



OF REPUTATION

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ABSTRACT:

A blessed soul possesses good reputation. A cursed soul is the victim of bad reputation. Good reputation is alias and akin to good will which is alias and akin to money. As such good reputation confirms rise and bad reputation causes fall of the concerned person. An intelligent person always runs after goodness. Thus without money a person can be financially sound that is only due to good reputation. Here lies the uniqueness of reputation. Here lies its glory.

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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

Contamination is to make something or somebody impure by adding substances that are dangerous or carry disease. It is to defile by touching or mixing with. It is to pollute, especially with radioactivity. It is to corrupt i.e., infect. It is used in derogatory sense. Contaminant is a substance that contaminates another substance, the air, water, etc.

Reputation is the estimation in which a person or thing is generally held. It means repute. It is favorable repute. It is good report. It is fame. It is a favorable and publicly recognized name or standing. It is the estimation or name of being, having done, etc., something specified. For example: He has a good reputation as a dentist. He has a

reputation for honesty/for crooked dealings. You must live up to your reputation.

Reputation is estimation in which a person or thing is commonly held, whether favorable or not. It is character in the view of the public, the community, etc. It is repute. It is such estimation when favorable. It is good repute. It is good name e.g. to lose one's reputation. It is distinction. It is the general character of being thought of as fame. It is distinction. It is the general character of being thought of as specified. It is name e.g. to have the reputation of being a cheat; a poet/scientist of some reputation.

Reputation is the opinion that people in general have about what somebody/something is like e.g. a school with an excellent/enviable/unrivalled reputation; a good/bad reputation as a doctor; have a reputation for laziness/for being lazy; compromise/ruin somebody's reputation; establish/build up/make a reputation for oneself; live up to one's reputation i.e., behave, perform, etc. as one is expected to.

Reputation is the regard, favorable or not, shown for a person or thing by the public, community, etc. It is such regard when favorable e.g. to lose one's reputation. It is the state of being well thought of. It is respectability e.g. have my reputation to think of; the artist has gained an international reputation. It is fame, credit, or notoriety for doing something e.g. has the reputation of driving hard bargains.

Reputation is what is generally said or believed about a person's or thing's character or standing e.g. has not justified his reputation; has a reputation for integrity, for stealing; place has a bad reputation. It is the state of being well reported of, credit, distinction, respectability, good report e.g. persons of reputation. The credit or discredit of doing or of being e.g. has the reputation of swindling his customer, of being the best shot in England.

Reputable is having a good reputation, respectable, trustworthy e.g. a reputable concern/firm; a reputable journal; quite a reputable scientist in his day. It is consistent with reputation. It means respected or known to be of good quality. It is a highly reputable firm/shop/accountant.

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Repute is reputation e.g. a player of international repute; know somebody only by repute; a house of ill repute i.e. a brothel.

Repute is to consider or esteem a person or thing to be as specified usually used in the passive. For example: He was reputed to be a millionaire. Your neighbor is reputed to be rich.

Repute is to account, deem. It is general opinion or impression. It is attributed character. It is widespread or high estimation. It is fame.

Repute is to consider, reckon. It is generally considered or reported of, with complement or to be or do e.g. is reputed the best doctor or to be the best. It is generally well, ill, etc., thought or spoken of. It is passing as being but probably or possibly not being e.g. his reputed father, clemency.

Of repute means having a good reputation; wines of repute; a doctor of some repute.

Reputed to be something/to have done something is generally thought to be something or to have done something, although this is not certain. For example: He is reputed to be the best surgeon in Paris. The house reputed to have been the poet's birthplace. She has sold her share of the company for a reputed \$ 5 million. He is reputed to be the best doctor in the town.

Reputed, generally, accounted or supposed to be such e.g. the reputed author of a book; the reputed owner; a well-reputed actor; an ill-reputed businessman; his reputed learning/scholarship; a member of a reputed legal firm; a writer of considerable repute.

Reputed is, supposed, and reckoned to be such. It is of repute.

Reputed is reputation e.g. a philosopher of repute; know him by repute.

Reputed is, generally, considered or reckoned e.g. is reputed to be the best. It is passing as being, but probably not being e.g. his reputed father.

Reputedly is according to reputation or popular belief e.g. a reputedly honest man.

Reputedly is in common repute or estimation.

Regard and name are synonymous to reputation.

Reputation and character are often confused.

Reputation, however, is the word which refers to the

position a person occupies or the standing that he has in the opinion of others, in respect to attainments, integrity, and the like e.g. a fine reputation; a reputation for honesty.

Character is the combination of moral and other traits which make one the kind of person he actually is as contrasted with what others think of him e.g. Honesty is an outstanding trait of his character.

Fame, distinction, renown, esteem, honour are synonymous.

Antonym is disrepute.

Reputative is reputed. It is putative.

Reputeless is without good repute.

Reputing is pluming oneself.

Reputed owner is a person who has to all appearance the title to the property.

Reputed pint, quart is what is commonly called a pint, quart though not necessarily of legal standard, sometimes as little as half the legal amount.

Reputed pint etc. is bottle of beer etc. sold as pint etc. but not guaranteed as imperial pint etc.

Generally, reputation is used in good sense. It is positive in nature. Someone inherits reputation i.e. status. Someone acquires name and fame. The former is easy and the latter one is difficult to earn. Whatever the avenue a person owns reputation, it is more than difficult to hold it for long. So an intelligent person always is vigilant and keeps it in safe custody. It is like good will a person has to own by hard labour or prolonged meditation. A gentleman considers repute most important more than money even.

Reputation is alias and akin to prestige. Sometimes so-called prestige becomes prestige issue to an egoist. This prestige issue becomes vulnerable first then turns into violent in nature. Sometimes such an issue moves from one generation to another just like inheritance. In future if a Good Samaritan is born in that family then the family becomes free from that curse.

To some persons image is not the factor rather money is all and everything. They want to earn and practically earn money by any means whether it is fair or foul it matters little. They seldom bother the avenue. They care not reputation. They want to enjoy the life to the lees by hook or by crook.

A reputed person becomes proud. An elephant goes and the dogs bark behind. Elephant does not react. Similarly, a proud person does not speak with all. He has both choice and voice as well. Good boy enjoys reputation. In contrast a bad boy is ill-reputed or not reputed. It faces taunting in the name of reputation which is much painful to a tender soul.

Every parent dreams that their children will earn reputation world-wide. They take utmost care for their issues accordingly. Some children become successful. Some of them cannot due to lack of talent and facilities. It is the whims of luck that directs and dictates human fate.

None knows whether the children will be prize or punishment to the parents. Man is quite helpless in this regard.

A sly person does mischief deeds in disguise. His true identity remains unknown. As such none can suspect his ill motive. If such a person becomes rich or powerful then he either becomes dangerously brilliant or brilliantly dangerous or both simultaneously. Sometimes he does some social activities to misguide the mass. It is his political investment to win the battle of election. If he wins and becomes a political leader then such a finished scoundrel is a threat to the locality. Thus his reputation is good but activities are bad. Later on, when his true identity is disclosed then the tyrant faces dire consequences.

CONCLUSIONS

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