



OF RECIPROCATE

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ABSTRACT:

Reciprocation without cause means generosity. Where reciprocation ends generosity begins. He who serves expecting no return is generous. He enjoys divine grace. He who reciprocates for past help is mundane in nature. He reciprocates just like repayment of bank loan lest the helper cannot say him an opportunist or a selfish one.

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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

Reciprocate is to respond to a gesture or action by making a corresponding one. For example: The favour was reciprocated.

It is to share the same feelings as someone else, or to behave in the same way as someone else. For example: Sadly, my feelings for him were not reciprocated. We invited them to dinner and a week later they reciprocated.

It is to do something for someone because the person has done something similar for you. For example: We gave them information, but they didn't reciprocate. She was harshly criticized, but she did not defend herself or reciprocate in any way. They appreciated her kindness but were not ready to reciprocate the gesture.

Technically, if a part of a machine reciprocates, it moves backwards and forwards in a straight line. For example: Some electric razors have reciprocating heads.

Thus reciprocate is to give or feel in return. It is to be correspondent or equivalent. Only a wise reciprocates, a fool reciprocates not and a blunt reciprocates never. From reciprocation or no reciprocation the state and status of the concerned person can be gauged.

Reciprocate is positive in nature. It manifests the solvency of an elevated soul. It is spontaneous response or return originated from gratitude. Help in danger cannot be repaid by money or by any means even. However, reciprocation is the outcome of courtesy. And courtesy costs nothing but immense is its return.

Help at crisis period or crucial moment is very important. Then the true identity of the persons around is disclosed. They say, "A friend in need is a fiend indeed". A wise knows it. The learned knows that he is indebted forever to the person who helped thereby saved him from danger and sometimes from sure and certain death. He reciprocates. He knows better that danger is ever companion of every human being. So one reciprocation guarantees another reciprocation. A fool has no such feeling. So the callous does not confess the help in distress or danger. It is afraid lest money is demanded for that help. Thus a wise and a fool are diagonally opposite in their way of thinking.

Revenge is not reciprocation in true sense. It may be called negative reciprocation. Negativity is the hindrance for advancement. It wastes valuable time of life. Thus it restricts full blooming of an ambitious person. It pollutes the soul. The essence of reciprocation is divine and revenge is mundane in nature. Divine force upgrades and mundane force degrades the soul.

Reciprocation may be formal or informal. Loan repayment is formal. It is mandatory. Here emotion has no room. It is

not voluntary activity. It is with cause. It is not without cause. The payee is bound to pay. In case of failure the defaulter gets punishment. Someone pays in time to avoid fine. Someone cannot pay due to poverty. Again someone does not pay intentionally. His intention is to delay or not to pay at all. He is simply a cheater.

One reciprocates out of gratitude or courtesy or both simultaneously. It is spontaneous in nature. It is natural. It is informal but not compulsion. A gentleman reciprocates. An uncivilised person cares it not. He enjoys chivalry denying the return.

Again an emotional person sometimes reciprocates. Sometimes he reciprocates not. He reciprocates if he likes. He reciprocates not if he likes not. Thus is mood and motive are gloriously so uncertain. The main problem of an emotional heart is that it always lacks in reality.

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Repayment of loan to the bank is formal. The bank manager considers loan and the loanee gives thanks which is informal. One customer is not bound to reciprocate the branch manager. It is done out of courtesy. Where reciprocation ends gratitude begins. Thus a thank is the cocktail of both reciprocation and gratitude either in equal proportion or inappropriately.

He who reciprocates possesses gratitude. He who reciprocates not is a selfish one.

To give and take mutually is reciprocation. Give and take stands for business. It is like ROI i.e., Return On Investment. An experienced businessman always thinks first for the ROI then takes decision. Look before you leap is his strategy.

Reciprocation means return. It is like the proverb paid back by his own coin or as you sow so you reap. It may be equal or more than that. In case of money the payee wants to pay less. It is human nature. In case of torture the return is more to establish superiority thereby warns so that in future it recurs not.

Etiquette is not reciprocation. Etiquette is automatic. It is spontaneous. It is not meant for return or gain. It can be shown always to anyone anywhere irrespective of status of the concerned person.

Reciprocation is alias and akin to gratitude. It may be done once. Someone shows it always. He remembers the kindness or help of the concerned person.

If etiquette is shown out of return it is called reciprocation. Thus etiquette may or may not be shown for reciprocation.

Reciprocation is an art. One has to learn it. Also all cannot learn it. As such all is not artist. This answers why we see few persons around us who reciprocate instant. It helps to

show gratitude. All cannot show it. So all do not get help further.

A wise reciprocates, seldom a fool. A single reciprocation opens the door for further future help. Similarly, once reciprocation helps forever. It is an investment. Courtesy costs nothing. Similar is the reciprocation.

Reciprocation escorts in the good book of the helper. A helper values it. It conquers the opponent even which is not otherwise possible. Money cannot purchase all and everything. It has limitation. But outcome of reciprocation is unlimited.

Someone takes help easily and forgets easily. Someone takes help and forgets never. Someone takes help and reciprocates once. Someone takes help and forgets never and reciprocates always whenever chance is available.

Love and reciprocation of love attract two romantic souls. They come closer and be intimate. They promise. In course of time they become mad for each other. Soon they discover that they are made for each other. Mutual reciprocation paves the way to dream for promising future.

Love at first sight is the outcome of passion. A tender soul cannot identify the true identity of a cheater. A cheater reciprocates and attracts. Later on the cheater reciprocates not further. Desertion or betrayal compels such an emotional soul to commit suicide. Thus emotion misguides. Motion guides. Since motion is alias and akin to mechanical in nature a motional person cannot love.

A motional person is guided by head. He is busy with the profit and loss account of mundane life. In contrast, an emotional person is guided by heart. Emotion is the chief ingredient of love. Emotion can attract a lover, but may or may not bind for long. A lover loves in the morning and may leave in the evening of that very day. Thus mood and motive of the lover are gloriously so uncertain. Here lies the limitation of reciprocation and danger as well.

CONCLUSION

It is good to help. It is better to reciprocate. It is best not to expect reciprocation. Reciprocation makes someone glad. No reciprocation makes that very person angry. Allurement of reciprocation renders such a greedy person mad. A wise neither be happy nor does he become angry. He is not at all interested in worldly affairs. Thus the learned is free from the cares and anxieties of mundane matters. His chief focus is towards salvation but never for reciprocation. That's why he is great. Here lies his greatness.

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