

**A Friend walks in when everyone else walk out**

**Outline:-**

## 1 Introduction

### Thesis Statement:-

An honest <sup>friend</sup> man is always open to helping his friends in hard times. There are multiple examples of a persons and a states that have proven their friendships in test times at individual, social, and state level. So, a loyal friend steps in when all the other people step out.

2) Understanding the importance of friendship

3) How a loyal friend provides support at individual level?

a) A true friend provides support in hard times  
Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu friendship

b) A loyal friend provides ideological support in test times

Quaid-i-Azam and Allama Iqbal

c) A True friend shows courage to speak for a friend

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Colonel Gaddafi

d) A true friend always guides a man in right direction

e) Che-Guevera and Federal Castro

e) An honest friend helps a man in decision making  
Holy Prophet (PBUH) and Hazrat Abu-Baqir's friendship

~~4) At society level~~

4) How an honest friend provides support at societal level?

a) A loyal friend provides a courage to fight against all odds of life

- Thomas Jafferson and George Washington
- b) A loyal friend inculcates reasoning through discourse  
Jean-Paul-Sarte and Simon-de-Beauvois
- c) An honest friend provides financial and psychological support -  
→ Friedrich Engels and Marx
- d) A loyal friend always carries <sup>a message</sup> a burden of a  
man/friend  
→ Socrates and Plato friendship
- e) A loyal friend promotes education in society  
→ Sir-Syed Ahmed Khan

### 5) How an Honest friend supports at state level

- a) Provides financial assistance in difficult times  
→ Saudi-Arabia and Pakistan relations
- b) An honest friend supports during war times  
→ Pakistan and the USA relations
- c) Provides aid during climate disasters  
→ Pakistan and Muslim brothers countries
- d) A loyal friend always stays behind with ~~his~~ its  
brother country  
→ China and Pakistan relations
- e) Provides diplomatic offices to bring peace in  
friendly country  
→ Pakistan and Afghanistan

### 6) Conclusion

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"The poor is one who does not have any friend" (Hazrat Ali R.A.)"

This quote of Hazrat Ali R.A shows the importance of friendship. It plays a significant role in human development because humans are social beings, as mentioned by Aristotle, and can't live in isolation. Therefore, friendships have multiple benefits at individual, social, and state levels. So, a loyal friend steps in when all the other people step out. For instance, at individual level, it provides psychological and ideological support, raises concerns over extra-judicial killing, guides a man in right direction, and helps in decision making. Similarly, it provides a courage to fight against all odds of life, inculcates reasoning, provides financial support, spreads a teachings, and promotes education in a society. In the same way, at state levels, it provides financial assistance in terms of aid and deposits, <sup>provides</sup> supports in test times, and gives diplomatic efforts to bring peace and stability in a brother country. So, a loyal friend always support an individual in test times. Its friendship is not bound with conditionality rather it is based on common agenda and mutual consent.

The basic concept of a friend is a person who supports an individual in his good and difficult times. In Islamic teachings, friendship has a broader meaning which covers all

dimensions of human life. For example, A true friend always supports his friend in difficult times. Islam doesn't support or develop a friendship on national interest or an individual interest. It develops a friendship on the basis of ideology. In Islam, there is two world, one is ~~dar-ul-~~ Islam, House of Islam or a House of brother-nations, and <sup>other is</sup> ~~House of~~ dar-ul-Harb, House of war. So, concept of friendship is not bound with nationalities in Islam rather it provides a comprehensive definition of friendship. It is because Islam emphasizes an importance of friendship at individual, social, and state level. In this regard, the first and foremost argument is importance of friendship at individual level.

A true friend provides support in hard times. It is the duty of a true friend to provide a support to his friend in test times. The support should include psychological, social, financial, and emotional. In this regard, **Desmond Tutu, a friend of Nelson Mandela helped Mandela to propagate his ideology against Apartheid to the masses.** He frequently wrote about the Apartheid when Nelson was in prison. His writings inspired a lot of black people who were facing discrimination owing to their black colour. So, South Africa revolution was not successful if Desmond Tutu would not be incomplete without Desmond Tutu efforts against Apartheid.

Similarly, a loyal friend shows provides ideological support in test times. Pakistan was created owing to the is a result of untiring efforts of Jinnah. He played a significant role in the independence of the country. However, without Allama Iqbal's vision, Quaid-i-Azam would not be successful to unite a huge ~~popul~~ muslim population under a single banner. It was the ideology of Iqbal that provided a vision for muslim separate homeland. K.K Aziz wrote in his book "Making of Pakistan" Iqbal's philosophy played a role of engine that escalated efforts for separate home land. So, a true friend also provides an ideological support in difficult times.

In the same way, a true friend shows courage to speak for a friend in difficult times. A loyal friend always supports his friend in test times because a friend has a comprehensive definition in Islam. It promotes a sense of brotherhood among muslims. During Zia-ul-Haq's tenure, when Bhutto was facing fake murder charges then **Colonel Qadafi was the person who condemned illegal charges against Mr Bhutto.** He took every step to avert the murder charges and ~~was~~ ~~entured~~ that demanded a free and fair trial for his friend. So, a true friend always speaks out during difficult times.

Moreover, **An honest friend helps a man in (decision making).** (A loyal friend is a good advisor who always help his friend). A loyal friend always

his friend. He helps his friend to find a right path. In this regard, Che-Guevara helps **Federal Castro** to bring revolution in Cuba. He (Che-Guevara) helps his friend (Castro) in military guerilla warfare. Without Che-Guevara a Cuban revolution would not be successful. Thus, a true friend always guides a man in right direction.

In addition to this, an honest ~~man~~ friend helps a man in decision making. A true friend guides his man what right and what wrong. He provides him comprehensive outlook of the problem. In this regard, **Hazrat Abu Bakr**, played a significant role in decision making of **Holy Prophet (PBUH)**. Muhammad always consulted Hazrat Abu Bakr on key matters because he was the trustworthy friend of a Holy Prophet (PBUH). Hence, a loyal friend always helps in decision making.

Apart from an individual level, a loyal friend always support at societal level. In this regard, the first and foremost argument is that a loyal friend provides courage to fight against all odds of life. A true friend provide courage in difficult times. For instance, during **American war of independence**, **Thomas Jefferson** provided moral support to **George Washington**. Later on, that support played a key role in **American independence**. In short, an honest friend provides a courage during difficult times which is important to boost the moral of an individual.

In addition to this, a loyal friend inculcates reasoning through discourse. A friend is a one who provides ~~the~~ knowledge and reasoning because education ~~pro~~ provides independence. In this regard,

**the friendship of Jean-Paul-Sarte and Simon-de-Beauvoir plays an important role.**

This friendship gave world two intellectual which shaped the intellectual discourse on philosophy and gender. Their friendship was criticized by the society, but they remained loyal to each other. So, a loyal ~~be~~ friend inculcates reasoning and wondering power in an individual.

Besides this, An honest friend provides financial assistance during hard times. A true friend supports his friend during difficult times. In this regard, **the friendship of Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx** is significant. Karl Marx financial condition was not stable. It is was Friedrich Engels who supported him. He also published Karl Marx famous "communist Manifesto". In short, a true friend also supports his friend in ~~diffi~~ financially difficult times.

Along with this, a loyal friend always carries a work of a friend. During Greek times, Socrates was killed owing to ~~the~~ ~~charge~~ his thoughts about society. He was charged of corrupting youth. However, one of his pupil Plato, carried his teachings forward and published his dialogue on the "Republic". **Russel pointed out in his book "History of western Philosophy" that "without Plato there would be no Socrates"**

Thus, a good friend always carries his friend message to the next generations.



Along with this, a loyal friend promotes education in a society. A true friend always try to educate his friend. Sir-Syed Ahmed Khan was the true friend of a muslim nation who promote education among the muslim. It was a time when muslims were facing extreme hardships owing to poor education and awareness. **Quaid-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah said "Aligarh is the arsenal for Pakistan"**. Without Aligarh, there would be no Pakistan. Hence, a true friend always promote education in society.

Besides this, an honest friend supports at state level. In this regard, the first and foremost argument is financial assistance during difficult times. A loyal friend supports his friend in best times. For example, ~~we~~ Pakistan is recently facing ~~poor~~ severe political and economic crises owing to which its foreign reserves deplete exponentially. In this difficult situation, Saudi Government announced 2 billion dollar deposit in State Bank, **According to the Finance Minister Ishaq Dar**. To sum up, Brother country always supports in best times.

In addition to this, an honest friend supports during war times. When a Soviet Union attacked Afghanistan, Pakistan with the alliance of the USA, helped Afghanistan to defeat Red Army. Moreover, After the 9/11, Pakistan also supported <sup>the</sup> USA war on terror. However, the USA has always exploited Pakistan. On the other hand, Pakistan has always helped its allies. **Shamshad Ahmed in his book "Pakistan and world"**



Apprais has wrote that the US has always used Pakistan for its strategical interest while Pakistan is still committed with its allies for mutual cooperation. In short, an honest friend supports during war times.

" Similarly, a loyal friend supports during climate driven disasters. owing to climate change, climate driven disasters frequency has escalated exponentially. In 2022, Pakistan faced havoc flood which inducted half of the country. However, in this difficult times, Muslim brother countries extended their financial and technical support to Pakistan. For instance, Saudi-Arabia, Turkiya, and UAE provided aid ~~and that~~ in terms of capital, shelter and food items for flood victims. So, a true friend provide support during climate related natural disasters.

Moreover, a loyal friend always stay behind with its brother country. It is the duty of a friendly country that it helps provides help to a friend country. In this regard, China is the only all-weather friend of Pakistan that has always helped Pakistan. Besides this, it announced 60 billion dollar investment under BRJ flagship project CPEC. **Amis Rana, a political scientist,** pointed out **CPEC investment was signed when Pakistan was facing extreme energy and security crises.** Thereby, a true friend step in when ~~ever~~ other step out.

Along with this, a true friend always promote diplomatic efforts to bring peace in friendly country.



In this regard, the friendship of Afghanistan and Pakistan is prominent example. Pakistan always tries to bring peace in Afghanistan. offering diplomatic initiatives and support during Doha Peace deal shows its intention. Pakistan's former National security Advisor **Mooeed Yusuf** said that "peace in Afghanistan will ensure peace in Pakistan Eastern border; therefore Pakistan want peaceful and stable Afghanistan". To conclude, a loyal friend ensure peace in friendly country and take every step to ensure stability in the region.

In a nutshell, a true friend is always open to help his friends in difficult times. It helps assist his friends at individual, social, state level. Thereby, a loyal friend steps in when every all the other step out. At individual level, it assists in test times, provides ideological support, raises voices, guides a friend, and helps in decision making. Similarly, at social level it provides courage to fight against odds times of life, inculcates reasoning, assists in financial domain, promotes ideology and education in a society. Along with this, it supports during test times, ~~friend~~ like financial crisis, war crisis, natural disaster crisis, and diplomatic provides diplomatic assistance to the brother country. Though friends supports in difficult times, overdependency on friends is not a rational approach.