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Of Destination

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Abstract: In an orthodox society free sex is highly prohibited. Here the lovers take the risk for the sake of love. The romantic hearts believe that no risk, no gain implies high risk high gain. To them love for a single day is far better than thousand years of life without love. They ultimately must face honor killing. Heavenly abode becomes their ultimate destination.

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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 in 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

Destination is the purpose for which something is predetermined or destined.

It is an act of appointing, setting aside for a purpose, or predetermining.

It is a place to which one is travelling or to which something is sent. For example: Delft is an ideal destination for a relaxing weekend.

It is a place worthy of travel or an extended visit, e.g., a popular tourist destination.

It is often used attributively e.g., a destination restaurant, a destination resort.

Both birth and death are alias and akin to destination. A baby is born. Then mother's lap is his destination. The parent's address is his destination. Similarly, death means to leave the present place of dwelling thus to stay in another place unknown to us. It means if life is staying in this world, then death is also another similar staying in another world beyond our perception. Then, either heaven or hell is his destination as is believed by a pious soul.

In contrast an atheist calls it merely a hypothesis. He opines that birth means completion of a biological process. Death also means completion of another biological process. A dead man tells no tale. The man is dead, means the chapter is closed.

Some religions believe in rebirth. According to the concept rebirth is a repeated continued process of changing of infinite number of destinations. This is a matter of cent percent purification of the concerned soul in that unique

way. This progress continues till Almighty's approval is obtained for final shelter in heaven through salvation.

Another school of thought thinks similarly. That doctrine states that man loves his near and dear ones. He cannot bear the pain of separation through death. He knows well that he will not get back his dear person who is dead now. He will never come back. Simultaneously, he cannot believe it. He becomes nostalgic. As such he imagines that the dead person exists elsewhere and will live long. He imposes the attribute of immortality upon his closest soul. He consoles himself in this unique way. His agitated mind becomes cool. Thus, he gets relief through catharsis.

Destination is mundane. Destined is divine. It is fully controlled by Almighty. Man has no power to control it. Rather destined controls fate. A sacred soul opines that all are predestined and inevitable in nature.

A river meets the sea at last after crossing many a weary mile. The sea is its ultimate destination. Human life may be compared with a river. A child is restless. An old person is slow. Similarly, a river is too swift when it comes out of the hill spontaneously. It becomes too slow when it comes nearer to the sea i.e., to its opening or outlet

Source can be known but destination is unknown. It is like, "Man proposes, God disposes" policy. Someone may start to go somewhere but midway he changes his mind to go to a different place. Sometimes it is automatic. Sometimes it is under compulsion just like a river that changes its natural course being obstructed by the dam.

The destination of a notorious criminal under prison is kept secret. He is transferred to any new jail for better protection. He does not know his destination either release or jail or hang.

Both source and destinations are quite relative. A source has hailed from somewhere. So, it is a destination as well. Again, destination becomes source when it starts for another destination. It is like a river and rivulet. So, both represent both. As such there is no source or destination in absolute sense. What we assign or call it has only relative meaning.

Man does not know his destination. An unemployed person cannot or does not know his place of posting. He may sit many examinations for assignments. He may be successful in all or in some of them. Then he has to opt for anyone. The matter becomes quite frustrating if the unfortunate person cannot crack any examination. Then he must stand still. Nowhere becomes his destination. Every person experiences this pathetic plight many times or at least once from cradle to coffin.

In patriarchal society a woman goes to her in laws house. A virgin woman cannot know the address of that house in advance during her childhood. Similarly, in matriarchal

society, destination is just reverse. A man must go to his wife's paternal house for the rest period of his life.

In case of divorce destinations of both are changed. They may go back to their respective place from where they hailed once. Also, they may go to a new place as per unprecedented situation. In case of love affair, the partners choose their new destination. In the event of living together the destination is new. In both these cases the partners do not like any in law's house where restriction is more than freedom. They want to drink life to the lees.

Marriage means bondage. The guardians insist on making that bond rigid. Here, destination is known. This is required to confirm the future of innocent children. In any separation the women and children are most sufferers. Orphan houses become overcrowded by these unfortunate hearts. They become prodigal, being deprived of mothers' affection.

Such crazy souls are not considered as the members of the mainstream. Nobody laughs at them. Rather everybody laughs at them. None loves them. Everybody hates them. As such everybody avoids them lest they ask for help. They must bear this life-long curse. Misfortune dogs them wherever they go. Such an unfortunate soul suffers till he breathes his last.

They die unpaid. They die unfed. They die unwept. They die unsung. They die unknown as well like the thousands of nameless people who built the pyramids. These are the untold and unsaid stories of history.

Their funeral ceremony remains unattended. They were used for the welfare of society. But the paradox is that they get no fare well at all in reciprocation. It is their destiny. They become the prey of use and through policy. They experience hire and fire strategy.

This is the outcome of an unguarded childhood coupled with an unshaded infant. Thus, in all these cases the destination is unique and single in nature which is death.

Refugees and migrants do not know their destination. Their fate, therefore, depends solely on the whims of the political leaders. Sometimes the leaders confirm their destination. Sometimes they confirm not. They confirm if they like. They confirm not if they like not. Thus, their mood and motive are dangerously uncertain.

These displaced people exist on the mercy of the state leaders. They are like slum dwellers or street beggars. The whole world is their destination. As such they are displaced infinite times in various places before their death. Their fates are so glorious. Variety is the spice of life. They experience varieties in various ways.

They enjoy temporary destinations likely to be permanent. In fact, in every sphere of life permanently depends on the likeness of the boss. Sometimes the boss likes it. Sometimes he likes not. He has acquired this democratic right without any agitation but by default as is usually found in the case of a computer. It is like being built.

Life is quite obscure. A pious soul states that we do not know where we have hailed. Also, where will we go? Both source and destination are quite unknown to us. All the family members just meet each other just like passengers waiting in any airport. This world, as if, is a waiting room. None knows none. Everybody is unknown to each other. Also, whether they will meet again is also unknown.

Thus, man is an eternal passenger without source and destination. His journey is never ending. His path is infinite. No one knows when he will reach his destination. Whether he will reach the destination at all is a million-dollar question. He reaches the destination if Almighty desires. None can intervene in this matter. All lobby fails. Lobbying is strictly forbidden. Nepotism is not allowed. It is restricted sternly. No persuasion is considered. It is divine concern.

A passenger waits in the airport and departs whenever the flight is ready. Similarly, man leaves this world when death beckons. The paradox is that an old man may stay but a young man has to leave this world. As for example, son may die even when father is alive and sometimes grandchildren die though the grand father is still alive. Here lies the mystery of death.

None can escape death. Death has leveled all and everybody irrespective of status through its immense leveling power. To it rich or poor, literate or illiterate, educated or uneducated, expert or novice, high birth or low birth, aristocrat or down-trodden, elite or beggar, egoist or liberal, bourgeois or proletariat, dictator or democratic, have or have-nots, etc., i.e., people from all walks of life are equal and at par. In this regard death is quite democratic in its nature and behavior.

All passengers do not go to an identical destination. Different passengers have different destinations. The paradox is that known people may go to different destinations. And different unknown passengers may go to the same destination. Here known and unknown are not the deciding factors to control the destinations. Rather, destination directs and dictates both known and unknown people. Here lies the uniqueness of destination rather than unique destination.

A person may start to go to a place. This attempt has four outcomes. In the first case he may reach there.

In the second case he may have reached there but he could not meet the person since his house was under lock and key. Here reaching the destination is meaningless. It is merely a waste of time, money and energy as well. Then it would be better if the person would not go there. Now, no one can blame him, at least, since he reached the destination as promised or assured. However, the ball is in the court of the opponent. If he did not go then he would be blamed as a sincere defaulter.

In the third case he could not reach the place since the road was closed due to some problem and he returned back his home. Here source and destination are the same. As such as per physics displacement is zero.

In the fourth case the person may meet that person on the way. Such meeting serves his purpose, and he can come back home early. Here midway is his destination which was beyond his expectation. It saves time, energy and money as well. He is really a fortunate person.

Further the person may die in the road. The goer never becomes a returner. The person may forget the path of both source and destination. Here the person can neither reach the destination, nor can he come back to his source again. This happens in case mad. Someone can be kidnapped and killed if demand is not fulfilled. Someone goes for adventure. Someone leaves the present place for better opportunity. Someone leaves the house intentionally. Someone leaves the house forever to respond to divine calls.

If the husband leaves wife and children, then they suffer lifelong. Such deserted people die unpaid. They die unfed. They die unwept. They die unsung. Ultimately, they die unknown as well like the nameless thousands who built the pyramids. The communist agitates against this deprivation of the proletariat by the bourgeois.

Someone reaches his coveted destination. It is predestined. Someone cannot reach. It is also predestined. Both are Almighty's desire as is believed by a pious soul. Such a divine heart perceives and preaches that everything happens at the beckon of that supreme power.

Here the question of will force arises. He who believes in will force and does not believe in luck opines that, "Where there is a will there is a way". Effort brings success either early or late. Hard labor has no substitute. It itself is its substitute. Honesty and labor always pay. All these escort a person into the land of success, the unique and ultimate destination.

Someone believes that "Man is the architect of his own fate". He argues that a man should try honestly. Outcome is not under his control. There are many competitors. The best person will get the assignment. Obviously, there is corruption, bribe and nepotism as well. An honest person does not adopt those evil avenues to realize his aim.

In contrast a lazy person wants not to work. He either sits idle or gives cash or kind to achieve his objective. The popular proverb goes, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop". Both people are diagonally opposite in their philosophies towards their lives and thinking as well. They say, "As you sow, so shall you reap". As such their destinations also differ accordingly as per their deed and decision as well.

Whenever a person tries to achieve something there are two possibilities, viz., either the person may fail or fail to fail. A wise person says that one should try always for the second one. Then in future there will be no repentance at least. The destination of the person concerned fully depends solely on the try or no try policy. This also highlights the personality trait of the person in question.

Morning walk or evening walk does not stand for destination. A health-conscious person goes out of home with the intention to return back home again. Here source and destination are the same.

Some people do not want to leave home due to uncertainty, injustice and fear. They are afraid if they are lost in the crowd and cannot come back home again, they consider their known area as the epitome of the world.

In any air crash all the passengers die. Here we all have to go to the same destination. None wants to die. None thinks that he will die.

Man is mortal. None is immortal. But man cannot believe it. Also, he does not want to believe the same. He wants nothing to happen in his own life. For this he is ready to do anything and leave all and everything. Man cannot bear the truth that one day he will die. This truth is beyond his imagination.

Man wants to know the happenings after his death. He wants to know what people will say about himself when he is no longer in this mundane world. It agitates his mind violently. He practices planchet. All these are the outcome of unwillingness of death. But man dies. He has to die. He is bound to die. Thus, man willy-nilly accepts the warrant of death either matured or premature stage of life. In this regard his consent has no value at all.

Death is inevitable. Here agree or disagree is quite meaningless. As such a wise accepts it calmly. In contrast a fool or a worldly person becomes afraid when he hears the foot- steps of imminent death. He declines in vain to go to destination. Death drags him to escort to the last stoppage of his journey.

Conclusion

In an orthodox society free sex is highly prohibited. Here the lovers take the risk for the sake of love. Romantic hearts believe that no risk, no gain implies high risk high gain. To them love for a single day is far better than a thousand years of life without love. They ultimately have to face honour killing. Heavenly abode becomes their ultimate destination.

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