

Of Eminence

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Abstract

An important person is eminent. Also, an eminent person is important. Thus, fame is alias and akin to eminence. Fame does not guarantee respect. But respect confirms fame. Thus, all respectable persons are famous, but all famous persons may not get respect. Where fame ends, respect begins. This is the essence of eminence.

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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

Eminence is the state of being famous or respected in one's profession e.g. rise to/achieve/reach eminence as a doctor. It is high station, rank, or repute e.g. philosophers of eminence.

Eminence is a part eminent or rising above the rest. It is a piece of rising ground e.g. The villa stood on an eminence facing the east. It is a ridge or knob. It is height. It is distinction. It is a title given in 1631 to cardinals, till then styled Most Illustrious. It is advantage, upper hand.

It is a high or lofty place or part, thing, etc. It is a hill or elevation e.g. a fortress on a rocky eminence. It is recognized superiority in rank, position, character, achievement, etc. It is greatness. It is

celebrity. It is an important person. It is distinguished superiority in social, intellectual, etc. For example: His eminence enabled him to dictate to people. He attained great eminence as a poet/philosopher/musician.

It is the title of honour applied to a Roman Catholic Cardinal usually preceded by His or Yours e.g. His/Your Eminence; Their/Your Eminence.

Eminent is high in station, rank, or repute. It is distinguished, notable. It is eminent statesmen. It is conspicuous, signal, or noteworthy e.g. eminent fairness; a man of eminent courage. It is lofty. It is high. It is prominent. It is projecting. It is protruding. It is of qualities remarkable in degree.

Eminent is famous and respected in a profession e.g. an eminent architect; eminent as a scientist; a woman of eminent virtue. His son is only slightly less eminent.

Eminent is rising high above other things or place. It is standing high by comparison with others, as in rank or achievement. It is renowned. It is exalted in rank or office. It is remarkable. It is outstanding e.g. a man of eminent good sense. He is eminent for his munificence/learning.

In anatomy it is an elevation or projection, especially on a bone. It is a raised area, usually on the surface of a bone.

Eminently is very. It is obviously e.g. She seems eminently suitable for the job.

Prominent, celebrated, renowned, illustrious, outstanding, famous,

noted, notable are synonymous with eminence.

Eminent domain, as per law, is the right of a government to take, or to authorize the taking of, private property for public use, just compensation being given to the owner. It is the right by which the supreme authority in a state may compel a proprietor to part with what is his own for the public use.

Eminence grise is a person who exercises power or influence without holding office. It is a confidential agent. It is one exercising power in the background, as Cardinal Richelieu's private secretary and alter ego Pere Joseph, nicknamed 'Eminence Grise' i.e. 'the Grey Eminence'.

All cannot be eminent. It needs labour. It demands labour. Sincere and prolonged devotion strengthen it. Very few people can continue it. Not everyone can be the owner of such rare blessing. Very few fortunate people acquire it. Furthermore, devotion is akin to physical pain. Very few can bear it. This explains why we encounter so few people having eminence.

Eminence is a matter of lucky thing. Its use is in this mundane world. A person having this blessing is always ahead. Though it is mundane, only a blessed soul attains this divine favour. An unfortunate person can hardly think of it. Such a cursed victim faces misery from cradle to coffin. Only a rich or elite enjoys its warm feeling. This status smoothens real life. Then life becomes a bed of roses.

Eminence is a matter of luck. Two persons having equal merit may not be equally eminent. This happens in case of doctors, lawyers, teachers, and so on. Sometimes a person of mediocre or less talent earns huge amount of money in comparison of other intellectuals around him and becomes so-called eminent. Here lies the mystery. Here lies the tragedy.

The children of eminent parents get bonus marks in real life. They are welcomed by all. They face no trouble. Also, they earn eminence without being eminent in person. Thus, they are born with recommendation that paves the way to attain success everywhere.

Eminence is a force. All cannot bear this psychological pressure. To an elite person it is quite normal. As such a member of an eminent family can tackle such a situation at ease. In contrast, a person hailing from low-socio economic society fails nerve if he gets huge amount of money from lottery and becomes eminent. He spends lavishly. He enjoys riotous living. Very soon he becomes poor again. Thus to such a degraded soul eminence is like a short story.

It is difficult to be eminent. It is more difficult to hold it for long. An eminent person may suffer from superiority complex. This feeling of superiority insists him to be proud. He acquires ill-fame for his haughty behavior. Pride goes before a fall. He experiences down-fall ultimately and untimely.

A wise person is eminent. He never misuses his power. He knows all is uncertain. Eminence is no exception. Today's eminent person may not be eminent tomorrow. He may lose it for his illegal activity or unlawful involvement.

Rome was not built in a day. Similarly, eminence can never be achieved overnight. It requires time for its settlement. As such an intelligent person prepares from the very beginning of his life to acquire eminence. One should not lose heart if he fails. He should try till he attains success.

Regarding success one should keep it in mind that if a person tries to achieve something there are two possibilities, either he may fail or he may fail to fail. A person should simply try for the later one. In fact, an optimist always follows the same. In contrast, a pessimist or a lazy person sits idle and curses his fate. Thus, to them eminence is a matter of far-off land.

One should not be envious of any eminent person. Rather he should try to be eminent following the foot print of the successful eminent persons. Envy not only degrades the soul also it defames. An eminent person is respected by all and everywhere. Also, an eminent person respects others as reciprocation. This good gesture adds another feather in his cap. Here lies his uniqueness. Here lies his eminence. That's why he is eminent.

Eminence is culture free. It breaks all barriers and crosses all boundaries with its noble essence. Some persons think that eminence is of the rich, by the rich and for the rich. But in reality, a person of low birth can achieve it. In contrast an aristocrat person may lose it for having lackadaisical attitude. Thus, eminence is not the monopoly of the elite society.

Money or wealth is not the yardstick of eminence. Personality trait like goodness thereby greatness is the chief ingredient of eminence. Such a person is the true celebrity.

Conclusion

An important person is eminent. Also, an eminent person is important. Thus, fame is alias and akin to eminence. Fame does not guarantee respect. But respect confirms fame. Thus, all respectable persons are famous, but all famous persons may not get respect. Where fame ends, respect begins. This is the essence of eminence.

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