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ABSTRACT

A judicious person consults. If the problem is critical then he takes second opinion. If the second opinion differs then he consults with third expert. A wise consults but takes decision depending on self judgement. They say it is better to experience loss depending on own judgement rather to win through third party's judgement. In fact self judgement confirms strong confidence which enables someone to be an expert consultant.

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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

Consult is to get information or advice from a person, book, etc. with special knowledge on a particular subject. It is to discuss something with someone before making a decision. It is to take advice, especially from an expert or professional, to look at written material in order to get information. It is to deliberate together. It is to confer. Also to consult is to inform someone about a situation, often in order to get approval for an action one plans to take.

A wise consults. The learned knows that knowledge is infinite. As such it is impossible for someone to know all and everything during his entire tenure of life even. He realises that he has lack of knowledge. He knows his limitation better. So he consults. In contrast a fool does not consult. The paradox is that a fool knows he is wise. He knows that he knows all and everything. So he does not consult. But he knows not that he knows not. Both wise and fool are diagonally opposite in philosophy towards their respective assumptions.

In case of routine work or easy matter consultation is not required. If the work is unknown or difficult or serious in nature then a person avoids it. If the matter is compulsory and beneficial as well and if there is no scope to avoid it then the person either decides of his own or consults with the near or dear one or with an expert of that concerned field. A serious and sincere person consults always to perform a routine matter in a better way even.

They say look before you leap. As such an intelligent person when faces a problem and cannot take right decision then he consults with a knowledgeable person to get the desired solution. The proverb goes a stitch in time saves nine. A judicious soul takes preventive measure forthwith before the situation goes out of control or becomes worse. In contrast a fool seldom cares a problem rather ignores it. As a consequence situation becomes critical and he suffers a lot.

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A wise person consults with various books and persons to widen the spectrum of his knowledge. A student consults with dictionary to enrich vocabulary which is an asset.

A fool consults if he likes, he consults not if he likes not. Thus his mood and motive are gloriously so uncertain. The paradox is that a fool consults in a trifling matter and he consults not over a serious issue thereby loses both ways.

It is maniac to consult always. It is a hindrance to build up personality i.e., stamina that helps to tackle the problems of life as are faced with. A maniac person nags always. As such everybody avoids him.

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Consultation is a business. There are numerous consultants viz., academic consultant, legal consultant, medical consultant, financial consultant, political consultant, foreign consultant, to name a few. Consultation should not be free. If someone offers it free then neither his advice is valued nor does he get reputation. As such a professional person never offers free consultation. It both saves time and status as well. If a person offers free and fair consultation then he becomes a laughing stock.

It is too good to help someone in need, and it is too bad if the helper asks to take his help if not prayed for. Then such help whatever important may be, seldom gets recognition. Further if such unwanted help worsens the situation then onus is imposed upon the helper rather than the helped one.

It is not bad to consult. Rather it is bad not to consult. It is too bad to consult at late hours. Then the situation may not be recovered always. Someone feels ashamed to consult. Someone hesitates to consult. Someone suffers from ego problem. Someone is afraid lest the secret matter is disclosed. All these are personality traits. If someone faces danger then his enemy enjoys sadistic pleasure. A true friend rebukes his partner if he does not consult or seeks no help in danger.

A lover does not consult with the rival lest the relation is discontinued or the lady in love deserts or whisks away. One should not consult with a stranger or a notorious person who misguides. Then it is better to remain as it is rather experiencing degradation.

A garden tree needs the care of the gardener for its growth. It cannot stand erect without the tender touch of the affectionate gardener. In contrast, a forest tree grows naturally. It experiences heat and hailstorm. Yet it rises high alone. Nature is its real mother.

Similarly, a status-conscious ambitious person is determined to grow autonomously. He is self-conscious. He dislikes consultation. It hurts his ego. He believes in self-teaching. He is self-made. He becomes a person of strong determination. He gathers experience through trial and error method the most powerful tool in any scientific investigation. Thus he possesses thorough knowledge from successful failures. He does not depend on others. Rather everybody depends upon him. Such a person does not consult. Rather everybody consults with him. He works as a consultant. He is not a quack. Rather this local consultant, in course of time, becomes national consultant and later on, if luck favours, is laurelled as an international consultant. He, thus, becomes zero to hero.

In any social gathering during festival period or any other occasion people gossip with each other with jovial mood. The participants discuss serious matters casually or casual matters seriously and bewilder all present thereby remove the differences between serious and casual matters rendering them equal and at par.

In such occasion old faces are revised. Old relations either are renewed or closed through avoidance. Also a new face finds the right person. Public from all walks of life avail or use this opportunity for future benefit. Here consultation refreshes the tired nerves.

Similarly, co-passengers during long journey speak with each other to render the new atmosphere friendly. This homely relation makes the journey enjoyable more even with the unknown faces hailing from various cultures.

An extrovert consults always. An introvert consults never. It is not wise to consult private matter publicly to avoid shame or ill-fame or future complicacy. Secret matter should not be disclosed through consultation. A detective hears the consultation of suspected persons and identifies the criminal. Also he consults with all

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who were present near the spot of any incident and finds the clue. These are the practical applications of consultations.

A consultant must be sincere and honest. He must maintain transparency in his action. He must respect the privacy of the customer. He must not violate the professional ethics.

CONCLUSION

Sometimes to solve a problem single consult is enough. Some problems require more than one. Some problems require several consultations. And some problems require constant guidance. Again unique problem demands unique

consultation from unique person. They say a good student does not write different thing but writes differently. Such a student gathers knowledge consulting numerous books, teachers, friends and knowledgeable resource persons around him. It is the striking example of good consult that paves the way to achieve greatness. Here lies the uniqueness of consult rather than unique consult.

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