



OF SELFISH

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ABSTRACT:

A selfish person does not know who will help him in danger. None helps him in need. It is his bitter experience. It is his real problem. This problem compelled him to be selfish. Simultaneously he sees some persons who get help from so many persons spontaneously. He cannot realise the reasons behind this fact. He is so callous. Thus if help in need is the classical success of a selfless individual then no help in need is the artistic failure of a selfish person.

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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

Selfish means concerned excessively or exclusively with oneself. It is arising from concern with one's own welfare or advantage in disregard of others e.g., a selfish act.

Thus a selfish person always seeks or concentrates on one's own advantage, pleasure, or well-being without regard for others.

It is being an actively replicating repetitive sequence of nucleic acid that serves no known function e.g., selfish DNA.

It is being genetic material solely concerned with its own replication e.g., selfish genes.

A selfish person is self centered. Self interest is his chief focus. Personal gain is his single agenda. He wants to

realise his ambition by hook or by crook i.e., by any means fair or foul. He leaves no stone unturned to fulfil his desire.

A selfish person is dangerous. He may be fool. He may be brilliant. If he is fool then he is caught red-handed and punished accordingly. If he is brilliant then he is either dangerously brilliant or brilliantly dangerous or both simultaneously. Everybody is afraid of him.

Everybody hates a selfish person. Everybody avoids him. Thus he is isolated from the main stream of the society. Such an unsocial element seldom cares for it. For this pathetic plight he is singularly liable. Some selfish persons rectify themselves and join the main stream. They realise their wrong path. Some others seldom want not to be good. They enjoy badness. They enjoy sadistic pleasure through vulgarity.

A selfish person is a finished scoundrel. He is a perfect Satan. Even god can commit any mistake but this character is faultless. None can suspect him. He is so genius. He may kiss someone in the morning. He may kick that very person in the evening of that very day. Thus he prefers thereby practises use and throw policy.

A selfish person never donates. He does not give alms. He has only receiving counter. He has no payment window as is usually found in the bank.

A selfish person never favours anyone. He cannot think benefit of others. Such welfare thinking is absent in his dictionary. He farewells the welfare of others. Rather he shows interest to someone where his personal gain is confirmed. Just after fulfilling his interest he leaves the person forthwith and departs from the spot simultaneously. Whenever interest peeps again he reappears like an angel. It is his rare individual style.

Selfishness is a personality trait either inherited or acquired or both simultaneously in different proportions. Good environment rectifies it. Good culture rescues such a victim from wretched condition. Someone can be rectified

early. Someone needs more time. Sometimes rectification of someone is a very difficult task. Then proper and permanent counselling is a must to rescue such an ailing humanity.

Who is not a selfish? The reply is everybody is selfish to some extent. Thus every sensible person is selfish. He is considered as normal. If someone crosses that social limit then he is blamed as selfish or self-centered.

A family man thinks for his family first then for others. It is his social responsibility. But to protect the right and interest of his own he should not harm others. It is an understanding. It is a social contract. Happiness becomes livelier when surrounding people are also happy. Such get together enjoys synergy.

Someone must protect his own interest. It is his democratic right. Then he should care for the democratic right of others too. If he does not think for the welfare of others he is blamed as selfish. Then he is immoral. It is a fact that an immoral person cannot win at last. Morality is a divine force. Only a blessed soul enjoys this immortal light and be illuminated accordingly.

If a drowning person is not rescued by a selfish person then that very selfish person will be left by that person whom he left once. Thus he is paid back by his own coin. This is the irony of fate. A wise knows it. A fool is derived from such farsighted knowledge.

A saint is an escapist. He only thinks for self. He is interested for self salvation so that he has not to comeback in this world again through rebirth as is believed by a pious soul. He has no family. He has no familiarity as well. This is both his merit and demerit simultaneously. The learned simply encases this status. So he has no liability except himself. He can go as he likes. He lives in his own term. None can direct and dictate his way of living or thinking as well. He enjoys loneliness. He leaves far from the madding crowd.

Man is a social being. Everybody is dependent on each other. But a selfish person thinks that he will not have to depend on others. He thinks he will gain everywhere. He will befool all always and everywhere. But it is impossible. It does not happen always. Here lies his limitation of judgement.

A selfish person considers himself as very intelligent. He is clever but not intelligent. He is sly but not wise. He can be identified from his sagacious looking. He is interested regarding profit and loss account of life. He is mundane not divine. Wisdom can never be expected from such a self-centered person.

A careerist is always selfish. He does not care for others. He is unsocial. His only agenda is to reach the goal. He is less poetic. Beautiful flower or songs of bird seldom draw his attention. He is engaged round the clock to serve his own purpose only. He even gives up his enjoyment thus to realise his ambition. He knows that time and tide wait for none. Also he waits for none. Time is his tough competitor. He always rushes like a racing horse with the time. He

knows career is a time bound program. Any mistake will distract him from realising his aim and ambition.

Childhood is the best time to build up the career. A single moment of student life if wasted or misused unnecessarily then thousand moments of future hardly can compensate that deficiency. A careerist knows it. So he seldom wastes time. He knows that time is not a commodity. As such it cannot be purchased.

A selfish person is a first class fool. He considers himself as a wise. But the fool knows not that he knows not. He considers through cheating he will conquer always. But it is not possible all the time. While he is in danger he finds no friend who can rescue him from the unexpected plight. For this reality he is singularly liable. He loved none. He helped none. So he has no friend. As such reciprocation is absent in his life. Reciprocation many times surpasses the face value. Obviously a Good Samaritan never thinks or does for return.

Since a selfish person has no friend rather surrounded by enemies he gets no help from anybody. He is reciprocated by vulgar laughter instead when he faces any problem and finds no way out. This is the outcome of selfishness man realises when he reaches the autumn of life. At that belated period of life he finds no way to compensate his deficiency thus acquired throughout his life.

A selfish person cheats a fool. He cannot befool another selfish person. In a community if all of the members are fool or all are selfish there occurs no problem. In case of mixed population problem is ever companion.

CONCLUSION

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