

Herodotus 8.98

τούτων δὲ τῶν ἀγγέλων ἔστι οὐδὲν ὅ τι θᾶσσον παραγίνεται
θνητὸν ἐόν· οὕτω τοῖσι Πέρησι ἐξεύρηται τοῦτο. λέγουσι γὰρ
ὡς ὁσέων ἂν ἡμερέων ἦ ἢ πᾶσα ὁδός, τοσοῦτοι ἵπποι τε καὶ
ἄνδρες διεστᾶσι, κατὰ ἡμερησίην ὁδὸν ἐκάστην ἵππος τε καὶ
ἄνθρωπος τεταγμένος· τοὺς οὔτε νιφετός, οὐκ ὄμβρος, οὐ καῦμα, οὐ
νύξ ἔργει μὴ οὐ κατανύσαι τὸν προκείμενον αὐτῷ δρόμον τὴν
ταχίστην.

παραγίγνομαι *come, happen, arrive at one's destination*

δίστημα *stand at intervals*

κατανύω *bring to an end, accomplish, arrive at*

Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night
stays these couriers from swift completion of their
appointed rounds.

New York City Post Office.

A recent message sent out by the Chicago city post office stated that if the
homeowner failed to clear his or her walk of snow the postal carrier would
not be obligated to deliver the mail. So cross “snow” off the list above.

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