



## OF NOTHINGNESS

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### ABSTRACT

Nothing means no thing or not anything. It is the absence or ending of existence. It is insignificant. It is trivial. It is quite a trifling matter. It is unimportant. It lacks seriousness. It is something of little or no value. It is a thing that does not exist at all. It implies nonexistence. It is thereby alias and akin to absurd. Thus nothingness manifests the perception of someone. This perception is either caused by frustration or frustration causes this perception or both simultaneously. Sense of possessions and expectations which poison life cannot vitiate mind. As such it highlights the state of faculty of mind that suffers from emptiness.

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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 pleasure of reading can be enjoyed by the common mass. As you know well that Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, 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 i.e., his unique style kindled the imagination already in me and encouraged me as well to write essays, in the light of creative writing, thus to get relief through Catharsis.

### ARTICLE

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Sometimes mood becomes the victim of hollowness. Off mood resists the movement even of any dynamic person at a particular point of time. This pessimism does not exist for long rather it is vanished like the cloudlets of autumn.

The paradox is that man suffers from nothingness when he reaches the autumn of his life. At that period man criticizes himself and asks explanation from himself. An emotional person either commits suicide if he discovers himself guilty or murders the person for whom he has been deprived. If bad mood persists for long then the person becomes maniac and suffers from insanity.

Negation gives birth to nothingness. Decline, refusal, emptiness, etc. are the root cause of nothingness. Nothingness implies negation. Negation is the alias of nothingness. Both are closely akin to each other. Some people accept negation casually and sportingly. Some other considers it seriously. Then he exists in vacuum. Also he becomes brakeless and leads life reckless when life favors. They expose so extremely. Human being from cradle to grave experiences both affirmation and negation periodically in different forms and features, degrees and dimensions as well. To face various situations of life needs stamina.

This way of facing and its subsequent treatment depend on style. This style manifests personality that differs from person to person and determines individual difference.

Nothingness rules the world with its immense power and infinite capacities. It is omnipresent with its plural facets evil or good having diversified appearances and magnitudes as well.

A vessel with nothing in it signifies emptiness. They say empty vessel sounds much. A glass contains some water. Someone says that the glass is half full. Someone says it is half empty. The former is an optimist; the latter is a pessimist one. The former believes and argues that the glass contains half water and half air. Thus it is full. He is so optimist.

To his dictionary the word nothingness or negation is absent. This word gets shelter only in the dictionary of a coward or a fool who knows not how to exist.

Nothing matters to a person apart from his job. After lunch a health conscious person eats nothing for long. When any situation goes beyond control then there is nothing one can do to help. A patient becomes tension free when the doctor says there is nothing wrong with him. A connoisseur remarks that there is nothing as refreshing as lemon tea. The chance of winning of a bad player fades to nothing. When somebody's pocket is searched for getting something and the desired thing if not found then the person says 'Oh, nothing' i.e. nothing important, nothing that concerns him.

A museum enriches knowledge. It uses to cost nothing to visit a museum. A tall player always gets advantage. He who is four foot nothing i.e. exactly four feet tall seldom can defeat the opponent. A lover may love his fiancée but she is nothing to him any more. It implies that there is no mutual love any more. Love died in the blind lane. It has become one-sided game only. In charity film show one can have get in for nothing. All that preparation and arrangements are for nothing if the visit is cancelled. An old musician laments since today's pop music has got nothing on the old Broadway musicals.

A police cannot arrest a person if he gets nothing on him. Not for nothing i.e. for a very good reason was he called the king of rock and roll. During election campaign the speech of any contesting candidate is nothing but hot air. Nothing but a miracle can save a dying patient. An affectionate mother wants nothing but the best for her children. A trip for hill is nothing if not varied. Any venture after sun set should not be done there.

Negligence sometimes invites ruin. Such negligence is nothing less than criminal. It is nothing less than a disaster. To a child an ass looks nothing like a horse. Her cooking is nothing like as good as a chef though she pretends and preaches so. A student who cannot write quickly has nothing like enough time to answer all the questions within stipulated period during examination. A health conscious person keeps nothing much in the fridge.

A late riser can do nothing much all day. A student should not rise late. It causes his downfall. They say early to bed early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

An intelligent person, having much stock of vocabulary, can do a crossword quickly since there is nothing to it. A tough manager closes all avenues. There is nothing else for the employee but to resign. Youth hankers after mirage. The desert's endless expanse of nothingness perplexes an enchanted soul at ease. Our spirits dissolve into nothingness.

The nothingness of death touches the emotional heart too much. Blankness occupies the mind of the victim.

Nothing great is easy. Nothing great can be achieved easily. An unfortunate person has nothing to fall back upon. If anything is multiplied by nothing, the result will be nothing.

Share is a gambling. Sometimes the share value falls to nothing. There is nothing as pleasant as a hot bath in

winter. A welfare state is criticized if any plan helps its senior citizens nothing for whom it is really meant for. Many brilliant pieces of writing go for nothing. Such writers die unpaid. They die unfed. They die unwept. They die unsung.

They die unknown as well. They are like nameless thousands who built the pyramid.

None does anything for their glorification. History remains silent for their glory.

If the new machine has nothing on the old one, a manager declines to purchase it. The poverty-stricken people have nothing on them. A busy man should have nothing on

Sunday or any day of the week just to take rest. The good counseling of religion is nothing to a thief.

Cosmetics seldom can compensate the deficiency of old age. With all the cosmetic care, the actress looks like nothing earth. An expert makes nothing of the hard work. The poor mass can make nothing of the political jargon. Western classical music means nothing to an eastern classical practitioner. A lazy person when faces with the crisis, he does nothing but curses his fate. For the stranded passengers, during transport problem, there is nothing for it but to wait for help. An opportunist is nothing if not an idiot. An expert will accept nothing less than huge fee. A good citizen helps his neighbor as a matter of duty, to say nothing of morality. A mad beggar sits beside the road and says nothing. The animals escape whenever they hear the footsteps of the hunters. So the searchers find nothing in the woods. A perfect vacuum would consist literally of nothing. Many hopes that come to nothing. An antique worth's next to nothing.

Someone expects something for nothing. Oh, my headache is nothing now is uttered in case of something of no importance. Nothing from nine leaves nine. There is nothing to fixing this if someone knows how. If nothing dismays then questions may be repeated.

When mob agitates government expects nothing less than a riot. It is nothing less than scandalous. The little nothings of life render one nostalgic. Whisper softens nothings.

The commander-in-chief is a nothing due to his pleasing personality.

When mind is cheerful all is full. If mind suffers from frustration all is empty. A sage has nothing. Yet he laughs. To him God is all. He thinks for Almighty always. In spite of huge property the rich laments for having nothing. If he be the owner of this world still he will remain unhappy on the pretext that he is not the owner of the universe. If God grants him the ownership of the universe, still he is unhappy. He wants to be the owner of the whole creation. He suffers from endless and infinite thirst. Such an unfortunate soul hardly thinks that he cannot take with him even a single atom of his property as soon as he dies. He will have to depart this world leaving every of his belongings. Man seldom thinks it in youth when he is physically fit, mentally sound and economically strong. He realizes this when death is imminent and knocks at his

door. Only a man can make him happy alone; none can do it.

Man wastes most of his time through lamentation. Youth hankers after wealth to be proud that he has everything. When he understands that, after death, he can carry nothing then he stops his hankering. He is too late then. He has become old, unable and feeble. To him the world has already become hazy and gay. He neither enjoyed his property nor his life. He neglected his parents, wife even his innocent children. Now he wants to give them company. Now he wants to love them. He will not neglect them further. Now he wants to enjoy. His body does not permit now. He again laments for his foolishness. Man laments twice. In early life greed provokes him to lament. In old age he laments due to his callousness. Good company, society or culture saves man but greed destroys. His brain fails. He cannot take judicious decision anymore.

A wise is satisfied with little what is actually needed. The learned stops earning further.

The blessed soul enjoys life through taking rest. The rich is never satisfied. The greedy only runs and earns. He does not enjoy. He is so cursed that he cannot enjoy. He suffers from holding instinct. In fact he holds nothing in true sense. The poor has nothing. They cannot enjoy. As such there is no basic difference between a poor and a greedy rich.

None can enjoy. Both enjoy nothingness.

## CONCLUSIONS

As already stated immense is the power of nothingness. Yet optimism wins at the end.

Optimism has overriding effect over pessimism. It is more powerful than nothingness.

This is why the earth still moves, the sun still gives light, the breeze blows, the birds sing and man still exists and hopes. In spite of destruction, devastation, hunger, natural calamities, poverty, riot etc. man dreams for better tomorrow. Man may lose everything except future. Thief cannot steal the future of a man. Future can compensate everything.

Sometimes such compensation surpasses all expectations. An optimist does not belong to the past dawns but to the noon of the bright and golden future. Thus nothing is defeated by everything.

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