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‏Question 45-Part 2

‏Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important to keep your old friends than it is to make new friends. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

‏There is no doubt that friends play a prominent role in every individual’s life. Some of these friendships are old. People can continue their friendships with the limited circle of friends or can extend this circle with making new friends. keeping old relationships maybe take much more time but can prosper your life and can diversify life. The inevitable question which has always caused heated debates is whether keep old friends is more important or it is not something inevitable and people should make a new friend. Although some people tend to believe in the latter one, I believe in the former, and I think it is more important to keep your old friends. In the following paragraphs, I will delve into the reasons and examples justifying my point of view.

‏First and foremost, friendship is one of the most sophisticated and effective relations in society. people have family, can give more attention from them and they can be a remedy for grief. Besides this, people need old friends who know their strengths and weakness and can give you some tips for riding life’s ups and downs, despite new friends have not any appropriate impression about moral character, priorities and goals. For example, most of people whenever feel depressed and empty, need someone who fairly listens to them and moves a burden from their shoulders. So my old friends can accompany in the dark and light side of life shoulder to shoulder and help to improve interpersonal skill. though, new friends cannot do as well as old friends. As a result, trust, love and respect between old friends are more strong compared to a new friendship.

‏The other equally important reason is that today, life becomes more complex, human beings have not enough time to spend with their family and friends and are obsessed by career. Due to shortage of time, they suffer from many planning and decision making difficulties. Dr. Barrons and her team studied people who have organizational skills more than the other one. Dr. Barrons said: “A person who has the best planning skill, have old friends and there is a mutual connection between those factors.” In the specific article according to this study, I found that, when people keep old friendships, can deal with difficulties in a critical situation better than people who tend to make new friends. because old friends know you and understand you better than each person and when you need immediate help you can account on old friends in crises and chiefly in planning and decision-making problems. Accordingly, old friendships can prosper each person's life.

‏In the end, I think Some friendships last forever while some ends as paths change. Most importantly, the old friendship can be a remedy for grief and give you motivation. In addition, they can inspire you for making some changes to evaluate your decision and modify your life. As the old adage says "Old is gold", and keep an old friend is vital for complex life.

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