

A friend walks in when everyone else walks out.

Outline:

1- Introduction:

True essence of friendship could be tested in times of need. That is when everyone else would walk out but only a faithful friend would never abandon, hence, a friend in need is a friend indeed.

2- A friend in need is a friend indeed.

a) Friendly states help friend states in times of crisis.

b) Environmental activists are a true friend to climate change.

c) History bears witness of a friendly leader eased a crisis.

d) Philosophers are an epitome of faithful friend to change.

e) Feminists are a centuries old friend of marginalised communities.

3- Implications of a friend walking in:

- a) Better coping mechanism against adversary.
- b) More inclusivity of women in political ecosystem.
- c) Better chances of halting environmental catastrophe.
- d) Booming advancements in science and technology.

4- What kind of friends are true friends? (Way forward)

- a) Those who further encourage inclusivity of marginalised community.
- b) Those who are torch-bearers of peaceful co-existence.
- c) Those who are catalyst of sustainable development.

5- Conclusion

Essay:

Facebook friend list could have hundreds and thousands of friends but the question arises, how many would help a person in need. True friendship could be tested in times of a test. Those are the times when everyone else would bail out but a loyal friend would stick by the side. The literature is full of such tales. Aesop has written ample of fables depicting a true friend. Nevertheless, "Metaphors have a way of holding the most truth in the least space." (Orson Card) and therefore, this ~~the~~ 'friend in need' metaphor could be utilized on a broader spectrum to understand its meaning in latent and spirit. A broader horizon entails arguments from international relations, such as, friendly states helping in times of

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crisis. There are further arguments from environmental studies, history, philosophy and gender-studies. The implications of a friendly hand are by and large and are mostly positive. Such as enhancement of better coping mechanisms, more inclusivity of marginalised community, booming advancements overall and much more. Moreover, psychology suggests that the need of helping hands is required at all levels, be it individual, community, state or global. Therefore, it is not wrong to say that a true friendship is a basic human necessity and such friendships turn out to shine brighter in times of crisis.

It is imperative to analyse situations when everyone else would abandon but a true friend walks in. It has been observed in international

relations that friendly states tend to help friend states in times of need.

The forces of NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) remained in Afghanistan for 20 years. NATO under the supervision of United States came to Afghanistan for War on terror (WOT).

However, NATO not only withdrew Afghanistan in haste but they also left it when the

Afghan people were in dire need of political and economic assistance. Pakistan, as

a true friend, helped Afghanistan in such cumbersome circumstances. Pakistan

provided aid, took case of Afghanistan

on the platform of SAARC, UN

and hosted ~~the~~ OIC summit in

Islamabad. All these efforts and much

more was done to ease the ordeal

of Afghan people. Pakistan also hosted

a tremendous amount of refugees despite

a non-signatory of refugee Convention 1950.

Therefore, Pakistan came out as a friendly



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neighbour when everyone else had walked out.

Pakistan as a true friend is not the only example, moreover, in the category of a friend in need comes the environmental activists. Environmental activists are a true friend to climate change. The crisis of climate change may end in Armageddon. Regardless of the intensity of situation, insensitive states continue to emit massive carbon emissions. USA, China and India are the top carbon emitters (UN convention report on climate change). Greta Thunberg has walked in as a friend to climate change. She is a young activist who inspired more youth by creating awareness. If it was not upto her efforts, COP26 and COP-27 would have not achieved milestone pledges. Her sincere efforts multiplied with persistency and consistency.

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has given a ray of hope. Therefore, environmental activist - Greta turns out to be a friend indeed.

The maxim 'a friend in-deed' does not limit to states and environment. It extends to historical literature. History bears witness of a friendly leader who eased down a crisis. Abraham Lincoln, Dwight Eisenhower and Muhammad Jinnah are few of the examples. 13th amendment in US constitution abolished prolonged slavery, this owes to Lincoln. Eisenhower set the foundation of League of Nations (LON). The United Nations as its successor has aided in peaceful co-existence of international community. Jinnah's struggle led to the birth of Pakistan, a ^{peaceful} home for Muslim and non-Muslim community. Hence, historic leaders walked in as friends when nations were hopeless and had no one to count on.

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Regardless of leaders in history, philosophers, as well, served as an epitome of faithful friend to change. As Heraclitus quoted "change is the only constant," philosophers have always been either a pioneer or catalyst to change. Socrates was labelled as a pt blasphemous and forced to drink hemlock. However, Plato as a true friend wrote books on Socrates and proved him to be a great philosopher of the time.

Similarly, in an era of mythology, Aristotle hailed as a friend of science. His syllogistic logic also worked as a ^{catalyst for} ~~Cornerstone~~ towards rational arguments. Another example is of Machiavelli who wrote "The Prince." He was not a pioneer but a catalyst to renaissance. Therefore, it is not wrong to say that philosophers walked in as a friend when circumstances were dire and meagre, and everyone else had walked out.

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In addition to aforementioned friends, feminists walked in ~~as~~ a centuries ago as a friend of marginalised community. Women, as a marginalised community, had ~~to~~ minimum fundamental rights. They were limited to house chores and their role in procreating. During Napoleon reign, a 'Napoleonic Code' was introduced. It was law which was later named as misogynist due to its nature. The rights of women were minimized. Divorce was made impossible for women and her economic liberty was reduced. Moreover, awards were given to mothers who bore ~~the~~ most children. Later, feminism roots were originated in French Society. Charles Fourier, a French philosopher ~~was~~ was a feminism pioneer. Furthermore, efforts of renowned feminists led to passage of 19th amendment in US. Recently, UN SDGs are binding on member states. All these developments reflect the true efforts of feminist

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as a faithful friend of marginalised community.

There remains no doubt that a friend in need is a friend indeed. There are implications of a friend walking in and most of them revolve around the positive pole. Starting with, there is a better coping mechanism against adversary. Whenever China, as an all-weather friend, has walked in to rescue or aid Pakistan, Pakistan tuned out to cope in turbulent situations.

Pakistan shares a security dilemma with India. India, a big power against, has maximized its security and power to another level. China has provided Pakistan with alternate technology. Such friendly reliance has boosted Pakistan's coping mechanism against its adversary.

In addition to more better coping mechanism, a friend walking in reflects more inclusivity of women in political ecosystem. The efforts of feminism hasn't gone to waste. Previously, women had minimum to zero political representation. However, today US has its first woman serving as a Vice-President. On top of being a woman, she is black. Historically, black were held as slaves and even after slavery abolishment, stern racism existed in US. With the efforts of Martin Luther and renowned feminists, such as, Mary Wolstonecraft, there is more inclusivity of women in political ecosystem. Pakistan, Bangladesh, New-Zealand and United Kingdom also have more women inclusivity in their top leadership.

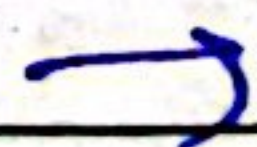
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More inclusivity and better coping coping mechanism are not the only positive implications. It further entails better chances of halting environmental catastrophe. The efforts of environmental activists and United Nations did not go in vain. According to the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), the depletion of ozone layer above a Arctic circle has stopped. It did not only stop, it has started to heal. This owes to nation-states as well. Such as Pakistan's persistent efforts toward climate change. Therefore, activists, individual nation-states and international community came out as a friend indeed in times of in-need.

Furthermore, booming advancements in science and technology also owe

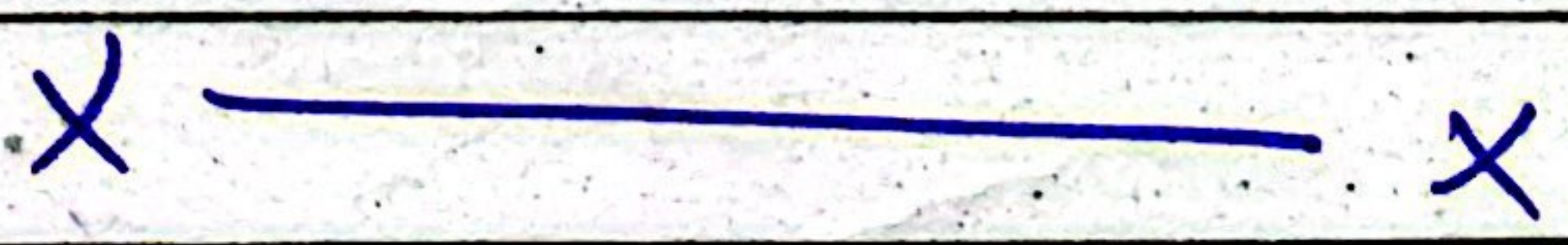
to the well-deserved friends. History has witnessed those times when anatomy was a taboo. However, friends of anatomy, such as Ibn Al-Nafis, made tremendous contribution to the Sciences. Today, the ^{world best} ~~most~~ scientific advancements exist, which were considered impossible in past. These advancements include vaccines, antibiotics, surgeries, treatment of deadly diseases like cancer and much more. The vaccines have halted plagues. COVID-19 is an example of pandemic, WHO has declared world free of COVID-19 in April 2023. In less than four years, scientists were able to overcome a whole pandemic. In addition to this, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become the 'new norm' now. All these advancements owe to the ones ~~who~~ ^{like} Ibn Al-Nafis who walked in as a friend to science when everyone else walked out.



After a thorough analysis of a friend walking in and its implications, a way forward is being prescribed.

The question arises, what kind of friends are true friends. The list is small but it has been foreseen that in the incumbent era, true friends are those who further encourage inclusivity of marginalised community. Transgenders are still striving for their rights. Furthermore, torchbearers of peaceful co-existence are much required and appreciated. Since inception of WW, there has been no world war but Palestine, Yemen, Syria and Ukraine still yearn for peace. Last but not the least, the world is in need of a friend who are catalyst of sustainable development. Such development requires growth of people, planet and economy simultaneously. These are the sort of friends who are required in the times of need.

To conclude, it could be re-stated that not everyone can be a friend. One can have many close and distant friends. Regardless of the ratio, they tend to leave when one is in need, only a true friend stays, everyone else walks out. This is how the nature works. A variety of arguments were analysed and this could be inferred that world is a better place ~~due~~ owing to such true and faithful friends.



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