

Doing the right thing at the right moment is all about time management. Until and unless this noble postulation is pursued, success does not seem so easy a goal. As everything stands in consonance with time, there is no denying the importance of this entity. Here arises a very pertinent question – what is time? Keeping aside its deep philosophical and psychological parlance, we feel safe to take time as a driving force, an inner urge that guides us all the way to perform.

Accomplishing work on time itself is a rare ecstasy, which, apart from taking us close to the ladder of success, equally imparts a definite and well-directed mobility to the otherwise dull and boring life. However, it must not be assumed that working in a time-bound manner always reaps the desired result. At times, this work-time configuration goes astray and the person may confront the opposite of a Utopian percolation. Any result-oriented or success-oriented work culture, even while being on time, fails to bring out happiness. Since it involves 'desire', the prospect of happiness or peace gets derailed, and the pleasure of doing the right thing, taking time as a base, finds a dead end.

If anything is good to start with, it is better to do it on time, and it is the best when the desire for a 'successful' end is discarded outright. In Chapter 3, on *Karma Yoga*, of the *Srimad Bhagavad Gita*, Lord Krishna rightly tells Arjuna:

Tashmadashakta shatatang karyang karma samachara/Ashaktou hyacharana karma paramapnouti purusha (Sloka 19)

One who works without expecting success attains the ultimate meaning in life. If anybody works thinking about the end result, the given work could not be counted in context of its transcendental significance. Although everything starts with the end being its constant companion, the end towards which the work proceeds

must not be thought of as an agency of happiness, peace, success and all positive signs. It is not the fact that one gets happiness or peace having arrived at the end. The end might appear as inimical as Nature to human beings in the novels of Thomas Hardy. As

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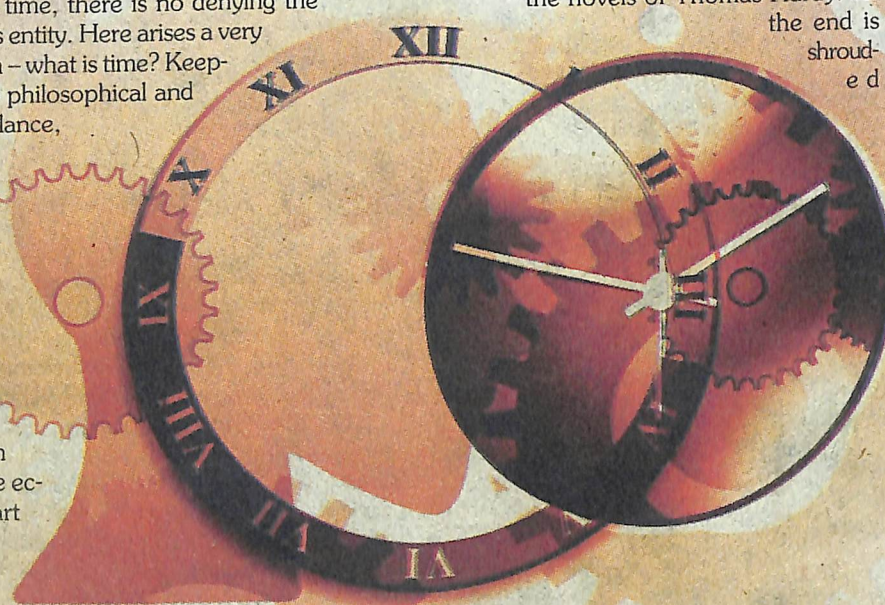
becomes a drought-like situation for those who mismanage it. This also substantiates the subjective nature of time as well, and it is up to us to use it properly so that maximum benefit could be reaped. Unless we follow this, time would deceive us, and might appear destructive and antithetical too.

Great people, who are counted on deeds and achievements, not on the number of age, take time as a precious gem and always try to get the best of it. But the noble approach made by great people to time management fails to draw our younger generation, who become easy prey to cheap entertainment, especially as augmented by social networking sites, such as Twitter, Facebook, etc.

Here we are not disregarding the networking sites since they do have their relevance in this fast changing world. What we are up against is the users, particularly the teenagers, who are found wasting time in the pretext of chatting and exchanging views with the friend circle. If you have a genuine friend, he or she does not need updates every now and then. Frequent messaging simply acts as a supplement, which is an unhealthy symptom of a relationship.

Similar is the case with people, mostly housewives, who remain oblivious to time management in the name of enjoying TV serials that are telecast in an incessant manner. Even children, instead of having access to a carefree life of games and sports, prefer to remain indoors, and engage themselves in cartoons, video games, etc. These things, to our understanding, seem quite detrimental to their growth and development. To undo this, the sole responsibility is on the guardians, who are most often found as escapists in the name of their busy life schedule. As children are inexperienced, and they do not have any concept of time management, the guardians and parents need to frame a routine, following which their children would attain all-round development.

Those who are mature, and still refrain from proper time management, need to be extra cautious in the context of tough competitions all around. Here mismanagement or sheer wastage of time would be a definite curse. They could take lessons from the developed nations and ask themselves – why are they developed? If they study over this issue, they would definitely see that they make the best use of time and do not let a minute go by cheaply. They value time, and time gives them the best of its jewels. Can't we do it too by realizing the importance of time management? – indrjt_klta@rediffmail.com



About time

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in uncertainty, and it is ironic that everything strives for this, where could we find happiness or peace then? To this we may say that happiness finds its way into one's coffers while one passes through different phases of a given work being done on time.

Those who manage time have the added advantage to do more work, and they never retreat from doing extra work too, if assigned or taken on their own. But people having no time management are always in dearth of time. If they are asked to do certain things, they would simply say that they have no time left. It is because of proper time management that it appears as a bounty for a few selected ones, while the same