



OF TENTATIVE

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ABSTRACT:

Tentative smile is the manifestation of nervousness or unconfident smile. An interviewee appears to the interview board with tentative smile just to smartly suppress the anxiety. Similarly, a newly-married bride, in a patriarchal society, trots in the laws house with tentative smile to overcome uncertainty, injustice and fear.

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TENTATIVE, UNCERTAIN, CHANGE, PROVISIONAL, UNSURE, HESITANT, EXPERIMENTAL.

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

Tentative means not certain or fixed. It is something that is uncertain or subject to change. It is not fully worked out or developed e.g., tentative plans. It is done without confidence. It means provisional. It may be a plan or an idea or a suggestion or an action.

It is not certain or agreed. It is said or done in a careful but uncertain way because one does not know if he is right.

It is of the nature of or made or done as a trial, experiment, or attempt. It is experimental e.g., a tentative report on her findings.

It is unsure. It is not definite or positive. It is hesitant e.g., a tentative smile on his face.

It is conjectural. It is cautious.

It is made, done, proposed, etc. experimentally or provisionally.

It is not definite or final e.g., a tentative explanation.

It is indicating timidity, hesitancy, or uncertainty e.g., a tentative caress.

In any office the junior managers submit plans which are placed to the boss. All these plans are tentative in nature. The boss chooses one of them. Similarly, in any appointment a short list is prepared from total applications on the basis of written examination. Then from this short list interview is conducted. This leads to several another tentative panels. The authority selects one panel. As such examination for job is merely a technique for elimination rather than selection.

Man thinks for tentative plan to get relief from uncertainty though the tentative plan is full of uncertainty. They say some trade is better than no trade. As such tentative plan is better than no plan at all.

Man likes to travel. If someone wants to travel and simultaneously he has nowhere to go then he is well advised to leave his home and the road will escort him to his pre-assigned destination which is final but not tentative. Thus tentative is mundane and pre-assigned is divine. A pious soul believes that every event is pre-assigned by divine grace. The paradox is that both tentative and pre-assigned are unknown to us.

Lack of confidence gives birth to tentative decision. Hesitation offers it a new dimension. There may be several tentative alternatives. One may not agree one or all. Then choice converts a tentative plan to a final one. If the alternatives are equally likely then choice becomes difficult. Only a judicious brain can pick up the right one.

Tentative has four outcomes. In case of first outcome it may take place as per exact time thus announced. In case of second possibility it may be late to occur. In case of third

type it may occur early than the scheduled time. In the fourth case it may not occur at all. In such a case the program may be cancelled totally or next date of the program may be announced which may again be tentative or final. Thus the occurrence of a tentative program is gloriously so uncertain. As such tentative is alias and akin to uncertainty.

Every event is controlled by some known and unknown factors. Also the factors are both controllable and uncontrollable as well. Anything desired happens when the factors are within control. That phenomenon does not occur again when those factors are beyond control. Further control or no-control depends on the capacity of the concerned person. Also environment plays a crucial role in this regard to make anything either tentative or final.

A wise considers tentative program seriously. A fool cares it not at all. A student should prepare his studies as per tentative dates of examination. There will not be any problem if the examination is held on the tentative date or after due date. It is quite a dismal tiding to a student if the examination is held before the tentative date. The problem is severe to an inattentive student. Similarly, if the flight or train departs early than the tentative time schedule then the passengers are harassed. For this reason a serious passenger arrives early in the station and a sincere student reaches in the examination center well in advance than the tentative time schedule.

The greatest example of tentative is the lifespan of any human being. None knows the tenure of life. It may be one year or ten years or one hundred years i.e., single digit, two digits or three digits. Sometimes it happens that son dies when the father is alive. Sometimes both son and grandson die yet the grandfather still exists. A pious soul opines that this creation is the laboratory of the almighty who conducts experiment with the life of human being. To the almighty all is known i.e., certain. To the man all is unknown thereby uncertain. Here lies the essence of the term tentative.

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There is great similarity between love and war. As such, man plans for tentative plan in both the events. Lover changes her mood always. Also mood fluctuates always. It may be good in the morning. It may be too bad in the evening of that very day. Thus mood and motive of the lover are gloriously so uncertain. Both change and fluctuation of mood of the fiancée puzzle the fiancé severely. She is so vacillating. The poor fiancé has to change his tentative plan repeatedly to conquer the heart of his fiancée through his head. Yet such a moody and choosy tentative fiancée is goody to the confirmed fiancé.

Similarly, in war the enemy always changes its strategy to befool the opponent. As such plans also are changed accordingly to combat with the concerned situation. There may be many alternative models. In reality none of them works. The situation becomes unexpected or unprecedented as well. Only a person having presence of mind wins in the battle field of both love and war.

Thus to win in love and war tentative plan is quite invalid. Here one tentative plan is replaced by another tentative plan. There is no single formula. There is no culture free model.

CONCLUSION

Love at first sight is final but not tentative. Emotion fluctuates. In case of first smile attraction thereby decision is permanent. Here emotion freezes the movement of tentative decision.

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