

TIME

Duration, Eternity, Past, Present and Future

1. ESSENCE

- 5069 Our time is a very shadow that passeth away.
Wisdom of Solomon (c. B.C. 200)
- 5070 Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong
is its current; no sooner is a thing brought to sight
than it is swept by and another takes its place, and
this too will be swept away.
Marcus Aurelius (121-180 A.D.)
- 5071 Time has only a relative existence.
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 5072 Time is only an illusion produced by the succession of our
states of consciousness as we travel through eternal
duration, and it does not exist where no consciousness
exists in which the illusion can be produced; but "lies
asleep."
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)

2. OPPOSITES

- 5073 Time destroys the speculations of man,
but it confirms the judgment of nature.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 5074 Time will bring to light whatever is hidden; it will cover
up and conceal what is now shining in splendor.
Horace (B.C. 65-8)
- 5075 A man that is young in years may be old in hours,
if he has lost no time.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 5076 What a day may bring, a day may take away.
Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)
- 5077 Nothing is there to come, and nothing past,
But an eternal Now does always last.
Abraham Cowley (1618-1667)
- 5078 The past and future are veiled; but the past wears the
widow's veil, the future the virgin's.
Richter (1763-1825)

- 5079 Time is the most undefinable yet paradoxical of things; the past is gone, the future is not come, and the present becomes the past, even while we attempt to define it, and, like the flash of the lightning, at once exists and expires.
Colton (1780-1832)
- 5080 Time, the cradle of hope, but the grave of ambition, is the stern corrector of fools, but the salutary counsellor of the wise, bringing all they dread to the one, and all they desire to the other....He that has made it his friend will have little to fear from his enemies, but he that has made it his enemy will have little to hope from his friends.
Colton (1780-1832)
- 5081 The future influences the present just as much as the past.
Nietzsche (1844-1900)
- 5082 We do not know what to do with this short life, yet we want another which will be eternal.
Anatole France (1844-1924)
- 5083 The present contains nothing more than the past, and what is found in the effect is already in the cause.
Henri Louis Bergson (1859-1941)
- 5084 The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.
Winston Churchill (1874-1965)
- 5085 When you sit with a nice girl for two hours, you think it's only a minute.
But when you sit on a hot stove for a minute, you think it's two hours.
That's relativity.
Einstein (1879-1955)

3. INSIGHT

- 5086 This instant is thine; the next is in the womb of futurity, and thou knowest not what it may bring forth; maturity of the unborn is in the keeping of the Law. Each future state is that thou has created in the present.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 5087 A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.
Psalms 90:4 (B.C. 1000?-300?)
- 5088 There is a bridge between Time and Eternity; and this bridge is the Spirit of man. Neither day nor night cross that bridge, nor old age, nor death nor sorrow.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)

- 5089 The velocity with which time flies is infinite,
as is most apparent to those who look back.
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 5090 In comparison with heaven and earth, man is like a mayfly.
But compared to the great Way, heaven and earth, too, are
like a bubble and a shadow. Only the primal spirit and the
true nature overcome time and space.
Lu Yen (fl. 800 A.D.)
- 5091 Whether time is long or short, and whether space is broad
or narrow, depend upon the mind. Those whose minds are at
leisure can feel one day as a millennium, and those
whose thoughts are expansive can perceive a small house
to be as spacious as the universe.
Hung Tzu-ch'eng (1593-1665)
- 5092 The only true time which a man can properly call his own,
is that which he has all to himself;
the rest, though in some sense he may be said to live it,
is other people's time, not his.
Charles Lamb (1775-1834)
- 5093 Time, whose tooth gnaws away everything else,
is powerless against truth.
Thomas Huxley (1825-1895)
- 5094 The present is only a mathematical line which divides
that part of eternal duration which we call the future,
from that which we call the past.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)
- 5095 Eternity is the infinite existence of every moment of time.
If we conceive time as a line, then this line will be
crossed at every point by the lines of eternity.
Every point of the line of time will be a line in eternity.
The line of time will be a plane of eternity.
Eternity has one dimension more than time.
Gurdjieff (1873-1949)
- 5096 Time has no divisions to mark its passing.
There is never a thunderstorm to announce
the beginning of a new month or year.
Thomas Mann (1875-1955)
- 5097 The wheels of time are mysterious. Time is a concept of
mind. Without mind, there is no concept of time.
Annihilate the mind. You will go beyond time. You will
enter the realm of Timeless. You will live in the Eternal.
Sivananda (born 1887)

- 5098 The future comes one day at a time.
Dean Acheson (1893-1971)
- 5099 In the city, time becomes visible.
Lewis Mumford (born 1895)

4. POSITIVE

- 5100 Time is the wisest counsellor.
Pericles (B.C. 495-429)
- 5101 Time discovers truth.
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 5102 Time is the sovereign physician of our passions.
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 5103 Time is the greatest of innovators.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 5104 One always has time enough, if one will apply it well.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 5105 The beautifier of the dead,
Adorner of the ruin, comforter
And the only healer when the heart hath bled.
Byron (1788-1824)
- 5106 Here is a day now before me;
a day is a fortune and an estate;
who loses a day loses life.
Emerson (1803-1882)

5. NEGATIVE

- 5107 Neither will the wave which has passed be called back;
nor can the hour which has gone by return.
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)
- 5108 Swift speedy time, feathered with flying hours,
Dissolves the beauty of the fairest brow.
Samuel Daniel (1562?-1619)
- 5109 What a folly to dread the thought of throwing away
life at once, and yet have no regard of throwing it away
by parcels and piecemeal.
John Howe (1630-1705)
- 5110 We take no note of time but from its loss.
Young (1683-1765)

- 5111 Tobacco, coffee, alcohol, hashish, prusic acid, strychnine,
are weak dilutions: the surest poison is time.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 5112 In time there is no present,
In eternity no future,
In eternity no past.
Alfred Tennyson (1809-1892)
- 5113 If you lose an hour in the morning, you have to hunt for it
the rest of the day.
Chinese Proverb

6. ADVICE

- 5114 Do not dwell in the past. Do not dream of the future.
Concentrate the mind on the present moment.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 5115 Leave the past behind;
leave the future behind;
leave the present behind.
Thou are then ready to go to the other shore.
Never more shalt thou return to a life that ends in death.
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)
- 5116 Make use of time, let not advantage slip;
Beauty within itself should not be wasted:
Fair flowers that are not gather'd in their prime
Rot and consume themselves in little time.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 5117 Enjoy the present smiling hour.
And put it out of Fortune's power.
Dryden (1631-1700)
- 5118 If you want the present to be different from the past,
study the past.
Spinoza (1632-1677)
- 5119 Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy
every moment of it. No idleness, no laziness, no
procrastination: never put off till to-morrow what you
can do to-day.
Chesterfield (1694-1773)
- 5120 Dost thou love life?
then do not squander time,
for that is the stuff life is made of.
Franklin (1706-1790)

- 5121 Devote each day to the object then in time
and every evening will find something done.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 5122 Since time is not a person we can overtake when he is past,
let us honor him with mirth and cheerfulness of heart while
he is passing.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 5123 Much may be done in those little shreds and patches of time,
which every day produces, and which most men throw away,
but which nevertheless will make at the end of it no small
deduction from the life of a man.
Colton (1780-1832)
- 5124 Write it on your heart that every day is the best day
in the year. No man has learned anything rightly, until
he knows that every day is Doomsday.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 5125 Make good of every minute that is at thy disposal. Time is
a rat that slowly cuts the thread of life. It may break at
any moment. Believe not that you will be living to enjoy
the objects of life. Death may lay his icy hands on this
body and may shatter it at any time.
Sivananda (born 1887)

7. POTPOURRI

- 5126 Where Mind and each believing mind are not divided,
And undivided are each believing mind and Mind,
This is where words fail;
For it is not for the past, present, and future.
Seng-T'San (540?-606 A.D.)
- 5127 Ah, fill the Cup: - what boots it to repeat
How Time is slipping underneath our Feet:
Unborn To-morrow, and dead Yesterday,
Why fret about them if To-day be sweet!
Omar Khayyam (fl. 1100)
- 5128 From the beginning of Time, through eternities,
I was among His hidden treasures.
From Nothing He called me forth, but at the End of Time
I shall be recalled by the King.
Nahmanides (c. 1300)
- 5129 All my possessions for a moment of time.
Elizabeth I (1533-1603)

- 5130 I wasted time, and now doth time waste me.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 5131 Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore,
So do our minutes hasten to their end.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 5132 Time is the king of men;
he is both their parent,
and he is their grave,
and gives them what he will,
not what they crave.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 5133 Enjoy the present hour,
Be thankful for the past,
And neither fear nor wish
Th' approaches of the last.
Abraham Cowley (1618-1667)
- 5134 Ever eating, never cloying,
All-devouring, all-destroying,
Never finding full repast,
Till I eat the world at last.
Swift (1667-1745)
- 5135 Tomorrow is a satire on today,
And shows its weakness.
Young (1683-1765)
- 5136 Time is a continual over-dropping of moments,
which fall down one upon the other and evaporate.
Richter (1763-1825)
- 5137 Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset,
two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes.
No reward is offered, for they are gone forever!
Lydia Sigourney (1791-1865)
- 5138 Thou shoreless flood, which in thy ebb and flow
claspest the limits of mortality.
Shelley (1792-1822)
- 5139 So here hath been dawning another blue day:
Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away?
Out of eternity this new day is born;
Into eternity at night 'twill return.
Carlyle (1795-1881)

- 5140 Time is but the stream I go a fishing in.
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 5141 Enjoy the spring of love and youth,
To some good angel leave the rest;
For time will teach thee soon the truth,
There are no birds in last year's nest.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 5142 That is the land of lost content,
I see it shining plain,
The happy highways where I went
And cannot come again.
A. E. Housman (1859-1936)
- 5143 You wake up in the morning, and lo! your purse is magically filled with twenty-four hours of the magic tissue of the universe of your life. No one can take it from you. No one receives either more or less than you receive. Waste your infinitely precious commodity as much as you will, and the supply will never be withheld from you. Moreover, you cannot draw on the future. Impossible to get into debt. You can only waste the passing moment. You cannot waste tomorrow. It is kept for you.
Arnold Bennett (1867-1931)
- 5144 Time is breath - try to understand this.
Gurdjieff (1873-1949)
- 5145 The Future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of sixty minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is.
C. S. Lewis (1898-1963)
- 5146 Hours are Time's shafts,
and one comes winged with death.
Scottish Clock Motto