



OF INDIFFERENT

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ABSTRACT:

Care for duty is a qualification. Hankering after luxury is a disqualification. Indifference to luxury is a qualification. Such indifference is a difficult task. All cannot be indifferent to sensual pleasure. Proper training is required in this regard. Good environment helps to acquire it. Proper culture sharpens it. Good culture protects it. Personal care paves the way to flourish it.

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INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform, rather it reveals. So it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. This article is an outcome of thinking about creative writing meant for a general readership. As such, I have adopted a free style methodology so that everyone can enjoy the pleasure of reading. As you might know, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays namely 'Of Love', 'Of Friendship', 'Of Ambition', 'Of Studies', and so on. The multiple-minded genius correctly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be used as themes for essays. But little has been done since his death to continue or finish his monumental task. Bacon's unique individual style of presentation ignited my imagination and encouraged me to write creative essays as a method of relieving a wide range of emotions through catharsis.

ARTICLE

Indifferent is having no particular interest or sympathy. It is unconcerned. For example: He gave an indifferent shrug.

It is neither good nor bad. It is mediocre e.g. a pair of indifferent water colours.

It is not thinking about or interested in someone or something. For example: He found it very hard teaching a class full of indifferent teenagers.

It is marked by a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern for something. It is apathetic e.g. indifferent to suffering and poverty.

It is marked by no special liking for or dislike of something e.g. indifferent about which task he was given.

It is being neither right nor wrong.

It is being neither excessive nor inadequate. It implies moderate e.g. hills of indifferent size.

It is marked by impartiality. It implies unbiased.

It is that does not matter one way or the other.

It is of no importance or value one way or the other.

It is characterized by lack of active quality. It is neutral e.g. an indifferent chemical.

It is not differentiated e.g. indifferent tissues of the human body.

It is capable of development in more than one direction e.g. especially, not yet embryologically determined.

The poor is indifferent to sorrows and hunger. They have adapted the pains of both. They have managed starvation. So scarcity of food and shelter do not give trouble them at all.

In politics there is leftist and there is rightist. An indifferent person is neither leftist nor rightist rather he is middle-east. The most advantage of remaining in the middle is that the person can change jersey at ease as per situation. Profit is his only single agenda. People call him opportunist. Such a sly person pretends to be indifferent but he is a finished scoundrel.

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Profit attracts. It has immense power. It attracts all and

everybody. Thus everybody rushes towards profit irrespective of state and status. Thus it levels all with its violent democratic force.

Profit is of two types viz., classical and commercial. Both are diagonally opposite to each other. Similarly, two persons thus involved are quite different i.e. diagonally opposite. Commercial person is mundane and classical soul is divine in nature. The former always calculates the profit and loss account of life. In contrast, the latter is quite indifferent to such worldly affairs.

Careerist is always selfish. Conversely, only a selfish person can build his career. His focus is single and on the target object only. He is indifferent to other matters. This strategy is the secret key of his success. Since selfishness is a derogatory term it defames a person. The paradox is that sometimes defame allows a person to acquire fame. This is really a confusing phenomenon to a novice.

Student period is the most crucial period of human life to build career. This period is very limited. Every moment is very valuable. There is much competition among the students. Only the topper gets better chance. As such an intelligent student pays highest attention towards his studies. To him study gets top most priority. He gets little time after finishing his lessons. So he remains quite indifferent to other worldly affairs. He knows present pain will offer permanent gain in future. In contrast, present gain, from playing, of an inattentive student confirms permanent pain.

There are four types of persons.

The first category is self-centered. He thinks for himself only. He has none. So he thinks for none. Also he is not ready to think for others. He considers it as wastage of time without any return. He is envious of the fortune of others. He wants to realize his ambition by any means fair or foul. He considers dishonesty as a means to fulfill desire. He finds no wrong in it.

The second category thinks for all. He does not think for reciprocation. He is interested to serve and satisfy all and everybody in need or any danger. He cannot remain indifferent. He cannot overlook the suffering of ailing humanity. He discovers his own success in the success of others. Satisfaction of others satisfies him. His outlook is so broad. He is so unique in his novel thinking. He is a Good Samaritan.

The third category helps instead of money. It is his profession. He does not help anybody voluntarily. His help is not for charity. Since he is professional he serves customers properly for the sake of his good image which implies good will.

The fourth category is very moody. Sometimes he helps. Sometimes he helps not. He helps if he likes. He helps not if he likes not. None can guess thereby gauge his attitude for any moment. Thus his mood and motive are gloriously so uncertain. Now whether mood controls him or he controls mood is a million dollar question. Thus he has no locus standee at all. As such it is better not to expect

anything from this half-mad guy. If any help is really obtained then it may be regarded as either blessing or bonus as well or both simultaneously.

Self-help is the best strategy. Everybody knows it. But very few people adopt it. More few can continue it for long. And a lazy person never thinks for this avenue at all. Now if someone needs help of others without spending i.e. free of charge then he should ask help to a Good Samaritan. Further if he wants to spend then category three is the right choice who has good will. But he should not depend upon the person of fourth category who is difficult to track. And help from an untraced person is beyond imagination.

A self-centered person, round the clock, is busy for personal gain. He suffers from holding instinct. He never thinks whether he can enjoy his property or not. He extends the boundary of property untiringly. He is cautious only to serve and satisfy his own interest only. He seldom bothers or thinks for the interest of others. He is totally indifferent in this regard. He is so inhuman. He does not speak with others. He avoids all. Also he is avoided by all as reciprocation. He does not help anybody in danger. Similarly, none helps him in his crisis period. If he fails to achieve anything then he has to bear brutal laughter from his enemies around him.

Life is a serious matter. A person must be alert to make it moving. If the concerned person remains indifferent to worldly affairs then he will face serious problem to go ahead. If he is a bachelor then he can manage his daily life anyhow. But in case of a family person having wife and children it is next to impossible to manage the chaos situation. In such a difficult situation an indifferent person escapes leaving his family. As a consequence his wife and children face severe situation. If his wife is illiterate then she becomes bound to beg. If he has old and dependents parents then the situation becomes pathetic more. The whole family faces starvation. In this helpless condition his wife and children become the prey of human trafficking.

Indifference is a negative term. It is a hindrance for progress. It restricts development. It has serious impact upon human life. Everybody knows it and tries to avoid it. But none can escape from it. Thus man, willy-nilly, becomes indifferent. Sometimes he is liable. Sometimes he is not. Thus man is both cause and because of indifference.

Indifference causes harm in many ways in human life from cradle to coffin. If parents are indifferent towards children then they cannot grow properly. If a person is indifferent to take food timely he becomes weak. If a person does not take personal care then he suffers from ill health. If a patient does not take medicine regularly he cannot recover at all. If a student is indifferent in his studies he fails in the examination. If a businessman is indifferent in dealing with customers he loses good will. If a lover is indifferent to his fiancée then she simply leaves him. If someone is indifferent to remove the present minor problem then, in course of time, the situation goes beyond control. A wise knows it. The learned readily takes preventive measure of the problem and enjoys tension free life. In contrast, a fool

is indifferent of the situation and suffers accordingly.

An indifferent person does not take care of himself. He does it intentionally. It causes anger. A mad also cares not about his welfare. He does it unintentionally. It arises sympathy. The former does not and the latter one cannot take care. As such, from indifferent point of view, both are equal and at par. In fact, any indifferent person is one kind of mad. It seems he is a psychiatric patient who suffers from mental disorder. Proper counseling and adequate medicine are required to recover his mental health.

CONCLUSION

Attention is a difficult task. One has to take much care to be attentive. It is a serious matter. In other words, only a

serious person can be attentive. Thus attention is artificial. In contrast, indifference is natural. One has nothing to do to be indifferent. It is automatic. It is like a spring that comes out of the hill spontaneously. Attention is alias and akin to physical pain. Very few persons can bear that pain. This answers why attentive persons are numbered. Instead the world is infested with so many indifferent lay persons.

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