

## Of Misunderstanding

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### Abstract

*Brittle is the glass. Stone is crushed into pieces. River banks disappear. Family gets destroyed. Good luck becomes ill luck or ill-luck becomes good luck. Thus everything changes. Only misunderstanding seldom becomes understanding.*

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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

Misunderstanding is a failure to understand something correctly e.g., a misunderstanding of the government's plans.

It means misinterpretation. For example: The instructions were carefully written to prevent misunderstanding.

Sometimes outcome of misunderstanding is disagreement. For example: He left the army after a slight misunderstanding with his commanding officer.

Again misunderstanding gives birth to quarrel ultimately e.g., unfortunate misunderstanding between two old friends.

Lack of knowledge causes misunderstanding. Knowledge is infinite. It is not possible to know everything. A judicious person tries to understand something with his present knowledge. If he cannot understand the matter in question then he starts to gather

knowledge on the concerned new topic. In course of time he realises the matter and can explain it clearly.

In contrast, if a fool cannot understand any new matter it does not try to gather knowledge to realise it, rather it tries to interpret the concept as per its sweet will through its incomplete or half knowledge. As a result the matter becomes more obscure. They say a little learning is a dangerous thing. Thus such a half genius is dangerous more than a non genius.

A wise knows that he knows nothing. A fool knows that it knows all and everything. Here lies the two diagonally opposite philosophies towards their lives. Thinking is alias and akin to physical pain. Very few people can bear that pain. This answers why we notice few wise persons around us. Since the judicious persons are numbered the world is infested with so many fools. As such the society suffers from so many misunderstandings.

Two fools quarrel if they disagree on any matter or manner. But two wises argue basing on logic. If they differ in opinion they do not disrespect or insult each other. They respect talent of the opponent even. They get back the same in reciprocation. They never quarrel. Rather they believe in the doctrine many men many minds. Also they know that great men think alike. That's why they are great. Here lies their greatness.

Misunderstanding is a negative concept. Nobody likes it. Everybody wants to avoid it. But none can escape from it. Its destructive power is immense. Many relations do not last long for its presence. Many families are destroyed for its violent effect. The tragedy is that true cause is disclosed after desertion or death of the persons involved.

Lovers are delicate. They are guided by emotion more rather than motion. Emotion has no base and no brake at all. It knows only to move. It knows not when to stop, where to stop and how to stop. Thus their relation is vulnerable.

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The merit of a lover is that she/he can easily be moulded. The demerit of that very lover is that she/he can easily be moulded. Thus a lover possesses both these traits simultaneously. She misunderstands a known person but understands an unknown person. As such a lover is eloped very easily even by a stranger. This is the outcome of misunderstanding she realises when reaches a blind lane and the path of return is closed.

Since the relation is touchy they leave each other due to misunderstanding. They never meet each other. Sometimes they become involved with new relation and marry being emotionally driven. Thus right man reaches the wrong place. Sometimes they commit suicide. Those who commit suicide are well advised that life has its sweet side too.

True guide guides. Fake guide misguides. The prodigal person becomes misguided missile. He becomes either dangerously brilliant or brilliantly dangerous or both simultaneously. It is the outcome of misunderstanding. Thus head of the misguide and hands of the prodigal make a complete man.

Misunderstanding is quite common. The most uncommon is not to consider or to finish the wrongs. The problem lies with the adamant persons. The fool can be tackled. But intentional genius is difficult to manage.

Rope versus snake is an important problem. If rope is misunderstood as snake there lies no problem. But if snake is considered as rope then danger is a must. Man knows it. But due to wrong decision man faces it.

Understanding means gain. Misunderstanding means loss. The society has experienced more loss than gain. It is easy to lose than gain. It is difficult to climb the hill than downward movement. To build character it is difficult. It is easy to diminish. Understanding is too good and misunderstanding is too bad.

Misunderstanding is omnipresent with its immense power. Man faces it. He has to face it. He is bound to face it. Thus, from cradle to coffin, man willy-nilly faces infinite times its various forms and features having different degrees and dimensions as well. Sometimes he is liable. Sometimes he is not liable. Sometimes third party is liable for the misunderstanding. In fact man is both the cause and the because of misunderstanding.

Due to misunderstanding many relations are damaged prematurely thereby terminated permanently. Many persons die. Many persons get separated. Unfortunately, man cannot control misunderstanding rather misunderstanding controls man in every sphere of life.

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Sometimes misunderstanding cannot shake hand with understanding due to ego. Ego is the worst trait of human being. Its harming capacity is highest. It is alias and akin to pride. Pride

goes before a fall. Both the persons are reluctant to bow down. Sometimes misunderstanding continues generation after generation. It transmits from grandfather to father and sometimes it lasts long to grand children even and so on. In course of time, if a Good Samaritan appears in that family then the learned rescues the dynasty from the concerned age-old curse.

There are two types of persons. The first category likes misunderstanding. The second type dislikes it. They are diagonally opposite in leading their life style. The first type lives with misunderstanding. He dies with misunderstanding even. To such a unique person no misunderstanding itself is a misunderstanding. Everybody wants to avoid misunderstanding. In contrast, he welcomes misunderstanding. It is his personally trait. He has so good understanding with misunderstanding. He enjoys it life-long till he breaths his last. He is so uniquely tuned.

If someone determines not to believe the opponent or not to discontinue the bad relation then misunderstanding is difficult to banish. If both the persons disagree then misunderstanding starts for infinite voyage. However if one partner disagrees then in future it may be possible to do mutual understanding but if both disagree then mutual happens never.

Obviously time cures all and man becomes submissive. Death of near and dear ones and mishap render man cool tempered and judicious. Then he realises quarrel is quite useless since everybody will die today and tomorrow. He discovers that man has come alone will depart this world alone. Man is really alone in the midst of all and everything. He can carry nothing rather leaves all and everything. Man dies and is forgotten. This is hard reality. Only memory outcome of behaviour exists.

Someone laughs for someone. Someone laughs at someone. Both the exposures are diagonally opposite to each other. Similarly reciprocation will be accordingly. Only a judicious person can identify the real outcome of laughter seldom a fool.

A lover, for the sake of permanent relation, is well advised not to laugh at the partner. She/he is not only advised rather warned not to love for any third party. This extra laugh may invite unwanted problem through misunderstanding.

Every lover misunderstands the partner. It is the daily drama man experiences and enjoys simultaneously. It is his/her democratic right. Man is more cautious regarding right not for duty at all.

Through misunderstanding and subsequent solution the relation matures. If there is no solution the relation terminates. Both the lovers and family persons face misunderstanding regularly without fail.

A judicious person can tackle the misunderstanding. He knows which misunderstanding is to care. It is an art. He knows better which one is to omit. Thus tact of omission is a greater art. All is not artist. As such a fool cares which one is to ignore and cares not which one is to pay attention thereby loses both ways. Thus a judicious person enjoys classical success and a fool experiences artistic failure.

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A maniac person becomes the prey of misunderstanding at ease. Such a person needs proper counselling for stabilising the mental health thereby to regain the normal state of life.

Either misunderstanding gives birth to suspicion or suspicion gives birth to misunderstanding or both give birth to both simultaneously. If one misunderstanding is not solved instant then it gives birth to another one and so on. So it is better to meet the concerned persons involved and discuss with logic and with open mind more. Free mind invites understanding and removes misunderstanding.

### **Conclusion**

Misunderstanding is quite democratic in its nature and behaviour. Everybody becomes its prey. Both rich or poor, literate or illiterate, high birth or low birth, elite or mass, aristocrat or down-trodden, bourgeois or proletariat i.e., people from all walks of life are equal and at par to it. It levels all and everybody. Here lies the uniqueness of misunderstanding rather than unique misunderstanding.

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