



## OF UNCERTAINTY

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### ABSTRACT:

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### INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform rather reveals, so this style of writing 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 may know 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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This creation is of uncertainty, by uncertainty and for uncertainty. In this world everything is uncertain except death which is only sure and certain. But this doctrine suffers from serious uncertainty, since the time of occurrence of certain death is quite uncertain. Thus certainty is controlled by uncertainty. Conversely, uncertainty is also controlled by certainty. Because, the time of occurrence of uncertain death is quite uncertain. But it must happen. It is quite certain. In this respect a pious soul opines that birth, death and marriage all are pre-assigned and fully regulated by the Almighty God.

A student having uncertain aim is just like a ship without radar. Neither the student nor the ship can reach the destination. Uncertain weather, uncertain tempers, mood of a naughty boy are all unpredictable. Political uncertainty and economic uncertainty destabilize the growth of any nation. Uncertain assurance of political leaders or uncertain smile of lover is always fishy. The baby's first uncertain steps amuse parents. A true friend tells his friend what he thinks of him in no uncertain terms! This clear and forceful term of language either strengthens or perishes friendship permanently. A judicious person welcomes this type of open comments to get relief from ambiguity thereby uncertainty.

A manuscript of uncertain origin engages the scholars to find the truth. If the scholars do not agree then the matter suffers from uncertainty. They say many men many minds. It implies a problem may have more than one solution. But truth is one. It is singular in number and nature. It cannot be plural. This saying does not hold good here. Rather the doctrine great men think alike is relevant here.

Uncertain friendship does not last long. Friendship is the outcome emotion. It is seldom based on profit and loss account of life. It is guided more by heart than by head. As such it should be upgraded regularly. True friends always do suffer from uncertainty. Out of sight implies out of mind. Mind does not like to remain empty as nature likes not vacuum. In nature, whenever there is any vacuum air of surrounding area rushes to accompany its partner. Air is so caring. Similarly, mind always needs constant companion for its communication be they eloquent or silent in nature. When two minds enjoy silent communication through eyes then speaking must be mum.

Because the language of eyes is eloquent more than words of mouth. They say silence is more eloquent than speaking anything. Silence communicates through high level language that can hardly be performed by polluted noise.

A man of uncertain age is familiar to all and can conquer the hearts of both young and old. If a person hesitates to take any decision at present then he will feel uncertain about the next course of action. As a result the outcome of the venture is liable to be uncertain.

The uncertainty of success of a frustrated youth throws into severe depression. An author too much concerned with the uncertainties of modern life earns popularity.

If two contesting captains be involved in quarreling then there is some uncertainty about when the game is due to start. Two persons may quarrel over a property regarding ownership. Legal rights cannot be ascertained without knowing definitely the detail of the disputed matter. The more litigated the more uncertain the outcome is. During recession the industry faces uncertain future. The skill or form of a player depends both on sound body and sound mind. Since both physique and psyche do not remain in the desired optimum condition, expertise does not show consistency always. This is equally true in case of performing arts also.

Uncertainty confuses a person in various ways with its different faces, facets, fabrications and features along with various dimensions and magnitudes as well. Uncertainty ranges in implications from a mere lack of absolute sureness to such vagueness as to preclude anything more than guesswork. Doubt implies such a lack of conviction, as through absence of sufficient evidence, that there can be no certain opinion or decision. Dubiety suggests uncertainty characterized by wavering between conclusions. Dubiously connotes uncertainty characterized by vagueness of confusion. Skepticism implies an unwillingness to believe, often a habitual disposition to doubt, in the absence of absolute certainty or proof.

Arrival and departure i.e. birth and death of an individual is certain, but time of their occurrences is quite uncertain. Also birth of man is quite uncertain. Here uncertainty is also controlled by another uncertainty. Nobody knows when a man will be born.

Because every intercourse does not guarantee the form of zygote in spite of sound physique and mind of man and woman involved therein. It is natural whim that controls

and dictates human birth. In this respect confidence of couple does not work always.

Similarly, death is quite unpredictable. A man must die. Man is mortal. There is no ambiguity here. It is universal truth. It is cent percent certain. Simultaneously its time of occurrence is cent percent uncertain as well. A man may die at any time. The age at the time of his death may either be nine or nineteen or ninety and so on. Even a son dies when father is alive. Again father and son die when grand father still exists on this earth. As such, certain death experiences resistance for its natural occurrence either in matured or premature stage of life. A lay man expects matured death as natural. To him premature death is quite abnormal. A pious heart preaches that all is Almighty's whims.

To Him mature and premature or normal and abnormal all is equal and at par. The holy soul argues that death is ultimate and unconquerable event that finishes mundane existence. God beckons and picks up anybody as per His sweet will whenever span of life of the concerned creature ceases thus to make it start its next journey to the heavenly abode for eternal peace.

They say that there is no basic difference between the two sentences namely 'he may Come' or 'he may not come'. One explains that he may come simultaneously means that he may not come also. Similarly, he may not come, means that he may come as well. The former expresses the affirmation and the latter being the negation one, i.e., it simply expresses the statistical tendency of uncertainty instead of certainty of a concerned individual.

In English grammar there are two types of articles namely definite and indefinite. Truth is always one. But lies are many. Truth is singular and lies are plural in number. A teacher advises, speak the truth and never tell a lie. Thus definite article, 'the' is used before the truth. But, indefinite article, 'a' is used before a lie. This world is infested with plural lies.

The truth remains mingled with infinite lies. It is just like a beautiful pearl of the ocean having unfathomable depth and only an expert and bold diver can reach and collect it.

Similarly, it is very difficult to choose the truth. A person always suffers from uncertainty. Chance comes once. As such there always remains fear to pickup the wrong thing. Only an experienced soul recognizes the right one and conquers uncertainty. Since experienced and expert persons are numbered this answers why we see few successful lucky men around us.

It is argued that an adjective qualifies a noun but it is not a friend of noun at all rather, in true sense, it is a foe of noun since, adjective deals with the disqualification of noun more forcefully. In fact adjective has done so harm to noun that one can hardly imagine it. Let it be clarified. Enemies may broadly be classified into three different categories namely identified enemy, unidentified enemy and uncertain enemy.

Two rivals are identified enemy to each other. Also each of

them knows the capacity of both. Unidentified enemy is dangerous since its way and time of attack and strength are quite unknown. So, it attacks suddenly bewildering the prey. Amongst these three, uncertain enemy is the worst of all. For, sometimes it works for and sometimes it works against the concerned individual. Thus its mood and motif are gloriously so uncertain.

Certainty and uncertainty is so mingled with the events of life that one can hardly distinguish the nature of an event. What is certain now is uncertain in the very next moment. Conversely, what is uncertain or impossible now is certainly possible at once.

Both interchange with each other constantly. This is due to the fact that the environment always changes. Environment is dependent on various controlling parameters. The funny thing is that these parameters also are changing with the passage of time. Further time gives birth to new and new factors rendering the whole surrounding quite uncertain.

### **CONCLUSION**

Uncertainty either may favour or disfavor. It obeys no rule at all. Rather it breaks all barriers and crosses all boundaries. For the duality in nature and behaviour of uncertainty it can broadly be classified into four different categories. The first type is uncertainly certain. It means the chance is fifty-fifty or sixty-fort or seventy-thirty or cocktail of any ratio. The second one is certainly uncertain. It signifies that it will never happen. The third type is certainly certain. It is the best of all. It guarantees for cent percent surety.

The last category, being worst of all, belongs to uncertainly uncertain. It simply puzzles even a judicious brain at ease. The world is overburdened with the events of this fourth type. This type is quite flexible and vacillates always. It is so obscure. Here lies the mysteriously eternal power of unique uncertainty. Thus in the land of uncertainty, only one thing is certain that is uncertain.

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