



## OF GRATITUDE

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### ABSTRACT

Gratitude is a permanent asset. It is an asset of an elevated soul. All does not have this feeling. A fool forgets to say thanks. A wise keeps this precious feeling very cautiously in the safe custody of mind just like a foreigner who keeps passport in a very vigilant manner. When a person shows gratitude to the person to whom he is indebted the person minds it. It paves the door for further and future confirmed help in need. Also he gets additional help from all corners through recommendation. Courtesy costs nothing. Similar is the case of gratitude. An intelligent person runs after gratitude. But a fool always hankers after help.

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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**

Gratitude is the feeling of being grateful or the desire to express one's thanks. Thank is to show or express appreciation or gratitude to, as by saying "thank you". It implies warm and friendly feeling towards a benefactor. It is a feeling of thankful appreciation for favours or benefits received. Thus gratitude is the readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. A welfare state helps the poor thereby saves the down-trodden people from starvation through gratified rationing.

Gratefulness is a great virtue. It is like a fixed deposit of money in a bank that increases in a cumulative way. It proves the solvency of any character. Someone expresses gratitude to all those who had supported him. It may be called expressed gratitude. An employee expresses gratitude to his boss as a token of courtesy and to pave future help through good impression. Then there is suppressed gratitude. A boss may be saved from danger by his subordinates. Then the boss to keep up his status may not give thanks. He does it lest he comes close to his employee. This is called suppressed gratitude. The lovers enjoy first day smile or first touch through suppression thus to make it memorable more in the light of nostalgia. A man speaks the help of benefactor to his family and to all. He remembers the benefactor with gratitude who helped him in distress and saved his life from utter and untimely ruin. His parents bless that unknown Good Samaritan. Someone confesses that he owes a debt of gratitude for what the kind-hearted soul has done. Someone confesses help, someone confesses not. Former is wise, later one is not sly rather fool and betrayer. Everybody avoids such a wicked person. Further, gratitude is a gift of money, etc., especially one given for a service rendered. The colleagues give a retired person a retirement present in gratitude for his long service. It is the appreciation of and inclination to return kindness. It is the quality or feeling of being grateful or thankful. It is a quality. All does not possess this quality. It confirms the far-sightedness of a character. Really it is an art. All is not artist. This answers why we see very few grateful persons around

us. A grateful person helps the benefactor spontaneously to repay his debt. He always reminds and updates the whereabouts of the benefactor. If he cannot help financially he helps through physical labour. He helps a distressed person voluntarily remembering his past danger and unexpected kind help. Thus he repays his debt towards society. A miser does not help others. Also he always tries, not to take help lest he has to repay or reciprocate gratitude. Even if he is helped he neither pays nor does he confess help. Rather he tries to forget the help and be engaged to earn money or protect his property. Imagine how mean he is! Such a mean minded bondsman cannot prosper in life. He knows only to take. He does not give. He knows not to give. He has only receiving counter. He has no payment counter at all.

Someone helps with the intention to receive gratitude in return either in cash or in kind. He considers it as an investment for future return. So he expects Return on Investment (ROI). He demands money or anything whenever he sees the victim. Such a tyrant is so kind that he accepts only cash. Someone helps voluntarily and demands nothing. He helps for the sake of help only without any future expectation. They are philanthropist and numbered. For such pious souls the sun and moon even rise.

Gratuity is the money to somebody who has done one a service. It is money given to an employee when he or she retires. It is an acknowledgement of service, usually pecuniary. It is the money present of amount fixed by giver in recognition of an inferior's good offices. It is a bounty to soldiers etc. on demobilization or retirement or some other occasions. Further, gratuity is a gift of money, over and above payment due for service. It is something given without claim or demand. It is bonus granted to war veterans by the government. It is a bonus given military personnel on discharge or retirement. Also gratuity is a gift of money to a waitress, porter, etc. for a service or favour. It is a tips i.e., to improve prompt service.

As already stated that gratefulness is a feeling or showing thanks and gratitude for something good done to one or for something fortunate that has happened. A gentle man confesses deep gratefulness to someone who helped in that crisis period. He explains that help in danger or need cannot be measured by money thereby cannot be repaid. He further says that his life was saved. If he would not get help he would definitely die. Since life cannot be

purchased by money, so a help cannot be repaid. So he is indebted forever. He confesses help and shows gratitude in such a unique style.

A grateful pupil shines in life. A grateful thank enriches culture. A charitable organisation is always grateful to receive donations. An introvert person shows gratitude if he is not asked to make a speech. An ambitious person becomes most grateful upon confirmation of acceptance of his proposal. A person becomes grateful or thankful for small mercies. A lift is always accepted gratefully. To gratify a person's whims is an embarrassing job. Sexual gratification strengthens the bondage of a couple, else life becomes boring. It is extremely gratifying to see one's efforts rewarded.

Gratitude is a permanent asset. It is an asset of an elevated soul. All does not have this feeling. A fool forgets to say thanks. A wise keeps this precious feeling very cautiously in the safe custody of mind just like a foreigner who keeps passport in a very vigilant manner. When a person shows gratitude to the person to whom he is indebted the person minds it. It paves the door for further and future confirmed help in need. Also he gets additional help from all corners through recommendation. Courtesy costs nothing. Similar is the case of gratitude. An intelligent person runs after gratitude. But a fool always hankers after help.

## **CONCLUSION**

Gratitude is like good will. It has no substitute. It itself is its substitute. Good will is alias and akin to money. Good will can easily be exchanged in the market. A man having money without good will is valueless. But a man with good will but without money enjoys secured life. As such a businessman having good will prospers at ease. Here lies the triumph of gratitude.

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No reference, since the present article is an outcome of Creative Writing.