



## OF LESS

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### ABSTRACT:

The paradox is that the pain caused by the loss of one single dollar is hundred times more than the pleasure thus enjoyed by the profit of one hundred dollars. Man forgets profit soon, but keeps the pain for long. It is not less unique. Rather, here lies the uniqueness of less.

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### INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform rather reveals, so this style of writing bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. The present article is the outcome of creative writing meant for lay readers. As such free style is the methodology adopted so that pleasure of reading can be enjoyed by the common mass. As you may know Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays and notably, "Of Love", "Of Friendship", "Of Ambition", "Of Studies", etc. The myriad-minded genius rightly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be the themes of essays one can write. But little has been done, in this regard since his death, in order to finish his unfinished monumental works. In fact Bacon's way of presentation i.e., his unique style kindled the imagination already in me and encouraged me as well to write essays, in the light of creative writing, thus to get relief through Catharsis.

### ARTICLE

Less means smaller. It is a smaller amount. It is minor. It is fewer. It is inferior. It is lower in estimation. It is younger. It is in a lower degree. It is a smaller portion or quantity. It implies without. It is with diminution. It is used with uncountable numbers as the comparative of little e.g. less butter/time/significance. Little and least are the comparative and superlative of less respectively.

Less is not so much, so many, so great, etc. e.g. less colourful / expensive / likely / intelligent / successful; less often / awkwardly / enthusiastically; I read much less now than I used to. No less important is the work of the European Commission.

Less means minus, deducting e.g. a year less five days. It is to a smaller extent, amount, or degree e.g. less exact; less

likely to succeed. It is most certainly not often preceded by much or still e.g. He could barely pay for his own meal, much less for mine. It is not so large, great, or much e.g. less speed. It is lower in consideration, dignity, or importance e.g. no less a person than the manager. It implies without e.g. a year less two days.

Less is smaller in size, amount, degree, etc. e.g. to drink less milk; take less time. It means fewer e.g. in less than 25 words. It means with the deduction of. It implies minus e.g. made \$3000 less tax; dividend paid less tax.

Less is smaller in extent, degree, duration, number, etc. e.g. of less importance; in a less degree; of less magnitude or importance; of two evils choose the less; may your shadow never grow less. It is of smaller quantity, not so much e.g. find less difficulty; eat less meat.

Opposite of less is more. It is fewer e.g. eat less biscuits. It is of lower rank etc. e.g. no less a person than; James, Ajax, the Less. It is a smaller amount or quantity or number e.g. cannot take much less; for far or much less than \$100; is little less than disgraceful.

Man, from cradle to grave, experiences 'less' in its various forms and features.

Less of is to reduce or eliminate e.g. Less of your impudence!

Less of is to give up e.g. Less of those stupid excuses!

The less is minimum e.g. The less you say, the better. He was the less surprised of the two.

Any the less is to overlook e.g. I don't esteem him any the less for his little lapses.

No less is at least e.g. He earns no less than Rs.10000/- a month.

He showed no less wisdom than scholarship.

Even less/still less/much less is never e.g. I never thought

him insincere, still less a liar.

None the less implies even e.g. He was severely handicapped; none the less he stuck to his job.

Also man witnesses regularly 'less' as a daily drama with diversified degrees and dimensions having various faces and facets as well.

I received much/considerably/slightly/rather/a lot less money than the others did. He was advised to smoke fewer cigarettes and drink less beer. He has less to worry about now. It is less of a problem than I would expect. It will take less than an hour to get there. The receptionist was less than i.e. not at all helpful when we arrived. We will be there in less than no time i.e. very soon. A less amount will do. Less and less people were attending his lectures. Less production will mean less wages. His interest in this subject is less than yours.

More wealth frequently means less peace of mind. No one would agree to take less. They bought the thing for less than Rs.100/-. Spend less. I was less hurt than surprised by what he said. You will soon become less enthusiastic over the matter. Who knows if the new ruler would be less cruel than his predecessor? Please talk less noisily. You will get a thousand rupees less Rs.40/- for the C.D.S.

In less than no time is very quickly or soon.

Any the less is to a smaller extent. For example: She was not any the less happy for being on her own i.e. She was perfectly happy at.

Nothing less than, formerly, is anything rather than. It, now, is quite as much as.

Less developed country is developing country.

It is to smaller extent, in lower degree e.g. no less; none the less.

Much less is often used by confusion for much more.

Much or still less is with even greater force of denial e.g. do not suspect him of negligence, much less of dishonesty.

Much or still less is to an even smaller degree or extent e.g. she won't even talk to him; much less work with him.

Even/much/still less is certainly not. For example: No explanation was offered, still less an apology. He is too shy to ask a stranger the time, still less speak to a room full of people.

Less and less is to a decreasing degree. It means decreasingly.

Less and less is at a continually decreasing rate. For example: She found the job less and less attractive. As time passed, she saw less and less of her sisters.

More or less means more.

No less, usually ironic, is a phrase used to express admiration.

No less a person than means a person of no lower importance, rank, etc. than.

No less is used to suggest that something is surprising or

impressive, or to show sarcasm. For example: She is having lunch with the Chairman of the Board, no less.

No less than, used in front of a number which in the circumstances one considers high, is as much as. For example: We won no less than 3 of the prizes in the raffle.

Less is used before subtracting something. It means minus e.g. a monthly salary of \$500, less tax and insurance. Send a cheque for the catalogue price, less 10% discount.

Less is being used more and more in spoken and informal written English with countable or plural nouns, instead of fewer. For example: There have been less accidents on this roads since the speed limit was reduced. However, this is still thought to be grammatically incorrect and careful speakers prefer fewer e.g. fewer accidents.

Although the use of less instead of fewer with plural nouns is very old, it is objected to by some, especially immediately preceding a plural noun e.g. less coins in his pocket.

Less with a suffix means without, lacking e.g. valueless; that does not e.g. tireless; that cannot be e.g. dauntless.

Less with suffix forms adjectives, adverbs, nouns without sense e.g. 'not having, without, free from' e.g. doubtless; powerless. From verb it means 'not affected by or doing the action of the verb' e.g. fathomless, tireless. It forms verbs without sense e.g. 'unable to be -ed', e.g. doubtless, guileless, homeless, numberless, powerless, shell-less, relentless.

Less is used widely with nouns to form adjectives. Less with suffix means free, wanting e.g. as guiltless, godless. It is without, lacking e.g. pitiless, valueless. Thus it is an adjective suffix meaning "without" e.g. childless, peerless, treeless, and meaningless. It is in adjectives derived from verbs, indicating failure or inability to perform or be performed e.g. restless, countless. It is not able or apt to be e.g. relentless, tireless, reckless and dauntless.

Lessly with suffix forms adverbs e.g. hopelessly.

Lessness with suffix forms uncountable nouns e.g. helplessness.

Someone is happy with less. Someone is unhappy with less, and wants more. Now, if he gets more, he becomes more unhappy. The paradox is that he is never happy even gets more. It is an endless drama. To him more is always less. He does not know his designation. More surprising is that he does not know his limitation even. It is a curse that he is always unhappy. He knows not when to stop, where to stop and how to stop. He cannot enjoy life due to hankering after money. He is not pessimist. He is greedy. He is miser. He is mean-minded.

Less is a relative perception. It varies person to person. Also it depends on the culture and status of the concerned person as well. To someone less is huge. And to someone huge is less. To a poor person loss of one penny pains him much. A rich seldom cares for the loss of pound. Obviously, a miser rich cries much even for the single farthing. Penny wise pond foolish is the policy of fool. May be less is little

in amount. But man's lamentation is much and infinite and never ending.

Some person takes less sugar in tea to enjoy the taste of tea leaf. A connoisseur takes the extract of tea only without sugar or milk.

A person becomes happy when he enjoys huge profit. That very person becomes more than unhappy when he experiences less loss. Man forgets profit soon but loss of pain pains him much for long. Lethal dose of poison though less in amount is sufficiently enough to kill a person. Snake biting and potassium cyanide are two examples of such poison.

### **CONCLUSION**

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