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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 elementary truth, the ignorance of
which kills countless ideas and splendid plans.

That the moment one definitely commits oneself,
then providence moves too.

All sorts of things occur to help one that would
never otherwise have occurred.

A whole stream of events issue from the decision,
raising in one's favour all manner of unforeseen incidents
and meetings and material assistance,
which no man could have dreamt would have come his way.

I have learned a deep respect for one of Goethe's couplets:
"Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it."

From *The Scottish Himalayan Expedition* by W. H. Murray
published by J. M. Dent & Sons Ltd., 195