

"Choose your enemies carefully, as you would end up being like them"

Thesis statement: An individual can choose their enemies carefully at different levels of life. Some goes for entities that are larger in their scope. Since, one's enemies make one end up being like them, so one should choose them carefully or not choose to be like them at all.

I. Introduction

II. How can an individual choose their enemies carefully?

- A. By calculating the ~~loss~~ ~~and~~ competition that the enemy brings to one's personal life
- B. By choosing an enemy that does not bring a threat to one's family
- C. By choosing an enemy that gives professional competition, not destruction

III. How can a society choose its enemies carefully?

- A. A society can choose enemies carefully by choosing enmity where competition is lower and growth is bigger.

IV. How can state entities choose enemies carefully?

A. At national level, entities should choose enemies that they can overcome

B. At International level, states should choose enemies who they can counter.

V. Why would one end up becoming like their enemy?

A. Thinking about an enemy and their actions makes one want to react in the same way

B. Human nature makes one enemy towards the other because it feels intimidation

C. Competing and reacting to an enemy brings you to their level of logic.

VI. How to not be like your enemies?

A. By not paying attention to them

B. By making enemies that benefits us in our growth as humans.

C. By responding to their actions, logically and maturely, only when needed.

D. By taking their enmity as a reason of motivation

VII. Conclusion

"Be careful how you choose your enemy for you will come to resemble him," said an American novelist once. It is the beauty of a human's choices, that they define him. Be it a friend, a connection, an object or even an enemy. Because, it tells a lot about a human's state of mind, level of competition and nature of wisdom. It also defines a human's values, as to what he/she gives attention to. So, an individual should choose their enemies carefully. He/she can do this by calculating the competition the enemy brings to their life, by choosing an enemy that does not threaten family life and professional life. In the same way, a society can choose enemies where growth is being nurtured, a state can choose enemies where competition is not out of their league. There are several reasons that make someone end up becoming like their enemy, like reacting to an enemy's actions and the feeling of intimidation. However, an individual can choose their enemies carefully at different levels and scopes. Since, one's enemies make one end up being like them, so one

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should choose them carefully or not choose to be like them at all.

Understanding an individual's choice of enemies and being defined by them, one can choose their enemies carefully at different levels of life. The levels are mentioned in the descending paragraphs.

In an individual's personal life, they can choose their enemy by calculating the competition that this enmity would bring to them. This is because, the nature of that competition will tell if its going to bring good outcomes, is uncomfortable or will bring destruction. One finds several examples of this in daily life. For example, an individual's choice of enemy in the gym or boxing club will define the fate of his health if he is to confront that enemy ever. Thus, an individual has it in his hands as to who his enemy will be.

In the same way, an individual can

choose an enemy in family life that does not bring a threat to family connection.

This is because in family, an individual is aware of the nature of the people around them and can choose to make enemies who can least impact him/her.

Various daily life observations can prove this.

For example, an individual knows that cousin who is envious of him and has almost zero reputation in the family. So, he knows enmity with that cousin will impact him in no way. Thus, one can choose enemies in family life as well.

In the same manner, choosing an enemy in professional life that brings 'good' competition and not destruction or defamation is the best enemy. This is because, such an enemy helps the individual in his professional growth. This has always been evident in professional environments.

For example, developing enmity with the directing assistants of the office may not be of much destruction but a lot of good competition.

Thus, choosing enemies in professional life can impact an individual's professional level.

When it comes to a society, choosing enemies in the social hierarchy works the same way as it does for individuals.

A society can choose enemies carefully by choosing to compete where exploitation is less and growth is more. This is because, a society needs to look for enemies that bring in more benefit because it has more to lose. And also, that's what a civilized society would do. ~~Then a society should also choose~~ For example, a less educated society would feel intimidated by a literary, poetic society in the renaissance times. This would motivate its people to compete them. This would always bring the society benefit and growth.

In the same manner, institutions and entities within a state need and should choose enemies that they can overcome. ~~and~~ This is because, this can bring the state into a safe position, would presume

the national interests of that state and would bring it maximum benefit. Several examples can prove it. For example, an institution's enmity towards a radical pressure group will always tend the institution to counter the group for the sake of the state's overall safety. State vs. TLP, BLA are such examples. Thus, it can be said that national level enmities can be chosen ~~to~~ carefully to counter the destruction.

Same goes for enmities at international level. States at international level should choose enemies who they can counter. This is because, in the international world, balance of power plays a huge role in empowering one state over the other. So, competing with states, choosing enmity against states that are countable and deterrable are more of a good choice.

This can be proven through various examples world wide. For example, China's enmity against Taiwan for the sake of

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higher benefits is one such example. Thus, states at international level too should choose enemies carefully.

Having mentioned the ways to choose friends carefully to not become like them, the ~~above~~^{upcoming} mentioned paragraphs discuss the reasons why one ends up becoming like their enemies.

One reason of ending up to become like an enemy, to start with, is that thinking about an enemy and their actions makes one want to react in the same way as them. This is because, an enemy's actions forces one to react emotionally to it and take revenge. This can be proven through feelings of enmity expressed everywhere. For example, when an enemy spreads a rumour about an individual in his family, it hurts the individual and makes him want to defame the enemy in return for it. Thus, thinking about

an enemy's actions makes one want to react to it.

Another reason that makes one end up becoming like their enemy is that, it is human nature to get intimidated by the enemy and react in a certain way. This is because, the feeling of enmity in itself is a negative feeling and makes one do negative things. For example, when an enemy confronts the individual in front of a bunch of people with harsh words, the individual is intimidated and gets angry in return. Thus, basic human nature is what develops the feelings of becoming like the enemy.

One more reason that counts is that, competing and reacting to an enemy brings you to their level of logic. This is because, one's choice of enemy tells a lot about his/her logical thinking anyway. He/she logically accepts the enemy to be his/her counterpart. So, he tends

to be like him. This can be said, such that, two poets in enmity in the Anglo-Saxon period of English enlightenment would sit together on stage, say poems countering each other and in the same time hate each other to an extent of poisoning each other. This is because logically they saw each other liable enough for the enmity. Thus, one becomes like their enemy because of the logical level of thinking that they see their enemy with.

The aforementioned paragraphs discussed the reasons why would one end up becoming like their enemy. The upcoming paragraphs discuss the ways ^{of how} to not become like one's enemies.

To start with, one cannot become like their enemies by not paying attention to them at all. This is because, it will send a message of avoidance towards the enemy leaving them with no

space to do anything is the individual's sphere of influence. This can be proven through various examples. For example, in a bus, an individual was denied seat by an enemy, he kept standing without giving it any importance, the enemy felt bad and later requested the individual to sit. The individual then sat at a different place. This gave out a message of complete ignorance towards the hater or enemy. Thus, one cannot be like their enemies by completely avoiding them.

Another way in this list is, by making enemies that benefit us in our growth. This is because, such enemies will give rise to feelings of ^{positivity} ~~competition~~, which will in turn make one do their thing in life in a more better way. This way one will be benefitted by that enmity. For example, sometimes the actions of an enemy we don't want to be like makes us ~~develop~~ empathy, resentment and forgiveness for them. Because, we get to know how much

they are suffering because of all the negative feelings they face. Thus, one can be not like their enemies by having it benefit them to grow as humans.

Another way how can not be like their enemies is by responding to their actions logically and maturely, that too when needed. This is because, when one thinks logically and maturely, the feelings of anger and revenge are suppressed and makes one indifferent to the actions of the enemy. For example, an enemy uses degrading words for an individual on his back and as soon as the individual sees the enemy, he/she compliments that enemy. This would leave the enemy surprised and would be a logical response too. Thus, one can avoid becoming like their enemy by applying a logical and mature approach towards it.

Last but not the least, one can avoid becoming like their enemy

by treating it as a reason of motivation. This is because, if one takes it as a motivation, it would help them grow positively in their relevant sphere of growth. This can be proved by the example of two students. If two students take their enmity as a motivation or if any of them takes it as a motivation, it motivates them to study harder and achieve better marks than the other. Thus, treating enmity as a motivation can help avoid one becoming like their enemy.

In a nutshell, summarising all the ideas, it may be said that, an individual can choose their enemies carefully at different levels of life. Same goes for entities that are larger in scope. Since, one's enemies make one end up being like them, so one should choose them carefully or not choose to be like them at all. There are certain ways by which an individual can choose their enemies carefully, then

involve an individual's personal life, family and professional life to be not impacted by the enmity. In the same way, a society, state and entities within states need to choose enemies that bring them less destruction and are counterable.

As to becoming like one's enemy, there are certain reasons for it, such as reacting to enemies and feeling intimidated by them.

However, one can change the course of things by not becoming like the enemy through ways such as, not paying attention to them, responding with logic and maturity and treating it as a motivation. On this, it is best stated by the French Philosopher and Politician that,

"Be careful who you choose as your enemy because that's who you become most like."