently discovered is the diary of Capt. Frederick Mackenzie, a British officer who was there. He praises Hale for his courage, but records his last words as, "It is the duty of every good officer to obey any orders given him by his commander-in-chief."

In Joseph Addison's *Cato* (act 1, sc. 4) are the words: "What pity is it that we can die but once to serve our country!"

**Wall Street, name of.** Tourists often think Wall Street got its name because of the way high buildings seem to "wall" it in. But this is not so. The street was so named because there actually was a wall across Manhattan Island, designed to keep the Indians from the small city then huddled on the tip of the island.

**Man-eating plants.** Everybody knows that there are some plants which attract and "devour" insects, but no plant or tree has ever been found that eats up men or large animals—despite stories to the contrary.

**Desiderata.** The poster or wall-hanging, that goes by this name (*desiderata*, from Latin, can be roughly translated as "those things to be considered desirable") and opens "Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence" is still sometimes thought to have been "found" at Old St. Paul's Church in Baltimore and to date back to 1692.

Actually it was written by Max Ehrmann and copyrighted by him in 1927; the copyright was renewed in 1954 by Bertha K. Ehrmann. First versions of the poster, which swept the country a few years ago and is still a standard item in gift shops, erroneously claimed that it dated to the 17th Century and had been discovered during some remodeling at Old St. Paul's.

Old St. Paul's was actually founded in 1692, which perhaps accounts for the early confusion. Current versions of the poster carry a proper copyright notice, thus restoring to Mr. Ehrmann the credit he was entitled to all along. **3D**

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