



DIVINE CAPITALIZATION

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We can be capitalists in our own unique way. Capitalism doesn't always have to carry a negative connotation at every turn. We can capitalize on what we have in order to realize upwardly mobile evolvment and growth.

Capitalism can even carry noble objectives.

Artists capitalize on their talent to rise in their industry. People with vast tracts of land can use those to entice developers and business owners to improve their properties' values. Beauty queens capitalize on their pulchritude to win pageants and get into careers in entertainment or politics. Babies even capitalize on the emotional bond they carry with their parents to get fed, get changed or be put to sleep. See, you and I have been capitalists from the day we were born.

As teachers, we capitalize on our teaching skills and training to mold the minds of tomorrow. We can also capitalize on the respect that our students carry for us in order to bring about enlightenment and guidance to them. Physicians can capitalize on their years of expertise and experience to become recognized as thought leaders in their areas of specialization. They can capitalize on their great learning to write textbooks, write peer-reviewed articles in professional journals, or speak before their peers and colleagues at conventions, association meetings or colloquia.

Engineers capitalize on their knowledge of engineering concepts to shape the world of the future. They build on their knowledge of technology to create skyscrapers, bridge gaps, and even alter the flow of water. Unfortunately, there are just some things which are both incomprehensible and still possible, despite their absurdity. Shyster lawyers capitalize on their uncommon knowledge of legal concepts to defend even the indefensible and justify even the unjustifiable. This is reprehensible, but hey, even judges have fallen into disrepute because of it.

Crooked government leaders capitalize on their immense power to enrich themselves or scare others into submission. Their enemies should beware, because they are not in power for nothing, you know. It's also a fact that many women capitalize on their 'physical assets' to attract gullible men and entice them to cheat on their wives. Who hasn't heard of the woman scorned, with the woman being just a mistress and not the legal spouse?

Although there are many such people who also claim to have had no choice in the matter or of being left between the devil and the deep blue sea, one basic fact still remains: whatever it is you capitalize on will eventually reap you whatever you seek but still not assure you of respect and admiration for your actions. In the utilization of our personal 'capitalizations', let us strive for uprightness and righteousness, and seek the guidance of the Almighty. Only then can we reap true blessings that are not physical in form but last for all eternity.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What specific inherent assets do you believe you possess? How do you think you can capitalize on them?
2. Why is capitalism often equated to inequality among individuals?
3. How is 'capitalism' in the essay writer's sense beneficial? How is it destructive? Cite your own examples.
4. Is it wrong to want to capitalize on what you have? Expand on your answer.
5. What particular qualities did you/will you capitalize on for your job of choice?