When I was young, the Summum Bonum in Massachusetts was to be worth ten thousand pounds Sterling, ride in a Chariot, be Colonel of a Regiment of Militia and hold a seat in his Majesty's Council. No Man's Imagination aspired to anything higher beneath the Skies.

John Adams to Thomas Jefferson Letter of November 15, 1813

The dream of vulnerability conquered is the dream of the age.

Josephine Hendin
"The Vulnerable People", 1978.