

## Of Delay

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### Abstract

A passenger misses a flight due to delay. He cannot avail the opportunity awaiting in the destination. It causes anger. It seems he is cursed. Now, if the flight faces air crash then he realizes the divine grace by which he gets his life back. He was destined to exist. He was thus blessed. So delay may either be curse or blessing. None knows what is in the lot.

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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

Delay is to make someone or something late or slow. For example: The train was delayed.

It is to be late or slow. It is to loiter. For example: Time being of the essence, they delayed no longer.

It is to postpone or defer. For example: He may decide to delay the next cut in interest rates.

It is a period of time by which something is late or postponed e.g., a two-hour delay.

It is the action of delaying or being delayed. For example: I set off without delay.

In electronics it is the time interval between the propagation of an electrical signal and its

reception. For example: Finally, the average period of the oscillator is related to the average signal propagation delay through the test circuit.

It is an electronic device which introduces a delay, especially in an audio signal.

For example: The programmable delay cells provide that propagation delays can be set to perform timing margin tests.

Regular routine works can be done easily without any delay. If such an easy work is delayed without any valid reason it causes doubt. Someone, with malafide intention, delays to do something or in reaching the spot to serve his purpose. In a hurried moment delay causes anger. Some works require much time. Here precision is a factor. Haughtiness may cause error.

A scheduled program may be postponed due to delay of someone or all concerned. Rain causes delay to start or stop in the midway of any outdoor game. In some railway station the train which reaches the destination returns back to the source station again. Now if the train delays much then the return train is cancelled for that day so that the train may start at scheduled time in the very next day. It happens so in case of scarcity of extra train or flight.

They say Justice delayed is justice denied. Many persons are kept in jail custody for judgement. Many times judgement reaches when death knocks at his door and his days are numbered.

Thus if justice of youth is delayed and reaches at old age then it is not justice at all. Rather it is merely a farce, since it is of no use

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at that belated period of life. If breakfast is served at lunch hours then it should not be called as breakfast.

Early marriage is too good. Late marriage is too bad. Here the question of establishment of the issues and future of the wife are vital. If the old husband dies then the young wife faces much trouble. Further, if the widow is left with minor children then the situation becomes quite pathetic. In patriarchal society remarriage of a widow is difficult and with children is more difficult and in case of poor woman it is most difficult or next to impossible since virgin brides are her tough competitors.

Delay is not good. The loss is immense. Everybody laughs at the late Latif. He is seldom entrusted with responsible work. He may be honest. But he is always late. Sometimes a time conscious corrupted person is chosen than an honest callous person. Callous person is always bad. They are delayed from cradle to coffin. They are singularly liable for the delay drama of daily drama of life.

Delay is a very bad habit. It is very difficult to be punctual by a habitual late comer. Someone cannot overcome this obstruction. Only proper counseling, good culture can save someone from this stand still position of life. It needs regular practice. If a car is not started for long it becomes defunct. Similar is the man. If the car begins to run then it will be easy like flow of the spring that comes out of the hill spontaneously.

Delay is worst of all. It harms life. It causes less advancement. The paradox is that delay is a natural event. The sun does not rise in fixed time. In winter season it delays. The seasons sometimes delay both in arrival and departure. As such, man delays naturally. Thus reaching in right time or time consciousness is quite an artificial event. Good effort and sufficient care are required to reach in time. All cannot do it. It is an orientation. Very few persons have that capacity. This answers why we see few punctual persons around us.

He who reaches the market early gets fresh vegetables. The late customer gets degraded fish and vegetables. In any amusing program the audience who reaches early gets better seat that offers choice through options. The late comer, being the back bench, cannot enjoy the program properly. It is just like 'first come first serve' policy. The late comer does not get the seat if it is limited in number.

A careerist is always ahead. He takes admission in the elite institution with preferred subjects as per his choice. The delayed student does not get admission in the desired institution with the subjects as prayed for. He suffers life-long. He suffers a lot.

Punctuality is a great virtue. Some communities are punctual by birth. Someone has to acquire it. Good culture nurtures it. Proper environment sharpens it. It may be easy to be punctual. It is difficult to maintain punctuality. Here practice is the prime factor. Inner urge insists a person to be punctual. A lazy person cannot maintain it. As such late comer is omnipresent in every age.

Discipline makes a nation great. It is the key to success of any person. In contrast, delay causes failure. Man knows it. Yet man

delays. He is delayed. He is bound to face delay. Thus man, willy-nilly, experiences delay in its various forms and features having different degrees and dimensions as well. In fact man is both the cause and because of delay.

A person cannot avail the train if he reaches the station late. The patient dies if the doctor is delayed. The customer does not get service of a bank if he cannot reach in time. A student cannot write all the answers if he is delayed to reach the examination hall. A soldier is punished if is late to meet colonel in time. A person becomes ill if he is always delayed in taking his meals regularly.

In case of interconnected actions one delay causes another delay and so on. It is true in case of life also. Life consists of different stages viz., childhood, minor, youth, autumn and old age. If learning at childhood is delayed then the whole life suffers due to lacking in knowledge. Then misfortune dogs him wherever he goes. He suffers till he breaths his last. This is the outcome of delay.

Happening is an incident. It is quite normal. Delay means accident. It is abnormal. A timid person is afraid of accident. He always thinks for mishaps. Delay or mishap does not happen always. If it would so happen then the whole creation would be destroyed. Incidents are many. Accidents are less. When accidents are many and replace the incidents then the whole project should be summarily rejected forthwith and the matter should be thought afresh.

Time and time wait for none. Time is the most precious thing of the world. It is not a commodity. As such it cannot be purchased. Loss of time cannot be compensated by any means. As such a wise person never delays. He reaches in time. In most of the events he reports before time. He knows time is money. He knows better value of time. This time consciousness and knowledge regarding bad effect of delay save him always. The wise knows that liability will be fixed upon him if he delays. A fool has no such feeling. It delays. As such it gets punishment in every sphere of life.

The secret key of a successful manager is JIT i.e., Just In time. If an employee delays to report his office he is not allowed to join the duty on that very day. Similarly, if he leaves the office early then he is also penalized. To avoid labour trouble both manager and trade union leader sign an agreement. As per agreement if an employee leaves the office early then the manager will issue show cause notice to the concerned employee. And if the employee leaves late then trade union will ask explanation. The concerned employee has to prove that he is not more loyal to the management. Onus of proof is fixed upon the employee not upon the trade union leader that he has no illicit relation with the management.

Similarly, if a fiancé delays to meet the fiancée who is waiting for long then the relation does not mature. In this regard a callous fiancé is well advised to reach early or at least JIT thus to conquer the head and heart of his moody lady in love.

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## Conclusion

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