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Abstract

A government's commitment can cover a multitude of movements, but many countries wish to take pride in themselves when it comes to the education of their upcoming generation. Over the centuries, humans have learned that one of their most significant liabilities is to pass knowledge, typically for the sake of growth, from one being to another. Some young students may forget that they may have to teach others about the very same things that they do. To many in this modern era, with the multitude of clustered information easily accessible to us, deadlines and deviations distract from the importance of present obligations. This may not ring true for every moment of every person's life; however, three points prove the truth of this statement is evident. The present is the only existent time juncture. There is comfortability to be found in every purview of sense, and an impeccable deadline was given and sectors in which we deviate.

Time is an important variable and the present, past, and future show the culmination of the beauty of the world, but the best question for many to ask is what exactly is the most beneficial obligation in which to pursue. Whatever it may be, it is evident that we only truly exist in the present, for with our limited bodies we can only remember the past, act in the present, and forecast the future.

Existence for any living being is filled with many ups and downs but as humans, we have the innate ability to either "get caught up in the moment" or wander from the moment we wish to get caught up in, but whether you are dealing with disaster or delight you will be facing some describable emotion. We still also have an instinctual side and will lean towards choosing to feel impulsively rather than consciously perceive our actions.

At the end of the day Christ's followers have their impeccable deadline, which is the second coming of Christ, Believers are called to share His word and be a shining example for those who need direction or advice. The sabbath day is an important part of Christian culture as God has made clear through creation.

Some may argue that deadlines make the thought of finishing a task more relieving but either way if you are intently focused on the end, will it be possible to take the right next step? There are many perceived endings for small moments as well as lofty and more grand occasions, but the fact remains that the present is the only existent time juncture, there is comfortability to be found in every purview of sense, and an impeccable deadline was given and it is apparent that we may sometimes deviate. In short, is reading my abstract distracting you from doing what you truly please at this present moment?

“Think 100 times before you take a decision, but once that decision is taken, stand by it as one man.” - Muhammad Ali Jinnah. “In 2000, psychologists Sheena Iyengar and Mark Lepper published a remarkable study. One day, shoppers at an upscale food market saw a display table with 24 varieties of gourmet jam. Those who sampled the spreads received a coupon for \$1 off any jam. On another day, shoppers saw a similar table, except that only six varieties of the jam were on display. The large display attracted more interest than the small one. But when the time came to purchase, people who saw the large display were one-tenth as likely to buy as people who saw the small display.” - Barry Schwartz, Harvard business review. The average person can't tell the difference between jam, preservatives, and jelly and some people won't find a valid reason to know the difference. This study shows that choices between many options make people less interested. The Department of Children and Families (DCF) will cover the tuition fees of any foster or adopted child at State College System intuitions, but not many qualified people take advantage of this perk granted by the government, and even worse students who do pay a much higher price for college still drop out or fail to commit to seriously studying when they have invested fortunes into their future. Based on six years of data, men have a 4 % higher dropout rate than women. California, Texas, New York, Illinois, and Florida account for 39.4% of dropouts, so only 5 states make up $\frac{2}{5}$ of the college dropouts in the United States of America (USA). When it comes down to organizing a plan for the future some people ponder perilously while others don't think enough about the next steps they'll be taking to advance their mental and rational growth. In the modern era, the most common issue that students and employees run

into whilst pursuing their potential in the workplace (other than fun with coworkers) is the pull of their cellular phones. For the sake of clarity, I'll mention that my thesis statement is as follows: Deadlines and deviations distract from the importance of present obligations. I've chosen three major arguments to support this sentence and they are ordered as follows; The present is the only existent time juncture, there is comfortability to be found in every purview of sense, and there is an impeccable deadline given and sectors in which we deviate.

I am sure we are all well aware of the fact that the present is the only existent time juncture. For it is the present, that is an accumulation of the entirety of the past. Perhaps the most unique or defining feature of the human race that separates us from other animals has to be the fact that we pragmatically decided to lodge knowledge from the past so that we may collectively use our current capabilities more efficiently and correctly guess the events of the upcoming second. Some people's predictions have saved the lives of others whilst for many it is a playful pastime to hone their sight of the anticipated future. Epistemic aptitude is often the goal for those who have grasped many unrelinquishable responsibilities, or for people who understand how significant it is to have the mind of a human as opposed to any other creature within Earth's atmosphere. The comprehension of our pasts and our, hopefully present, awareness of major historical events, is what allows adept thinkers to survey and surmise a summation to accurately guess the next upcoming moments even if it isn't called for. Most people grow up developing some sort of sense for the study of physics even if it is not translating the world with numbers. In Helen Czerski's *Storm in a Teacup* she deliberately explains, using varying timeframes to

complete a specific action can drastically change the result of the concluded process, procedure, or program, as well as the fact that scaling oscillations are a procedure that can be found in many different objects and inventions. Oscillations are one type of common example of a physical thing that can be represented in the world we live in. Guitar strings are lovely objects, and their harmonic motions can be graphed just like other forms of oscillations. Art and architecture have and perhaps always will be, one of the biggest staples of the past, but our advancement towards whatever obligation you choose to pursue would not have been possible without major points in time like the Renaissance and the Industrial Age, however, the Age of Information has pushed the Industrial Age into dust and has turned average pursuit into a sliver of a moment for many. Despite this, remembrance of the past is still the most gargantuan double-sided means to an end, and this is the reason Christianity along with other virtue-seeking lifestyles and religions are crucial when it boils down to choosing how you act in the present. Due to the observable scientific truth and the nature of the human brain, we tend to view time in large chunks as opposed to perfectly processing zeptoseconds. These “large chunks” or time frames consist of openings, midpoints, and endings. Beginnings make or break any action or agenda. Chess is a traditional example of this fact. The game was first coined in the 6th century and was spread to different continents by the 10th century, however, there are copious amounts of openings in an abundance of affairs. At this point in time, the most discussed beginnings, openings, or introductions, are often in modern arts and entertainment such as television programs or musical articles nonetheless openings of any endeavor may make or break the upcoming quality of any juncture in time. The midpoint of an experience is often “linked with

speed and productivity” -Richard A. Swenson, for whom would believe a humongous margin of error is truly acceptable? There is often no time or you may be told there is no time while you are bound for a conclusion, so you may discover that a thoroughly matured hindsight is required for your present action. Without experience people often find themselves lost or unable to leave the point between the beginning and the ending. On the other hand, you can only act in the present, so personal perception of time is an essential skill to master. A valuable tool you can use to ensure that your time belongs to you and not a deviously delectable distraction is a timescale. Timescales are representations of the time allowed for a sequence of events or processes and for most achievers, will ultimately bring the perceived present back to focusing on the future. As people, we often need a graph or scaled-down display to serve as support for required oaths. The ability to eloquently define the present is the key to success and there are many forms and fashions in which we can. The scientific definition is the most respected among scholars and is formed upon the current state of objects and matter and their verifiable, repetitive, manipulability. There is the chronological definition which states the present is the place between past and future, Then there is the physical definition in which our senses perceive, and people from all around the world differ culturally with their definitions, language, and values, but whilst progressing through the present moment, arguably, there is a comfortability to be found in every purview of sense.

Sickness, disease, and distress are all immortal feelings that typically come with a negative impact or outcome on a person’s psychological health. When you are deeply

concentrated on your current circumstance you may find that you enter a state labeled the “flow state,” as coined by a Hungarian-American psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, and it is much less demanding to “feel” your feeling or grasp the full condition of your senses. People have advanced to the point where feeling your feelings and seeing your feelings are now easily separable for the average citizen, however as humans, we still have an instinctual side and will lean towards choosing to feel impulsively, rather than consciously watch over our actions. Aside from internal processes, external forces or your environment will be the stimuli for a reaction. Unkillable joy is often the greatest pursuit in terms of feeling and religious lifestyles affirm the fact that choosing to separate your physical feeling from emotional circumstances fills your mind with more affirmative and appealing thoughts. Eventually while wandering or wending, instinct will be built by your subconscious whether it is intentionally done so or not. Christ followers no matter the sect have a deadline that has been faithfully passed down through generations and that is the second coming of Christ, and the internet carries evangelism to new heights while also dispatching the exact opposite.

An almost abandoned commandment states that thou shalt remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. The number seven is His numerical representation, through the act of creation, of fullness in production. There may always be some who will argue that you ought to only rest on Sunday but the strengthened speed of the modern workforce can encourage even the most devout devotee to work one’s finger to the bone. This is exactly what priests and pastors are for, being a shining example of God's call is to share Him and His word. His word is there to produce powerlessness for death and turmoil. The predominant trampler of sanctity in one’s image is the

use of recreational drugs, whether it is in your perception of yourself or someone else's. A half-decade study from 1990 to 1995 involving Rick Strassman, a psychiatric professor who graduated from Stanford University observed that consenting patients had experiences comparable to near-death experiences after consuming dimethyltryptamine or more commonly referred to as DMT. There is a myth about whether DMT is the natural chemical that is produced when your body shuts down however there is no conclusive evidence for this so many "enlightened idols" will pass this deathly psychedelic experience off as a spiritual experience. Perhaps the most plundered spiritual experience is the vision from John of Patmos' writing in Revelation. This apocalyptic prophecy with seven targeted churches in ancient Asia is not to be seen as a message with the timing to the end of Earth's development. There is The Church of Ephesus, The Church of Smyrna, The Church of Pergamum, The Church of Thyatira, The Church of Sardis, The Church of Philadelphia, and The Church of Laodicea, in which he wrote too. He composed letters to these churches because they were facing apathy and fighting off persecution from surrounding powers. These are now communities in modern-day Turkey and are protected tourism sites. After describing a figure who addressed these churches he speaks of many symbolic events which gather followers of many distinctive cultures who follow the word of God as well as those who are killed by a beast and afterward catch vindication and repent and turn towards the Lord. He mentions that exalted military power in addition to extreme or burdensome economic control from higher powers are like two beasts that would defile the word of God. Kingdoms such as Babylon, Persia, Greece, and in John's circumstance, Rome represent

an archetype of rebellion toward God's word. His symbolic vision shows that there will always be a Babylon-like kingdom that the church will have to face but there is always hope for Jesus to return, already painted with His blood while equipped with His only weapon, the sword of His mouth, He will revive his past martyrs and rule for 1,000 years. Afterward, all who are influenced to rise against God and do not wish to participate in His new kingdom are eternally detained, and Heaven and Earth will coincide and the true king will rule.

On the topic of ruling, following, and control, an argument that refutes my thesis statement would be, deadlines remove an obligation's compression. Essentially, having a timescale will belittle the stress of leading, learning, and following. I imagine God didn't display distress while inspiring John through the Holy Spirit, but a considerably astonishing leader who emboldens symbols and truth is an amazing example of devotion, but the book of Revelation may seem too absurd to many of those who are not believers, learning can still come from anywhere, but following is a choice left to the individual. No one would want a consistently inept leader. Everyone has their flaws and a respectful leader will acknowledge that truth so that they may purposefully advise you using a conscientious and adaptive fashion. Whether it's leading millions of citizens in a prosperous city or an ominous and imprudent child there will always be a level of strain or tension facing the next adversity or agreement. A leader who is always learning will draw a more adhesive crowd. Sticking to a consistent time frame will benefit leading, learning, and following. Whether or not there is a deadline, focusing on the final result or conclusion over the current point will detach the movement of progression. The few annoyances of modernity like frustrations rather than uncommon evils can hinder and pollute any

person's mind-space. Change, perilous mobility, expectations, time pressure, work, fear, competition, and relationships are all common stressors. Most people try their best to get around these relevant and far-reaching ideas. Despite the many trials that are bound to befall you, the world will find a way to keep moving as quickly as possible and let you fall behind because distractions will prevent you from looking forward to critical moments. To round off my dissertation on deadlines and deviations I will remind you that the present is the only existent time juncture, there is comfortability to be found in every purview of sense, and there is an impeccable deadline given and sectors in which we deviate. As the classes of '23 prepare to move on from their required education, employees all around the world are continuing their financial endeavors, Employers are managing their business of any division grade or group, and humans are only progressing towards forging greater timeframes and molding a future in which living busy is benevolent and beneficial to any modern day family. If there is one thing I hope you understand from my paper it is the fact that focusing on the end goal rather than the upcoming action may be a huge hindrance to the matter at hand.

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