

OF UNDUE

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ABSTRACT:

The rich wants more money. They take undue advantage and become richer overnight. The poor cannot take any kind of advantage or undue advantage due to lacking in intellect and tact as well. They become poorer. The rich is rich in wealth but poor in mentality. In contrast, the poor is poor in wealth but rich in mentality. Undue advantage offers class distinctions and creates two diagonally opposite classes i.e. rich and poor. Here lies the uniqueness of undue activity.

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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

Undue is more than is right or proper. It means excessive e.g. with undue haste; show undue concern over somebody/something; put undue pressure on somebody.

Undue is unwarranted. It is unjustifiable. It is not owed or currently payable. It is not yet due or payable, as a debt. It is inappropriate. It is immoderate. It is not suitable. It is improper e.g. undue flippancy. It is too much. It is disproportionate.

Undue influence, as per law, is influence by which a person is induced to act otherwise than by his or her own free will, or without adequate attention to the consequences.

Undue is a negative term. Everybody is afraid of negativity. As such everybody is cautious so that none can take any

undue advantage from him in any way or by any means. But the paradox is that man takes undue advantage. Also he, willy-nilly, becomes bound to give undue advantage to someone else. In this regard he is quite undone except surrendering.

Undue events or incidences appear or occur in their various forms and features having various degrees and dimensions as well. Man experiences those events. He is bound to experience those incidents infinite times from cradle to coffin.

Some persons want right and proper thing or share of anything due to them. They get it and enjoy it. They hate anything undue. They are good citizens. In contrast, some persons enjoy more what they deserve. They are disturbing elements. They are liable to create trouble and practically responsible for illegal activities. They enjoy in excess either forcefully or illegally or both simultaneously. They take undue advantage always everywhere in every age. The third category gets less than due. They want not. They get not. They are too weak to place their demand. They are deprived proletariat. They represent the major share of the humanity.

Some persons enjoy unjustified or unauthorized occupation. Some persons are compelled to pay in advance i.e. which is not payable at present. It is not due yet. They are not indebted. Such demand is not appropriate. Such behavior is not moderate at all. It is unsuitable. It is beyond normal. It is not proportionate.

There are various sources for undue advantages viz. weak or poor person, helplessness, misfortune, illiteracy, kindness, honesty, emotion, affection, etc.

Undue advantage is taken from weakor poor person who

cannot protest thereby protect its right and interest as well. The down-trodden people are exploited everywhere in every age.

An opportunist avails the opportunity caused by helplessness of any person in danger.

Misfortune compels a person to sell all and everything. Some persons purchase those properties as distressed sale.

A poor and illiterate person signs thereby sells all his belongings to the rich who traps him.

A kind-hearted person is always kind whether he is greeted or cheated. Many persons take undue advantage of his kindness. A gentleman who experiences this cheating forbids him to indulge. He protests. If the cheater does not care then he rebukes the cheater. But such a generous heart seldom minds for this improper behavior of the cheater. Rather he asks the gentleman to forgive and advises to be kind always irrespective of right or wrong intention.

An honest person does not deceive others. If he is timid by nature then he is cheated easily. Many of his so-called near and dear ones take undue advantage of his honesty. Now, if he is bold then none can take any undue advantage from him.

Emotion invites to take undue advantage. It paves the way to be intimate both fiancé and fiancée. They are either made for each other or mad for each other or both for both simultaneously. Both take undue advantage mutually. The lover becomes pregnant. She gives birth to baby. She is helpless for social dogma. She is deserted. The fiancé betrays. He does not keep commitment. He blackmailed to disclose the close picture of intimate moments. He exploited her emotion. Thus it gives birth to single parent. Sometimes the fiancée leaves keeping the new born babe to its father's lap. As a consequence, the orphan house becomes over crowded by these mid night children who become prodigal for want of mother's affection. These children suffer from identity crisis.

Similar, is the case of affection. Parents become blind by affection. Both emotion and affection indulge the children who become prodigal in course of time due to over attention.

Undue advantage favours someone and simultaneously disfavours the opponent. It is just like profit and loss of account of any business transaction. Someone gains mean

someone loses. In chemistry where there is oxidation there is simultaneous reduction as well.

Undue is something which someone does not deserve. If someone takes undue advantage then he is ill-famed. If someone does not take undue advantage which he can take easily but gives up the chance intentionally then he is a great man. He is noted for his goodness. He is really a Good Samaritan. He is honoured and respected everywhere in every age. Very few people can control such greed. The paradox is that the rich becomes the prey of such greed but the poor declines to take such illegal advantage. Thus poor is rich in moral values.

Man gets undue chances, infinite times, from cradle to coffin. Someone takes undue advantage. Someone does not take undue opportunity. From this taking and not taking true character of a person can be ascertained. The former considers chance comes once. So the greedy opportunist takes undue advantage when a person is in danger. The second category person is honest. He thinks that if he exploits the misfortune of someone then he will also have to face similar misfortune in future. He will have to repay hundred times profit thus gained illegally. He will be paid by his own coin either today or tomorrow. So the gentleman always refrains himself to take any kind of undue advantage from anybody. He teaches his children accordingly.

Undue chance may be natural or manmade. Natural calamities offer undue chance. Similarly, distressed sell or theft goods pave the way to take undue purchase thus manmade.

CONCLUSION

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