

OF GLAMOUR AND WISDOM

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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 present article is the outcome of creative writing meant for lay readers. As such free style is the methodology adopted so that the pleasure of reading can be enjoyed by the common people. As you know well that Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal writer, wrote many essays, and notably "Of Love", "Of Friendship", "Of Ambition", "Of Studies", etc. The myriad-minded genius rightly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be the themes of essays one can write. But little has been done, in this regard since his death, in order to finish his unfinished monumental works. In fact Bacon's way of presentation and his unique style kindled imagination and inspired me to write essays, in the light of creative writing, thus to get relief through catharsis.

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Glamour is the attractive or exciting quality that makes certain activities, jobs, places, etc. seem special. Also beauty or charm that is sexually attractive is known as glamour. It is seemingly mysterious and elusive fascination or allure, as of some person, object, scene, etc. It is the bewitching charm. Youth hankers after glamour badly and intends to capture it madly for ever.

Glamour is the cause of all attraction. Through attraction a person satisfies ego. It warms ego of the glamorous person. Ego likes oiling. It compels a person to surrender to it unconditionally. That person behaves as a faithful slave and obeys its master sincerely. And a person adopts any avenue fair or foul to serve ego and satisfies ego. It is human nature and quite natural. This liking exists till man breaths its last. As a man grows older, physical beauty thereby so-called glamour diminishes gradually. He becomes ugly. He is no more attractive. Very few persons can hardly accept this hard reality. Such a serious person tries in vain to hold that attraction of the past days through artificiality. On the other hand, wisdom is the possession of experience and knowledge together and power of applying them critically or practically. Thus, it is the ability to make good and serious judgments. Because of experience and knowledge one becomes enriched with wise thoughts and observations. This wisdom paves his way to attain divinity. To err is human, to forgive is divine. Similarly, glamour is mundane, wisdom is divine. Sometimes it is wise to step back and observe the situation from outside, in a quiet corner. Renouncing action does not mean defeat. It is a sign of great wisdom. It is done to collate strengths, evaluate events and ultimately to intervene at the right moment with great success.

Authority is the power to give orders and make others obey. Naturally they get respect and people are afraid of them. It is the right to act in a specific way. It is a person or group having the power to make decisions or take action. But such a person enjoys power and experiences restriction simultaneously. They are so chained and cannot speak or do as common people can. Also authority is the power to influence people because of inspiring respect, having special knowledge, etc. The moral authority of the Bible saves the ailing humanity and paves the way for salvation.

Glamour provokes a man to be proud. It offers an unduly high opinion of oneself. The demerit of glamour is haughty behavior. A proud man suffers from superiority complex. He considers everybody is inferior to him. He may be rich in beauty or wealth or both. He has base to be proud but he has no brake at all. So he knows not when to stop, where to stop and how to stop. This attitude accelerates his early downfall. Thus pride goes before a fall. Lack of knowledge renders a man proud. A wise man being rational seldom boasts. Wisdom offers benevolence. An ugly person is envious of a glamorous person. Since ugly persons are many, a glamorous person has many enemies. And due to his downfall his enemies laugh brutally.

Glamour is akin to beauty. A beautiful face conquers head and heart of all to achieve its objectives. Thus glamour has its instant effect in reality among fools. Common people seldom value a wise person. They are enchanted of beauty and hanker after it forgetting duty. A wise person seldom gets appreciation from common mass. A wise person is honored by another wise person. Since wise are numbered, their recognitions also are few.

Generally, beautiful women are akin and alias of glamour and philosophers stand for wisdom. The lust of beauty quenches the thirst little, rather ignites the desire violently to drink life to the lees. Undeniable glamour is the asset of a heroine. The glamour of show business attracts the prospective customers. Heroes lead a glamorous lifestyle.

Glamour is like magic that enchants the youths. Through alluring and exciting beauty it provokes for physical attraction. Sexual attraction has limitation and does not last long. After some period of time it vanishes. Then so-called glamour can hardly attract the satisfied soul. So, glamour is temporary like a season of the year. It disappears and fades away and wrinkles appear with the advancement of age. But wisdom is permanent. It becomes sharper more with the passage of time. Glamour stands for selfishness, wisdom signifies benevolence. Glamour is fountain and wisdom is ocean. Glamour cannot satisfy always, wisdom can. Wisdom never ends. Infinite glamour is absurd. But infinite wisdom exists, since the fountain of knowledge is never closed.

A glamorous beauty and a philosopher cannot stay together long for having unequal intelligence and different school of thoughts. Two glamorous persons and two wise souls are best matched. But such two personalities suffer from personality conflict. Different egos separate them far. For two wise persons join a debate, seldom quarrel for having unequal mind. They know many men many minds. Thus they respect each other to get reciprocation. But two fools start their conversation quarreling with each other. Where glamour ends wisdom begins. Through the power of judging rightly and following the soundest course of action, based on knowledge, experience, understanding, etc a wise person makes a difference with a glamorous person. Youth is busy and hankers after glamour due to immaturity. Obviously it is quite natural for a youth. It will awake curiosity if a boy, instead of playing, shows inquisitiveness for wisdom. Likewise it will cause laughter if an old person tries in vain to freeze his faded glamour. An old person being wise likes to remain stationary with enriched knowledge. A youth has much thirst for glamour, so it is seldom interested about wisdom. Conversely, the old age has quenched its thirst for glamour and now it is interested to be wise and prays for wisdom. They say, the wearer knows where the shoe pinches. Similarly, an old man knows how glamour diverts the enchanted emotional youth. They become diverted genius. They become misguided missile.

Wise thoughts enrich an inquisitive soul with prudence. Such a soul listens to pearls of wisdom of the learned thus to widen the spectrum of knowledge. Wise sayings act as the guideline to win the battle of life. Holy books of every religion are the store house of wise and immortal sayings. These holy sayings save the ailing humanity of the world since time immemorial. Here lies the greatness of wisdom.

Glamour i.e., complexion and wealth may be achieved or inherited by birth. But wisdom has to acquire through painstaking endeavor i.e. meditation. Wisdom is the glamour of a learned scholar. But glamour cannot be wisdom. Because a fool may be beautiful in complexion. But he is not wise. Thus all wisdom is glamour but all glamour may not be wisdom. However, glamour of a hero and prudence of a wise make an ideal man. This is indeed a rare combination. Difference between glamour and wisdom is just like the difference between global and local currency. Dollar being global in nature is honored everywhere, but local currency gets its access in home alone. So dollar thinks globally, local currency acts locally. Thus a king is recognized in home but a wise is honored and welcome everywhere. Here lies the superiority of wisdom over glamour.