



## OF HELP

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### ABSTRACT:

If someone falls in danger then his friends help. His enemy laughs. Besides this friend and foe community there is one kind of persons who enjoy sadistic pleasure. He is half friend. Such a half friend offers half trouble. He does not murder or want to be the cause of attempt to murder. For his callousness the victim becomes half dead. After watching the suffering of the victim to some extent he rescues. Sadistic pleasure must be within limit. Otherwise it leads to mishap.

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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

Help is to make it easier or possible for someone to do something by offering one's services or resources. For example: They helped her with domestic chores.

It is to serve someone with food or drink. For example: May I help you to some more meat?

It is used as an appeal for urgent assistance. For example: Help! I'm drowning!

It is to give assistance or support to someone. It is to provide someone with something that is useful or necessary in achieving an end. For example: How can I help you? He helps the children with their homework. Can you help me get this jar open? She helped him walk

up/down the stairs.

It is to make more pleasant or bearable i.e., improve and relieve. For example: Bright curtains will help the room. Took an aspirin to help her headache.

It is to rescue.

It is to save.

It is to be of use to i.e., benefit e.g., will do anything to help their cause.

It is to further the advancement of i.e., promote e.g., could help negotiations.

It is to change for the better.

It is to refrain from i.e., avoid. For example: We couldn't help laughing.

It is to keep from occurring i.e., prevent. For example: They couldn't help the accident.

It is to restrain oneself from doing something e.g., knew they shouldn't go but couldn't help themselves.

It is to serve with food or drink especially at a meal e.g., told the guests to help themselves.

It is to take something for oneself without permission e.g., helped himself to the car keys.

Help is alias and akin to dependent. A dependent person always asks and hopes for help. He cannot do anything independently. He is afraid to do anything. No risk, no gain is beyond his thinking. High risk, high gain is beyond his imagination. Lacking in confidence is due to his prolonged dependence. He is shameless. It defunct life. It is a curse.

Help is good with in limit. It strengthens bondage between two persons. But too much help is too bad. It damages life. Then no help is better than too help. In case of children it is a hindrance for full blooming of personality. In case of an able person it is due to either lacking in talent or shamelessness or laziness or altogether.

A child needs help to stand erect. But the baby does not need help to run. It implies the independence of the tender soul. Then the naughty bud goes in any direction in the twinkle of the eye. The whole family rushes behind the tiny toddler to rescue. It is really an engagement game of the old fellows of the family. It bridges the gap between dawn and twilight i.e., grand children and grand parents.

Dependent implies darkness. Independent implies light. Both are diagonally opposite to each other.

All do not like to take help. Such a person likes not to be obliged. He is status conscious. He immediately repays loan of help by cash or by kind or by any means as preferred by the helper. He does not like to carry the load of obligation. This concept is unsocial since man is social. None can declare that he will not be dependent. He is selfish. He is self-cantered. He is fool.

There is helper. There is helping hand. Both of them help. But there is difference between them too. Helper is temporary. Helping hand is permanent e.g., father and son. If son does not become helping hand then father has to face problem. His establishment is vanished just after his death. For this reason a judicious person asks his successors to take the responsibility of his firm during his life. If he finds none suitable for this job or none comes voluntarily to shoulder the responsibility then the old person sells his creation and distributes the sale proceeds among his successors either equally or in any proportion as per his sweet will. None can claim more since he is the sole authority of his property. Third party may have choice but his voice is final. Such a hard-working person if decides not to sell then he simply donates his property to any charitable organisation. He can die peacefully thinking that his property will be used in noble cause.

A helper may or may not be relative. He gets remuneration. Thus he is a paid person. If he is not paid he leaves the master forth with.

In contrast, helping hand is a relative. He does not get cash. But his appeal or demand is meet up by the owner as is faced with. Thus all helping hand is helper but all helper may not be helping hand. Generally, a relative is a helping hand and a helper is a non-relative person.

Basically there are two types of help viz., help with return and help without return. It means someone expects return. Someone expects not. Both the persons are diagonally opposite regarding philosophies towards their lives.

Thus in the light of these two personality traits the whole population can broadly be classified into five different categories as follows.

The first category is with return. It is mundane. Here the help is repaid by another help like financial loan. It may be

with or without interest. In future there lies no obligation. The person becomes free from any kind of liabilities i.e., free from all encumbrances.

The second category is without return. It is divine in nature. It offers no tension. The helper is a Good Samaritan. The sacred heart has not to maintain any ledger regarding P&L i.e., profit and loss account of life.

The third category is a person who neither does help or nor does he take help from others around him. He is so calculative. He is so unique. He is unsocial. He leads a risky life, because in danger he will get no help. He is quite ignorant in this matter. He lacks in far sight. He feels no tension. But all the persons around him suffer from tension regarding his callous and careless attitude as well.

The fourth category sometimes asks return sometimes not. He demands return if he likes. He demands not if he likes not. Thus his mood and motive are gloriously so uncertain. His mood befools someone throwing into awkward situation. Because when the loaned is ready to repay he does not accept upon repeated request. But he asks forcefully to repay the value of help when the person is not ready at all. Rather the person thought that the question of repayment in terms of money will not arise at all in future.

The last type takes help always without any return. He has only the receiving counter. He has no payment outlet or it is permanently closed. It is his single window operation which is unique in nature.

If a drowning person is saved then he remains grateful to the rescuer forever. If he does not confess the help then he strikes the last nail into coffin and closes the door of future and further help. He is ill-famed as ungrateful. He loses his credential. In contrast, he who does not forget and confesses the help-in-need paves his future help. He earns good will which may be called virtual cash as per modern terminological term. Physical cash is limited. Virtual cash is unlimited. Sky is its limit.

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Someone helps spontaneously seeing a person in danger. He needs no request for helping. He helps of his own. It is the manifestation of his kindness. It proves the solvency of the concerned soul.

Someone helps voluntarily on request. He does not claim any remuneration for this act of kindness. A pious soul helps the ailing humanity thinking it God's desire and direction. This service towards the distressed society paves the way of salvation of the concerned soul as is believed by a sacred soul.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed" is a great saying. The

help in need is the acid test of a true friend.

Someone cannot do anything of his own. He needs help. Sometimes he becomes successful to do the job through external help. Sometimes help may not help him to conquer the problem. So help may not always be fruitful. If a person pushes a wall day and night it will not move even an inch. If he takes help to move the wall he will again fail successfully. As such before doing anything its feasibility should be judged otherwise it will be the wastage of energy, time and money as well. In fact ability without feasibility is also disability.

Help is a matter of luck. All do not get help. The paradox is that he who needs help does not get and he who needs no help gets help. Further, when the rescue team is present there is no danger till they are present. The rich gets help. It is called oiling. The poor does not get it. A shrewd person does not help the poor. He considers it simply wastage of help having no return. He helps when and where return is confirmed. He uses help as investment. He does not help. He simply invests for future return. Return on investment (ROI) is his sole objective. Profit is his only single agenda.

The rich does not surrender to luck. Rather luck surrenders to the rich. It seems luck is a tame to the rich. As such luck helps the rich untiringly round the clock.

Self-help is the best help. Self-teaching is the most striking example of this kind. It confirms thorough knowledge. It offers confidence. It teaches to be self-dependent. It teaches to stand erect against any hurdles of hard reality like a hilly tree that stands erect and rises high alone and independently in spite of experiencing severe heat and hail storm.

Help is good. Sometimes help is bad. Political help is dangerous. A politician traps a person. Then he helps the person to rescue. Apparently he pretends to help selflessly but in reality he is more than dangerous. As such a

judicious person thinks meticulously before accepting any help.

A nation produces weapons. It sells to earn. It is its business. The most interesting thing is that the producer sells the weapons to two rival nations who are both friends to the first nation. The producer nation exports the user nations import. It is an endless episode of an eternal drama. After fighting battle for long years the two quarrelsome nations, at last, realise their blunder they have committed being involved in war. They fight untiringly to take revenge generation after generation. Then the two dying nations come to a treaty. This mutual would be benefitted if it would be done earlier. Sometimes treaty is false. The shrewd leader considers it as a means to kill time and take preparation to attack the opponent more violently and capture the country.

In both politics and war profit is the last word. Here help is eye wash. It is simply a farce. Here lies the uniqueness of help rather than unique help. As such they help but don't take help. They say don't help if it is not asked at all. It is not judicious to extend helping hand if it is undesired. Because, unwanted help invites danger.

### CONCLUSION

Late help is worst than no help. If lunch reaches at night then it is no more called lunch. The contents of lunch and dinner are not identical. As such late lunch does not help rather it causes health hazard more than serving and satisfying hunger.

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No reference, since the present article is an outcome of Creative Writing