

## **Words and One-Liners**

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The Japanese suicide pilots of WWII were known as the Kamikaze. Translated, the word is religiously oriented and means "Divine Wind" In light of the tragedy of September 11th I couldn't help but dig in a drawer, locate and revamp this one. The polls taken the following day reported that a large percentage of the American public was in favor of immediately bombing the Arab nations at odds with us back into the stone age. Understandable, but dangerous thinking in the sophisticated technological nuclear age we now find ourselves trying to survive in. Beware of religious fanatics on all sides.

### **THE DIVINE WIND**

human nature being what it is  
the military arsenal  
being what it has become  
questions arise

backed into the same desperate corner  
would a Napoleonic paperhanger  
commit suicide these days?  
or apocalypse?

pushed to the brink  
do you think a godless dirty-Commie  
would have surrendered unconditionally  
to a Capitalist pig?  
or vice versa?

the fact is an atheist might be less inclined  
to blow up the "here and now"  
than those among us who believe  
in the "sweet by-and-by"

there is no defense  
against a Kamikaze fundamentalist  
willing to die flying prophecy  
down the smokestack of human existence

even so  
the heavyweights pose and bristle  
confident as battleships  
while non-believers on both sides  
are ordered to get their thinking straight

"An eye for an eye!" the zealot shouts  
"Pluck it out!" and never mind  
that the whole world goes blind