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“Made curses fly up like a covey of quail”

~ George Garrett

Do you use swear words in conversation? Do we need such words at all? As Jack London said, “Strong word said in proper time makes soul stronger. Constant swearing is senseless and humiliates that one who swears”.

I began noticing lately that curses are increasingly becoming a part of our lives. I did not notice some 5-10 years ago such a flood of swearing, especially in the media. In a close circle of friends or in a men's company at work, curse words are common things, and I think it is perfectly acceptable and reasonable. I do not mind using strong language sometimes, for making clear understanding. This is an extremely important issue that requires detailed study. Here, it would seem, as they say: why to swear if there are so many cool words in the language? Anyway, to who swears, God will cut off the tongue. But as it turns out, the most interesting words are just curse words.

Sometimes, obscenities are necessary. For example, no football game goes by without cursing. "Swearing" is the common words that express a certain meaning. Words cannot be bad. They are just sets of sounds, which express a certain meaning often with emotional overtones. Another thing is that some very compassionate people – who usually regard themselves as very high moral beings – do not want to accept what they do not like. They just are getting away from what causes them fear or disgust.

But recently, curse has overstepped all acceptable norms. Everybody swears everywhere – in the shuttles and buses, on the street and in the store... curse words can be heard everywhere. Even the ministers, governors, and deputies swear out loud without embarrassment.

One day, I read about the history of swear words. It turns out that our ancestors used these expressions in ancient times during the rituals, and they were used as spells. Such rituals were performed just a few days a year. In rest of the time, these words were prohibited. They were considered taboo words. With the advent of Christianity and the subsequent persecution of paganism, all these ancient rituals and spells have been lost and forgotten, but swear expressions remained still being taboos in their "mass" and open use. And that, in fact, is a strange thing – it is forbidden to say swear words, but everybody does. Police can fine you for a cursing in a public place, but it does not stop anyone.

The brightness and coloring of abuse in the use depends upon the audience and upon the image (if any) of the speaker in the audience. We should only find the very limit, after which, strong language can (should) not be used. By itself, the swearing is necessary. It famously discharges situation, underlines the emotions, and, most importantly, reflects our being. Once in the theater, I heard the actor cursing from the stage. And as far as I knew that, it was so in the scenario. Moreover, that was classical British work; unfortunately, I forgot its name. Whispers of the perturbation of the elders, of course, passed through the rows. But, at the end of the play, they all applauded not less than the others. At the same time, I have a very calm opinion regarding the prohibition of use of such language anywhere. In general, it is not so important...

Actually you can also pour out your emotions in a polite and beautiful way keeping in mind the existing of censorship, but you should make some efforts for that!