

Of Opportunity

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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 multi-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

Opportunity is a time or set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something e.g., increased opportunities for export.

It is a chance for employment or promotion e.g., employment/job opportunities; career opportunities in our Tokyo headquarters.

It is an occasion or situation that makes it possible to do something that one wants to do or have to do, or the possibility of doing something. For example: Everyone will have an opportunity to comment.

It is an appropriate or favourable time or occasion. For example:

Their meeting afforded an opportunity to exchange views.

It is a situation or condition favourable for attainment of a goal.

It is a good position, chance, or prospect, as for advancement or success.

It is a favourable, appropriate, or advantageous combination of circumstances.

They say opportunity is just like sunrise; if one sleeps too long he simply misses it. Then he repents. But mere repentance does not confirm the recurrence of the chance again. As such they say chance comes once. Only an intelligent person can recognise it. He readily avails it forthwith. A fool cannot judge the opportunity. It either neglects it or cannot accept it.

None knows when the opportunity will appear. Also it is not feasible to be alert round the clock. However, one should always consider the situation judiciously as is faced with.

Adequate opportunity, ample opportunity, economic opportunity helps someone to flourish properly. These all are different variations of golden opportunity. A fortunate person gets opportunities throughout his life. As a result, he rises too high very smoothly. His life is an episode of opportunities. In contrast, an unfortunate person is so cursed that he faces hurdles in every footstep. Hardly has he got relief through even a single opportunity.

What is opportunity to one may not be to other. Different persons have different aims or objectives. As such they differ in opportunities. If someone avails he goes ahead. He who avails not goes

behind and it doubles the difference with the successful one. Only a blessed soul can avail. A cursed soul cannot and can never avail it. All cannot recognise opportunity. It needs and demands talent or capacity. A fool does not get into a stationary vehicle. He leaves it. He then tries to avail the running one. He fails to avail it. Thus he fails to avail both the opportunities.

They say strike the iron when it is hot. It is an example of opportunity regarding time consciousness. A student must read attentively. At that jovial period of life man possesses the highest grasping power. As man grows older that capacity diminishes gradually like the dew drops that vanish with the rise of sun rise. So, adult education is a difficult task. Childhood is free from cares and anxieties. Then the mind is free and fair. In contrast, a family man faces numerous and various troubles from dawn to twilight.

A serious and sincere student reads attentively. He avails all the opportunities to prosper thereby realises his ambition. Thus he is established and leads a secured life. In contrast an inattentive student plays during study hours. He roams here and there aimlessly to serve and satisfy his bohemian whimsicality. At that immature period of life he cannot understand the future severity for his present callous attitudes. His present pleasure is the source of permanent pain in future. For this wrong doings he has to pay much throughout his entire life till he breaths his last. He fails in the examination. His successful failure paves the way to fail everywhere in life. He gets no employment. He has to do physical works. He has to do much toil to manage his meals. If he has no physical capacity, he dies unfed.

An inattentive student enjoys which the attentive student misses at that crucial period of life. Later on the attentive student enjoys while the inattentive student suffers lifelong. Man cannot realise his wrong doings in childhood. Later period of life when man realises it then it is too late. He has nothing to do except repentance. He curses himself. Misfortune dogs him wherever he goes. In fact, a single precious moment of student life is wasted unnecessarily then thousand moments of future can hardly compensate that deficiency.

Opportunity is good when someone avails or uses it in noble cause. It is too bad when it is used in evil purpose. Both are opportunities. In the first case, for example, a Samaritan uses fire to light the lamp thus to remove darkness. In the second option, a Satan uses fire to destroy the civilisation. So opportunity cannot be held as guilty. Rather its user is solely responsible for its use or misuse. Science is a blessing. It is not a curse. Science is an opportunity.

Opportunity is of various types. Man, from cradle to coffin, gets opportunities in its various forms and features having different degrees and dimensions as well. Sometimes he avails. Sometimes he avails not. A moody person avails if he likes. He avails not if he likes not. Thus his mood and motive are gloriously so uncertain. From this decision of acceptance or rejection personality pattern of the concerned person is exposed.

An honest person does not pick up the money bag or any valuable article lying in the street. He never accepts any undue advantage in the name of opportunity. An opportunist purchases a distressed sale property. A pious soul never purchases such property which is sold in a very low price in the crisis period of an unfortunate fellow. Rather he helps that needy person financially. He opines that he, who purchases distressed sale property, in future must have to sell his own property in distressed condition. Thus he is paid back by his own coin. Thus ill got means ill spent. In fact, easy earning money is not always easy to keep in safe custody. Thus opportunity is not always good. It has evil side too.

Share market is the store house of opportunities. Also it is a place where man loses all and everything he belongs. Very few judicious persons earn from share trading. Here luck is equally important like judgement.

Also opportunity is used as a trap. The hunter catches the prey alluring through opportunity. A tiger is caught by a goat that is considered as opportunity. Similarly, a criminal is caught red-handed through the trap in disguise of opportunity. A lay man hardly can distinguish between an opportunity and a trap.

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An opportunist is careerist. Careerist is always selfish and self-centered as well. Ambition is his single agenda. To realise his ambition he adopts any means fair or foul. He prefers the second option. He intends to reach his destination by hook or by crook. Avenue is not the factor. To him outcome is all and everything. As such he breaks all barriers and thereby crosses all boundaries. Thus an opportunist is either dangerously brilliant or brilliantly dangerous or both simultaneously.

Conclusion

Opportunity of being heard is the essence of democracy. In dictatorship there is no such chance i.e., opportunity to opine or choose freely. Here not choice rather voice of the dictator is final. But tyranny does not last long. History is its true witness. Good time is not permanent. Similar, is the bad time. Whenever opportunity favours, the proletariat dethrones the tyrant ruler.

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