

MORNING BRIEF

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BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.6 (6/12)

*yudhamanyushcha vikranta uttamaujashcha viryavan
saubhadro draupadeyashcha sarva eva maharathah*

The courageous Yudhamanyu, the valiant Uttamaujas, the son of Subhadra (Abhimanyu), and the sons of Draupadi — all are mighty warriors.

Where attention goes, energy flows. In any challenge, acknowledge obstacles but invest your mental energy in your own strategy and strengths.

LAW 30: MAKE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SEEM EFFORTLESS (30/48)

Your actions must seem natural and executed with ease. All the toil and practice that go into them must be concealed. When you act, act effortlessly, as if you could do much more.

PAUL GRAHAM — THE REFRAGMENTATION (30/97)

The mid-20th century was an anomaly of conformity and economic compression — everyone watched the same TV, wore similar clothes, and earned similar wages. That era is ending. We're returning to the historical norm of fragmentation: more variation in wealth, culture, and lifestyle. This isn't a departure from normal — the 1950s-1980s was the departure. Understanding this reversion explains many current social trends.

Don't mistake a temporary historical anomaly for the natural order. The conformist mid-century was unusual, not normal. Plan for a world of increasing variation and fragmentation rather than expecting a return to mass consensus.

paulgraham.com/re.html

GIFT NIFTY 23,849.50 -724.50 (-2.95%)

Gap from NIFTY close: -601 pts (-2.46%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	24,450.45	-315.45	-1.27%
Sensex	78,918.90	-1,097.00	-1.37%
Bank NIFTY	57,783.25	-1,272.60	-2.15%
India VIX	19.88	+2.02	+11.31%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-6,030
DII	+6,972

India Market Mood: **28** (Fear)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,740.02	-90.69	-1.33%
Nasdaq	22,387.68	-361.31	-1.59%
Dow Jones	47,501.55	-453.19	-0.95%
S&P Futures	6,609.50	-134.25	-1.99%
Nikkei 225	52,030.42	-3,590.42	-6.46%
Hang Seng	25,757.29	+435.95	+1.72%

US Fear & Greed: **27** (fear)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.13	-0.01	-0.31%
Gold	5,085.40	-60.70	-1.18%
Silver	80.86	-2.96	-3.53%
Crude Oil	109.31	+18.41	+20.25%
USD/INR	92.29	+0.50	+0.54%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading below prev NIFTY close by 601 pts (-2.46%) — signals a gap-down open.
- NIFTY dropped -1.27% — heavy selling.
- India VIX at 19.9 — moderate zone.
- FII sold 6,030 Cr, DII bought 6,972 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street fell (S&P -1.33%) — could weigh on sentiment today.
- S&P futures pointing lower (-1.99%).
- Gold down -1.18% at \$5,085.
- Crude oil surged +20.25% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee weakened to 92.29 — watch IT exporters.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$66,500.00	-1.14%

Fear & Greed Index: **8** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC dipping -1.1% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 8 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. Ask HN: Please restrict new accounts from posting

I don't know if I'm the only one, but I see lots of clearly AI generated posts recently in HN and mostly coming from new accounts (green), it is more noticeable in the Show HN section. I wish the...

448 pts · 329 comments

2. Apple's 512GB Mac Studio vanishes, a quiet acknowledgment of the RAM shortage

If the only thing you had to go off was Apple's string of product announcements this week, you'd have little reason to believe that there is a historic AI-driven memory and storage supply crunch going on.

350 pts · 219 comments

3. FrameBook

wallpaper credit: @TY-PESH the first-gen macbook from '06 is one of my favorite laptop designs ever, mostly because for the longest time it was one of the only macbooks u could get in black besides the powerbook g3.plus it was the first macbook i...

349 pts · 63 comments

4. The changing goalposts of AGI and timelines

Based on its own charter, OpenAI should surrender the race Back in 2018, OpenAI published a charter, which includes a self-sacrifice clause: We are concerned about late-stage AGI development becoming a competitive race without time for adequate...

345 pts · 274 comments

5. I ported Linux to the PS5 and turned it into a Steam Machine

I ported Linux to the PS5 and turned it into a Steam Machine. Running GTA 5 Enhanced with Ray Tracing. 🤖 Mar 6, 2026 · 8:02 PM UTC 454 1,653 17,804 2,049,566

309 pts · 135 comments

MARKET NEWS

Pre-market action: Here's the trade setup for today's session

STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: In the short term, the index may continue to decline, with the potential to move towards 24,000 or lower.

Stocks in news: Kquality Walls, AU Small Finance Bank, YES Bank, PB Fintech, Tata Power

In today's trade, shares of Kquality Walls, AU Small Finance Bank, YES Bank, PB Fintech, Tata Power among others will be in focus due to various news developments.

Global Market Today | Asian shares slide, oil surges on risk of lengthy Middle East conflict

Brent jumped 17% to \$108.77 a barrel, the biggest daily gain since the start of the pandemic in 2020 and on top of a 28% rise last week. U.S. crude rose 18% to \$107.56, threatening to push petrol prices quickly skyward.

Oil surges 20% as Iran war fuels supply fears

Iran on Monday named Mojtaba Khamenei to succeed his father Ali Khamenei as Supreme Leader, signalling that hardliners remain firmly in charge in Tehran a week into its conflict with the United States and Israel.

Saudi Aramco shares surge most since April 2023

Shares of the state-backed oil giant climbed 4.9% in Riyadh before paring gains to close up 4.1%, on the first day of trading for the stock since Brent crude prices topped \$90 a barrel on Friday.

CRYPTO NEWS

Bitcoin tumbles below \$66,000 as oil prices explode nearly 20% higher

Bitcoin tumbles below \$66,000 as oil prices explode nearly 20% higher There was little sign over the weekend of any de-escalation in the war against Iran.

Crypto's Rock 'n' Roll Era Is Over

Crypto's Rock 'n' Roll Era Is Over As crypto passes into mainstream use, it's losing its rebel soul. It may still express rebellion, but won't be rebellion anymore, says Callon-Butler. Every revolution eventually becomes the establishment.

Bitcoin is still a great way to diversify portfolio even if it trades like a tech stock, analyst says

Bitcoin is still a great way to diversify portfolio even if it trades like a tech stock, analyst says The central debate has shifted from whether bitcoin can survive to if it can function as a sovereign reserve asset, as critics assess it by...

Market structure state of play: State of Crypto

Market structure state of play: State of Crypto Hopes are rising that the Clarity Act may soon see some forward motion.

Oil leaving Middle East trades over \$100 a barrel. Here's how it could affect bitcoin

Oil leaving Middle East trades over \$100 a barrel. Here's how it could affect bitcoin Murban crude, a key benchmark for barrels that can bypass the Strait of Hormuz, now trades at \$103 per barrel.

TECH & STARTUPS

Palmer Luckey's retro gaming startup ModRetro reportedly seeks funding at \$1B valuation

ModRetro, the vintage gaming startup by Palmer Luckey, is in talks to raise funding at a \$1 billion valuation, according to the Financial Times. The company launched its first product, a Game Boy-style handheld device called the Chromatic, in 2024.

Will the Pentagon's Anthropic controversy scare startups away from defense work?

In just over a week, negotiations over the Pentagon's use of Anthropic's Claude technology fell through, the Trump administration designated Anthropic a supply-chain risk, and the AI company said it would fight that designation in court.

Owner of ICE detention facility sees big opportunity in AI man camps

To house the hundreds or thousands of temporary workers needed to build an AI data center, developers are increasingly relying on temporary villages known as man camps.

TechCrunch Mobility: Rivian's R2 gambit

Welcome back to TechCrunch Mobility, your hub for all things "future of transportation." To get this in your inbox, sign up here for free — just click TechCrunch Mobility! I was out for a few days last week and we have a bit of catching up to do!

A roadmap for AI, if anyone will listen

While Washington's breakup with Anthropic exposed the complete lack of any coherent rules governing artificial intelligence, a bipartisan coalition of thinkers has assembled something the government has so far declined to produce: a framework for...
