

## TIME

What is Time? Some say Time is the empty possibility of the occurrence of events in sequence. My dictionary says that it is infinite duration or its measure.

I wonder. Time is peculiar in itself, there being nothing like it anywhere. Everything else is different from it. You think of Space, perhaps, but Space can be measured three ways, and anywhere, and occupied here and there. Time, on the other hand can be measured only now, and in its passing.

There are other peculiar characteristics of Time that are attributed to no other concept. We conceive of the Past, Present, and Future of Time; yet only the Present exists for us. The Past is in dream and memory. It can not be returned to nor recalled. The Future is in hope and promise. It cannot now be had.

It is only in the Present that we live, move, and have our being; and as we do so, we fill our Past with joy and sorrow, triumphs and defeats, mistakes, and their attempted corrections, things forgettable and unforgettable -- in short; that whole conglomeration of events the consequences of which we probably despise rather than enjoy.

For though the events have occurred and disappeared, it is now that we have our memories joyous or sorrowful, it is now that we have the thrill of victory or the shame of defeat, and it is now that we try to make amends or wish we could.

And it is now that we look forward to the Future, hoping and preparing for it--treasuring its promises against a coming day that shall be better than yesterday. Fearing it, perhaps, for its threat of the consequences of an evil day Past.

And when we enter what we call Eternity, shall we have, anywhere, anything more than now? That which is Past will not be retrievable, there will be no regrets--nothing to amend or do better. That which is Future will hold no fears nor threats and its promises will not make us yearn for a better day because this Present is to be despised. What a glorious Present that will be!

And Time--what is it? ~~It is~~. To me, Time is that concept whereby we comprehend the occurrences of events in their relation to Life.