

Of Identity

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Abstract

Man asks himself; who am I? Man thinks for his true identity. He wants to know his source and destination. Thus he wants to know his past and future existence. The baby was not into existence yesterday. Today it comes into existence. The process of birth astonishes him. He hears the throb of life. Very soon it will inherit an identity from its parents. Philosophical emotion isolates a person from mundane existence.

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1. 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.

2. Article

Identity is who or what somebody/something is. For example: There is no clue to the identity of the killer.
Identity is the state or fact of remaining the same one or ones, as under varying aspects or conditions. For example: The identity of the fingerprints on the gun proved that he was the killer.
It is the condition of being oneself or itself, and not another. For example: He doubled his own identity.
It is the condition or character as to who a person or what a thing is e.g. a case of mistaken identity.
It is state or fact of being the same one.
It is exact likeness in nature or qualities e.g. an identity of interests.
It is an instance or point of sameness or likeness e.g. to mistake

resemblances for identities.

Thus identity is the condition or fact of being the same or exactly alike. It is sameness. It is oneness e.g. groups united by identity of interests. It is the condition or fact of being a specific person or thing. It implies individuality. It is the condition of being the same as a person or thing described or claimed.

Identity between A and B is the state of being very like or the same as somebody/something e.g. a feeling of identity between managers and staff.

In mathematics it is an equation which is true for all permissible sets of values of the variables which appear in it. Example: $x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)$.

Identity crisis, as coined by E. Erikson an U.S. psychoanalyst, is the condition of being uncertain of one's feelings about oneself, especially with regard to character, goals, and origins, occurring especially in adolescence as a result of growing up under disruptive, fast-changing conditions.

Identity element is an element of a mathematical system that does not change the other elements in the system when it operates on them e.g. zero is the identity element for addition ($x + 0 = x$) and one is the identity element for multiplication ($y \times 1 = y$).

Thus identity element, in mathematics, is an element (e) in a system of elements such that $e * x = x * e = x$, for every value of x where * denotes a binary operation i.e. in the ordinary number system, for addition $e = 0$, for multiplication $e = 1$.

Old identity is a long-standing and well-known inhabitant of a place.

Identical twins are developing from one zygote.

In diplomacy, identical note, action, sent by carried out by, two or more governments in dealing with another, others.

Identikit originally developed in U.S i.e. U.S. Identi-Kit is a device for building up a composite portrait from a large number of different features on transparent slips.

In logic law or principle of identity is a law stating that A is A, that a thing is the same as itself.

Identity card i.e. ID card is a card bearing the holder's name, signature, etc. and often a photograph, carried or worn by somebody to show who they are.

Identity card = Identification card.

Identity parade = Identification parade.

Identity has a warm feeling. Someone suffers from ego. He does suffer from superiority complex. This higher complex causes trouble that invites ego clash. Ego clash causes difference and distance between two persons. If they compromise then they can be intimate, otherwise the distance reaches to infinity.

If two persons hail from two different socio-economic statuses then the inferior person suffers from inferiority complex. Now, if his partner be free and friendly then the difference is diminished.

Man is cautious regarding his real identity. If he belongs to lower category then he wants to equalize with his surrounding people. An inferior person wants to elevate his status either by higher education or earning much money or both.

Richness of wealth cannot guarantee higher status for long. Status lasts till money lasts. But money never lasts long. Man cannot think of it when he is rich. He realizes it after losing all and everything. When he becomes poor then he loses his status and automatically becomes isolated. He is deserted by all.

An educated person is always rich for having knowledge. He is respected by all. With the passage of time he can increase his knowledge further through regular study. He becomes wise. The learned is not afraid of thief, since a thief cannot steal wisdom. Here lies the uniqueness of wisdom. Here lies its great identity.

If an educated person has much money then he is greatest of all. But it is very rare. Because, an educated person gets little time to

invest his intellect for business purpose thereby earn money. They say money isolates a person from education. Allurement of any kind is a hindrance for acquiring knowledge. For, knowledge can be acquired by sincere devotion only.

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Some persons are very cautious about their birth records. A wise is cautious for his activity. It is a shame if an issue of elite becomes a fool. It is a matter of glory if a person hailing from low socio-economic status becomes a topper.

Identity crisis is a threat to the illegitimate children. Migrant people or refugee suffers mostly from identity crisis. They lose their mother land. Then they lose their culture. They lose their future also. Uncertainty, injustice and fear are the ever companion of these up-rooted people. Their culture cannot flourish and even exist due to the invasion or frugality of new culture. They become nostalgic and become anxious for the future of their children who lose their original culture.

Culture holds its members. It unites all even a person of another culture for its attractive attributes. Good gesture beckons and binds even a stranger.

A person without culture is just like a ship without radar. A nation cannot shine without culture. A community is simply destroyed for not caring its culture. As such a tyrant if wants to destroy any society it destroys its culture first.

3. Conclusion

Culture is unique. It is alias and akin to the identity of the concerned culture. It is sophisticated. It is tender in nature. But immense is its capacity that can mould and practically moulds even a tyrant. Here lies the triumph of culture in disguise of identity.

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