



OF PREDICTION

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ABSTRACT:

There is similarity between lover and editor. A fiancée loses balance if lovers are many. Huge demand perplexes her. She promises someone in the morning and rejects that very guy in the evening of that very day. She cannot select and predict future. Similarly, an editor accepts any article and rejects the same subsequently. Thus the mood and motive of both fiancée and editor are gloriously so uncertain. None of them can predict. Sometimes they cannot predict their locusstandi even.

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INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform rather reveals, so it 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 the pleasure of reading can be enjoyed by the common mass. As you know well that, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal writer, 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 and his unique style kindled imagination and inspired me to write essays, in the light of creative writing, thus to get relief through Catharsis.

ARTICLE

Predict is to say in advance that something will happen. It is to say in advance what one believes will happen. It is to make a statement about the future. It is to forecast something. It is prophesy. It is to foretell a future event or events. It is to make a prediction.

Predictable is something that can be predicted or is to be expected. It is of a person behaving in a way that is easy to predict. It is happening or prone to act, in a way that can be predicted e.g., predictable behaviour or results or weather; a weak and predictable plot. It is used in a derogatory sense e.g. behaving in a way that can be predicted.

Prediction is a statement that something will happen. It is the act of predicting. It is an instance of this. It is prophecy. It is the art of predicting or the process of being predicted. It is the thing predicted or foretold. It is something

predicted. It is a forecast e.g. the UN's predictions of famine. It is the action of predicting something.

A lazy fellow depends on prediction. An energetic person seldom depends on it and mercy of others even. He never believes in luck, but hard work. The student should advise not to predict but to prepare. This personality trait builds character thereby future success as well.

Predictor is a person, an instrument, etc. that predicts something e.g., cholesterol level is the strongest predictor of heart disease. It is anti-aircraft range finding and radar device. It is an instrument for determining height, direction, speed, and range of hostile aircraft to be attacked with anti-aircraft fire.

Predictive is concerned with predicting the future e.g., predictive dreams or studies. It is of or pertaining to prediction. It is being an indication of the future or of future conditions e.g. a cold wind predictive of snow. It is foretelling. It is prophetic.

Divine, augur, prognosticate, portend are synonymous to predict. Predict, prophesy, foresee, forecast mean to know or tell, usually correctly, beforehand what will happen.

To predict is usually to foretell with precision of calculation, knowledge, or shrewd inference from facts or experience e.g. Astronomers can predict an eclipse. It may, however, be used quite lightly e.g. I predict she will be a success at the party.

Prophesy may have the solemn meaning of predicting future events by the aid of divine or supernatural inspiration e.g. The sibyl prophesied victory. This verb, too, may be used loosely e.g. I prophesy he will be back in the old job.

To foresee refers specifically not to the uttering of predictions but to the mental act of seeing ahead. There is often, but not always, a practical implication of preparing

for what will happen e.g. He could foresee their objections.

Forecast has much the same meaning as foresee, except that conjecture rather than real insight or knowledge may be involved, and that such conjecture is publicly announced. It has the same meaning as predict when referring to the weather e.g. rain and snow are forecast for tonight.

Man predicts. He has to predict. He is bound to predict. Thus man willy-nilly predicts and faces prediction as well. Numerous predictions man experiences from cradle to grave. Predictions are of various types. Also they differ in different degrees and dimensions as well.

For example: It is very important to accurately predict the outcome or result or possible consequences of something. City analysts confidently predict a turnover of \$200 million. She predicted that the election result would be close. It is too early to predict who will win. Pre-tax profits are predicted to fall sharply. Heavy rain or crop failure was predicted. The failure was predicted years ago. I knew you would say that – you are so predictable! Opposition to the proposal came from predictable quarters. Predictably enough, the medical profession have condemned the proposals. There are widespread predictions that interest rates will rise. Her predictions came true. The meteorological department has set up a new centre for the prediction of climate change.

Common people laugh at the forecast of weather report. But weather changes abruptly due to numerous unpredictable variables. So forecasting of weather is very difficult. For any budgetary decision accurate estimation may not always be possible due to many uncontrollable and unheard parameters. As such prediction is purely the business of wise or hard core statistician. It demands both experience and knowledge as well. A wise predicts. He gets result. A fool predicts. He fails. As such a fool should not predict. He should not depend on prediction. But the reality is that both wise and fool predict and depend on prediction.

An astrologer predicts. His prediction is not correct always. Yet common people go to him for hearing a positive message which is hoped for. The message acts as psychic force. Thus an astrologer exploits the emotion through prediction. Similarly, doctor predicts. It is a fact that the doctor may not always be correct. It depends on experience of the doctor and luck of the patient. Sometimes the prediction of a local quack becomes correct and the patient is cured through application of medicine accordingly. Here luck of both quack and patient favours. Likewise, a lawyer pleads in the court on behalf of the client. Sometimes judgement favours, sometimes favours not. In all these cases it is the whims of prediction that directs and dictates the event thereby fate. In this regard, man is quite undone.

On the contrary, a courageous person contends that courage is destiny. He argues that man is the architect of his own fate. He does not depend on prediction. Rather, he

avoids it.

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A weak person surrenders to prediction. He goes to an astrologer. A strong person seldom depends on prediction. An inattentive student reads selective questions depending on predictions. If the questions are uncommon, he cannot write answers of those obscure matter and fails successfully. On the other hand, a good student goes through the whole syllabus. So he needs no prediction. Common people cannot tackle always the hard reality. So they think for prediction. A pious soul surrenders to the Almighty, seldom to prediction. He never consults with anybody or an astrologer even, as other men do, to get relief from the cares and anxieties of this mundane existence.

They say every body's mother is no body's mother. Similarly, in democracy, there is none to look after the government. There are many men many minds. These many always are busy to tell. They like to speak and like not to work. They work if they like. They work not if they like not. They are self-proclaimed guardian but they have no guardian. As such a public project fails easily due to lack of monitoring. A senior officer knows it. He, in advance, predicts that the government project will definitely fail. This failure is quite natural. For this failure he has no credit. But he claims credit for this forecast. He earns credit. He becomes known as an expert. He gets recognition. He gets promotion. Success offers promotion. As such, prediction regarding success offers promotion. Now here, the funny thing is that prediction regarding failure offers promotion as well. It laurels the predictor for having both insight and fore-sight simultaneously. This is the paradox of prediction. Here lies the uniqueness of predictor and his unique prediction as well.

CONCLUSION

Prediction is good if it is based on logic. Sometimes logic fails when variables are many. It is better to prepare in full rather than wasting time through prediction. Prediction offers tension. To get relief from constant tension it is more important to be prepared than to predict. A judicious person prepares. A fool depends on prediction.

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