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Of Secret

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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 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

Secret is not known or seen or not meant to be known or seen by others. It is something that is kept or meant to be kept unknown or unseen by others e.g., a state secret.

It is something that is not properly understood. It is a mystery.

It is a valid but not commonly known or recognized method of achieving or maintaining something. For example: The secret of a happy marriage is compromise.

It is a prayer said by the priest in a low voice after the offertory in a Roman Catholic Mass. Here devotion is very important. The devotee cannot realize the obscure chanting. To them belief is all and everything.

It is obvious that one does not know all and everything. Also it is not possible. It is neither a crime nor a fault. Someone may not know something. This may be due to ignorance or lack of effort. Unknown matter comes under knowledge through sincere study or observation. Again something cannot be known since it is kept in the dark so that it cannot be known easily. This is called secret. Only a scholar or an investigator becomes able to illuminate this dark assertion after much toil. Since scholars are numbered only few can be enriched by secret matters.

Knowledge is infinite. The fountain of knowledge is not closed. A person can only know a very negligible amount of it during his entire life span in spite of non-stop hard labour. As such, secret remains infinite. In this regard both known and unknown signify nothing. Thus secret reigns the world with its immense power. To it both wise and fool are equal and at par. Both are infinite ignorant. It levels both. Thus it is quite democratic in its nature and behaviour.

A fool knows that it knows all and everything. A wise knows that it knows very little in comparison with vast knowledge. Here lies the difference between the two diagonally opposite personalities. A true scholar mourns for his infinite ignorance. Here lies the glory of a true scholar over a fool.

If a student does not understand anything, the lesson remains secret. He cannot proceed further. His progress becomes nil. This is the because of drop outs who are large in numbers. With partial and incomplete knowledge one cannot be master. He cannot be master-minded genius. Such an inattentive student is half genius. They say a little learning is a dangerous thing. This half genius is

dangerous more than a non-genius.

Unknown thing is always a mystery. Mystery has no base, thereby no brake at all. As such a mystery gives birth to another mystery. Mystery is alias and akin to secret.

A true lover does not keep secret his past history to his new lover. It strengthens the bondage between the two. If both the partners have past history and both confess to each other then it matches well and the distance between two souls becomes nil. If someone keeps secret the past love, then with the disclosure of it the present love closes its chapter. Here lies the importance of secret. A fool suppresses and faces problem. A wise becomes free from tension through confession.

There are various types of secrets. Every activity has its secrecy which is unique in nature. In fact, secrecy is an art. Someone inherits it through birth. Someone acquires it through practice. Good culture helps it to flourish. Good environment sharpens it. All is not artist. All cannot be artist. Also all is not destined to be artist. Very few win it. This answers why we see a few successful artists around us.

A successful businessman prospers only when he knows the trade secret. A businessman never discloses his strategy to his rivals. Theoretical knowledge is not sufficient to earn money. One has to learn the secrets of business through practical world through various trial and error methods. Earning is a difficult art. Money earning is one of the difficult tasks among all secret arts.

Open secret cannot be closed. Bribe is the most striking example of open secret. Everybody knows it. Everybody has to give it. Rather everybody becomes bound to surrender to this evil trap of the modern society. Again someone offers bribe and gets the desired thing. He keeps mum lest litigation arises in future. He knows well that both donor and accepter are equally guilty in the eye of law.

Love is a secret art. Someone likes it, masters in it and be successful. Someone likes it, masters in it, goes ahead but fails successfully. It seems only a lucky heart gets the warm touch of the lover. Someone wins it but cannot hold it for long. Only a fortunate lover conquers the head and heart of the partner and leads a successful happy conjugal life.

Love is attractive till it remains secret. Shame offers it a new dimension. The lovers enjoy romance in the light of secrecy. Climbing a mountain is an adventurous venture. Love is also an adventurous event. Secret romance offers it a new thrill. It is too thrilling to discover the lost eyes in the crowd. Marriage culminates that romance. Marriage means licence of enjoying sex. With the completion of marriage, the reckless involvement gets vanished. Marriage nails the last nail on the coffin of love. As such true lovers never marry. They prefer to remain permanent bachelor to enjoy secret kiss. Only a fool marries and carries the luggage of family.

A lover is guided by emotion. A wise is guided by motion i.e., reasoning. Emotion is the chief ingredient of love which a wise lack in either knowingly or unknowingly or both simultaneously. As such a wise cannot love. To him warm touch of the fiancée remains

a secret. No risk no gain implies high risk high gain. The learned wants to enjoy love without taking any kind of risk which is next to impossible.

Secret love needs and demands much time for its maturity or culmination. It is quite a risky game lest it becomes public. To a wise time is very short. The learned is unwilling to spare so much of his pre-assigned precious time for the secret fiancée. Thus a wise cannot be secret lover. Even if he loves his better half cannot be happy. As such intelligent girls avoid the wise. They are ready to worship the learned from far but decline to come near there by accept as husband.

There are two types of love viz., open love and secret love. Marriage is open love. In some conservative societies secret love is not allowed. In such an orthodox society love between two religions is strictly prohibited. Further a wise want to love openly. The learned wants to drink life to the lees. A fiancée wants secrecy for the sake of enjoyment and to avoid shame from the society. Thus openness is a hindrance for the involvement into secret love.

Someone can keep anything secret. He is introvert. Someone cannot. He is extrovert. Both are personality traits. Both the persons are good. The former one can be engaged in any job. But the later one cannot be engaged in all jobs.

All people are not of equal merit. If someone is intimated any secret matter, then the person is superior to others. It is an added quality. In appointment of manager this capacity is observed. A manager may be open-minded. He may play in straight bat. But he must not disclose the strategy of the organization. Strategy is unique and varies from organization to organization. It is singularly liable for rise and downfall of any person and its organization as well.

An extrovert tells all and everything. He should not be intimated any secret matter. Also for his own safety he should not be the witness of any secret matter. Such an extrovert person is murdered lest the secret matter is disclosed. In this regard an introvert is safe. Everybody knows that he speaks less, hears more and bears most. So propagation is not his business. He is less interested about any matter of third party be they open or secret. He speaks specific. He does not gossip. Thus he does not talk rubbish.

Secrecy and suppression are not identical. Secrecy means not to disclose. If a disclosed matter is not disclosed, then it is called suppression. Thus secrecy offers credit and suppression is liable for punishment. But in case of white lie suppression is free from punishment. The doctor often speaks lie for the sake of patient. If the critical condition is intimated, then the near and dear one who is mentally unfit may not take the message in its face value as is usually happens in case of the critical patient.

Someone is inquisitive to know a secret matter. When it is used in good purpose it is good. If it is applied for bad purpose, then it is bad. Suspicion is too bad and always bad. It is meant for evil purpose. It corrupts the soul. It endangers life. Enemy can murder lest the secret matter is disclosed.

Naughty children enjoy secret play and games. It reminds the lost

childhood. It renders someone nostalgic in careless moments.

In some societies sex culture i.e., any discussion regarding sex is a secret matter. Also it is a serious offence in some communities. Similarly, sex education is avoided in such societies and kept secret to the tender minds lest they be diverted. In fact, young boys and girls discuss sexual matters secretly. They get involved into sexual enjoyment. Due to lack of knowledge the minor girls become pregnant. Such a girl many times dies during abortion. Sometimes the girl commits suicide to avoid shame. The boy is also murdered. Sometimes the girl is killed by her family in the name of honor killing if their secret love affair is exposed. The expert says such mishaps would not happen if the school children would be enlightened by proper sex education.

To some culture open sex is quite normal. In contrast in some societies it is strictly prohibited. Thus sex culture is not culture free at all. However, orthodoxy, at present, facing challenge to the enlightened modern girls and boys.

Man faces secrecy. He has to face secrecy. He is bound to face secrecy. As such he stands still or becomes puzzled and cannot move since he knows not where to go. Thus man faces secrecy infinite times from cradle to coffin in its various forms and features having different degrees and dimensions as well.

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Theft is secret. Treachery is secret. The evil soul betrays from behind the curtain quite secretly with a smiling face. It is really a secret art. Such an artist is a finished scoundrel and seldom does any mistake. He is so faultless. Someone knows secret matter and sells to others. Someone blackmails. Thus secret matter is a commodity and the blackmailer earns a lot. The profession of an investigator is to disclose secrecy i.e., mystery.

Sometimes man discloses secrecy and someone suffers. Similarly, someone discloses his secret affair and he suffers. If someone betrays, then he is also betrayed. The evil soul is paid back by his own coin. Thus man is both the cause and because of disclosing secrecy and faces the outcome accordingly.

Immense is the attraction of secret things. The more restriction the more is the attraction. In free sex society attraction between two opposite sex is less since they see and enjoy all and everything. It is highest where restriction is highest. In a conservative society private parts of opposite sex especially of virgin girls enjoy

highest secrecy. The tender souls become involved and face severe consequence.

The doctors deal with physical secrecy i.e., both private and public parts of the body. It is quite normal. But to an emotional and romantic heart it is a great discovery. At the tender age value of secret sex is immense. As the man grows this physical attraction diminishes gradually. Later on a matured man laughs remembering the craziness of the tender soul.

A criminal discloses the secret activity of the gang in the police custody when third degree is applied. But a patriot speaks never the secret matter of the organization lest the freedom remains unachieved even bearing merciless corporeal torture. He is so committed.

Greedy people search for secret gold mine since time immemorial. They believe rumours as truth. They leave home and family and go to dense forest, hot desert and even untrodden hill. Similarly, some adventurous crazy people dive into the unfathomable depth of the sea in search of pearl and gems. Greed allures and pushes them towards death. They search till they breadth their last.

There are two types of people. The first category searches for secret thing and be engaged till they get it. The second category searches and leaves searching in the mid-way being frustrated. They lack in patience. They are common mass and large in number.

The wise advises, "Before you share your secrets, make sure that your listener is not a speaker and definitely not a script writer". Generally, a lay man does not follow this guide line. An intelligent person is quite alert in this regard. A lay man knows what to disclose. An intelligent person knows what not to disclose. Here lies the difference between two diagonally opposite strategies towards life.

Conclusion

Marriage is a long journey. Tolerance is its only fuel which originates from the cocktail of love and dependence which are complementary in nature. The secret of happy conjugal life is to believe each other. Few fortunate people can do it. This answers why we see few happy couple around us. The rich have much money. Yet they are unhappy. The poor has no money. Yet they are happy. Nothingness confirms their happiness. This is really a secret paradox.

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