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Of Meaning

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Abstract: Meaning is that which is intended to be, or actually is, expressed or highlighted. Meaning has diversified meaning with different degrees and dimensions as well. Thus, it either expresses or impresses or both simultaneously. Essence of meaning is to express or explain or signify anything with various intensities. It is intended to or in fact is to communicate something that is not directly expressed. It is worthwhile quality. It implies significance e.g. a meaning glance. Thus meaning highlights importance. The meaning of his remark means significance. The word has several different meanings means definition. My life has no meaning means value. His smile was full of meaning means expressiveness. A meaningful relationship means sincere. Meaning is intentioned and usually used in combination.

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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

Meaning is that which is intended to be, or is, expressed or highlighted. It implies significance. It is what is referred to or indicated by a word, action, idea, sound, utterance, or signal, etc. Meaning is how the writer or person presents logic to be interpreted. It is that which is in the mind or thoughts. It stands for a serious, important or useful quality. It intends to signify the sense manifested.

All cannot realize the spirit of the theme or thing concerned and thereby explain the sense hidden and take appropriate measure accordingly. It demands both intellect and attention. Explanation not only illuminates the dark assertion but also highlights the quality or sound faculty of mind of the interpreter as well. One must know everything is quite impossible. A wise knows it. But a fool does not know it. It knows that it knows all and everything between heaven and earth. Here lies the problem. It knows not that it knows not. As such it rushes everywhere and tries to explain any matter in vain and becomes a laughingstock. Thus, it falls and breaks its crown always like Jack. It not only wastes its time or energy but also harms its victim simultaneously. It seldom thinks its capacity or fact beyond knowledge.

Meaning implies purpose good or bad, much or little, well or ill, etc. A fool interprets anything as per its sweet will. It dares nobody and none cares. But a judicious brain judges the thing properly and values the thing as it deserves. Thus, meaning imports. It is destined. It due to their right and wrong interpretations of situations they faced and the subsequent actions they took to tackle reality.

The meaning of childhood is to study. The meaning of youth is to work. The meaning of old age is to take rest. If these chronologies are not properly maintained, then misfortune dogs the cursed victim till death. Sad luck follows him like a shadow. He suffers till he breathes his last.

Interpretation is to explain the meaning of something mysterious or abstruse to make understandable. Interpretation is all and everything. It is the only determining factor of the Fate of the concerned individual. Interpreting appropriation and appropriate interpretation are the soul of meaning.

The meaning is just like a definite article of grammar. Interpretations are many like indefinite articles thereby plural in nature. Thus, ambiguity or plurality thereby uncertainty renders life miserable. Meaning guides but interpretation misguides. Proper guidance escorts one to perfection. Wrong interpretation converts a person into a misguided missile. Whatever the interpretation may be, the meaning of anything is unique and absolute. Meaning is just like constant. It never changes, but it causes change. Meaning and interpretation are not synonymous. Interpretation causes change but meaning of meaning remains unchanged like a catalyst, i.e., an agent of change in a chemical reaction.

Sounds and patterns convey meaning. Thus, meaning has diversified meaning with different degrees, dimensions and style as well. It either expresses or impresses or both simultaneously. The essence of meaning is to express or explain or signify anything with various intensities. It is intended to or in fact is to communicate something that is not directly expressed. It is worthwhile quality. It implies significance e.g. a meaning glance. Thus, meaning highlights importance. The meaning of his remark means significance. The word has several different meanings and definitions. My life has no meaning means value. His smile was full of meaning means expressiveness. A meaningful relationship means sincere. Meaning is intentioned and usually used in combination. She is a well-meaning person and is an example of such a combination.

There are three types of people. He who knows something of everything is an amateur. He knows everything about something and is an expert. He who knows nothing is a fool. Now the question arises – who is an expert? They say

an expert is one who complicates simple things. Another school of thought opines the opposite view. According to this doctrine an expert is one who simplifies complex things. An expert, to prove his expertise, can convert simple into complex and complex into simple at ease. Thus, experts are of two types. The former one may be crowned as complex expert and laurelled as simple expert respectively. Now the question arises, who is a novice? A novice is one who can neither complicate nor can he simplify anything for his ignorance. The complex expert laughs at an innocent heart for its foolishness and helplessness and thereby enjoys sadistic pleasure through complicacy. Between the two the simple expert is, however, better than the complex one. He is a philanthropist. He is optimist in nature. He is the benefactor of mankind.

An intelligent person realizes properly and interprets appropriately the meaning of any situation as he is faced with and takes judicious decisions accordingly and be successful. A fool, on the other hand, misinterprets any situation, thereby fails successfully to take the correct decision and becomes frustrated. Computer programming is a combination of one and zero. A computer must opt either one or zero, i.e., say correct or incorrect. If it fails to recognize the meaning of each command, like a human being, then the outcome of whole programming will be erroneous. Meaning has various outcomes. It tells. It complains. Also, it opines. Pinching means pain. Laughter means success. Both pinching and laughter have identical outcomes irrespective of people and culture. Thus, meaning is culture free. It is intended to express, signify or indicate implies what one means. Thus, it breaks all barriers and crosses all boundaries. It both brings and beckons. To a judicious person beckon is sufficient. To a dull-headed brain eloquence brings nothing rather remains unreciprocated.

Meaning is to have in mind or intend or purpose. For example, he means to go. A gift meant for someone is to intend or design for a certain person or purpose. It is to destine or seem means someone to be a doctor. It is to be used to convey or denote e.g., the German word "ja" means "yes". It is to be a sign, indication, or herald of i.e., signifies war! An honor is alias and akin to having a specified degree of importance, effect, or influence. Meanwhile, well implies having good intentions or friendly i.e., helpful feelings.

Synonym is a word or phrase with the same or nearly the same meaning as another in the same language. Slay is synonymous with kill. Shut and close are synonymous.

Antonym is a word that is opposite in meaning to another word. Old has two possible antonyms young and new. A person rich in vocabulary enjoys a good command of both literature and language. One's passive vocabulary is a hindrance to success. But with active vocabulary a student easily shines in life.

A word may or may not be used in its original meaning as per situation. A poem with a deeper or hidden meaning quenches the thirst of the inquisitive hearts. To a frustrated person or lover life seems to have lost all meaning. With the fiancée, a fiancé learns the true meaning of love. A meaning looks or glance or pause has definite interpretation. One may not mean one to take anything in a literal sense. The signing of the treaty means the end of confrontation. One means someone to start at once. He was meant for a poet. A letter means a lot to someone.

A novice lover may not know what his fiancée means to him. Someone means well by someone. An expert can see and read the determined look of an entrepreneur that he really meant business. A poem without much meaning is fit for learners of primary education. Someone laughs at someone. Someone laughs at someone. Only an experienced heart can read the meaning of laughter. When fiancée looks at fiancé with meaning he gets back a meaningful life. When a lover is deserted, he suffers from a meaningless existence. He discovers life without meaning or significance. To him the whole creation seems to be valueless or purposeless.

Meaning, purport, sense, significance denote that which is expressed or indicated by something. Meaning is the general word denoting which is intended to be or is expressed or indicated. The meaning of a word is very important to translate a difficult text. Purport is mainly limited to the meaning of a formal document, speech, important conversation, etc., and refers to the gist of something complicated. The purport of author's letter to the editor is valued much.

Sense may be used to denote one meaning of a word or phrase. The word is frequently used in this sense. Sense may also be used loosely to refer to intelligible meaning. There's no sense in what he says means the speaker referred to talks nonsense and rubbish.

Significance refers particularly to a meaning that is implied rather than expressed. The significance of one's glance is perceived by beloved only. Or to a meaning the importance of which may not easily be realized immediately by a stranger. The real significance of words may not be grasped always. It demands constant meditation and practice.

Meaning with its various interpretations simply bewilders an innocent soul very easily. It may either be singular or ambiguous or plural in nature simultaneously. Ambiguity renders a situation complex. When a word is used with more than one meaning there lies ambiguity. But semanticists and philosophers usually call a word ambiguous only when there is some uncertainty about which meaning is being used in the instance.

A word is not ambiguous by itself, it is used ambiguously. It is ambiguous when one cannot tell from the context what sense is being used. For example, let us take two statements:(1). He may come. (2). He may not come.

In fact, there is no basic difference between these two sentences. Because 'he may come 'means 'he may not

come' also. Similarly, he may not come' means' he may come' as well simultaneously. The former sentence signifies affirmation, and the latter one is liable for negation. Thus, both the sentences express the tendency of a concerned individual. In both cases there is no must, no guarantee, no certainty but two occurrences with full of uncertainty. Here the tendency or statistical interpretation of the person concerned has simply been mentioned without any ambiguity though both the statements suffer from full of ambiguity. Thus, uncertainty in disguise of ambiguity causes anxiety. It is merely a statistical interpretation in the light of probability. Probability never becomes zero. It is always optimistic. Probability implies hope. It means expectation. In fact, statistics is not mathematics; rather it is merely a technique.

A glass contains some water. Everybody knows that the pessimist will mean the glass is half empty. He always sees the dark side of life. He is diverted. If he is a genius, then he becomes a diverted genius. He is a misguided missile. Emptiness appears in his mind's easel first. He is so cursed. He is so unfortunate. Perhaps an unguarded childhood coupled with unshaded infant offered him such a vacuum vision towards life. He is either dangerously brilliant or brilliantly dangerous or both simultaneously. He creates obstruction, since he experiences it in every sphere of his life. He is afraid of change due to uncertainty, injustice and fear. He prefers stalemate conditions. As such his mind is fully occupied with negation, incompleteness, failure and frustration thereby nothing.

In contrast, optimism begs to differ. He argues that the glass contains half water. It is true. Similarly, the rest half of the glass contains air. Thus, it is full. Only an enlightened eye can perceive it. Nature does not like any vacuum. Similarly, the optimist seldom sees and thinks of emptiness. Thus, his heart is full to the brim in the light of bright future infested with mission along with vision of golden hope and desire as well. What is life? One school of thought opines life means staying in this world. What is death? Another school of thought contends that death means also similar staying in another world beyond our perception. It is the end, purpose or significance of existence.

Conclusion

The sun rises in the east. An optimist becomes happy just with the sun rise. A pessimist is a coward and is afraid of sunset and says the sun will set whenever it sees the sun peep in the east. Thus, it mourns the departure of the monarch of the day in the western horizon of the sky. But to an optimist every sunset guarantees another sunrise on the very next day. Thus, to an optimist and a pessimist life has different and diagonally opposite meanings i.e., light and dark respectively.

Reference

They say and hearsay