

# MORNING BRIEF

Saturday, 18 April 2026

## BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.10 (10/12)

*aparyaptam tadasmakam balam bhishmabhirakshitam  
paryaptam tvidameteṣham balam bhimabhirakshitam*

Our army, protected by Bhishma, is unlimited, whereas the army of the Pandavas, protected by Bhima, is limited.

Numbers don't determine outcomes; conviction does. Quality of commitment trumps quantity of resources.

## LAW 22: USE THE SURRENDER TACTIC: TRANSFORM WEAKNESS INTO POWER (22/48)

When you are weaker, never fight for honor's sake; choose surrender instead. Surrender gives you time to recover, time to torment and irritate your conqueror.

## PAUL GRAHAM — WHAT STARTUPS ARE REALLY LIKE (70/97)

Surveying YC founders revealed surprises: startups are even harder than expected, co-founder relationships matter more than the idea, persistence matters more than intelligence, and luck plays a bigger role than anyone admits. The most common regret: not launching sooner. The biggest surprise: how much the idea changes after launch. The founders who succeed aren't smarter — they're the ones who keep going when others would have quit.

Expect your original plan to be wrong and your path to be harder than imagined. The two things that actually predict success are the quality of your co-founder relationship and your sheer refusal to quit. Launch early, adapt constantly, and keep going.

[paulgraham.com/really.html](http://paulgraham.com/really.html)

**GIFT NIFTY 24,700.00** +280.00 (+1.15%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+503 pts** (+2.08%)

## INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	24,196.75	-34.55	-0.14%
Sensex	77,988.68	-122.56	-0.16%
Bank NIFTY	56,086.40	-215.55	-0.38%
India VIX	18.09	-0.58	-3.11%

## FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	+683
DII	-4,721

India Market Mood: **66** (Greed)

## US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	7,126.06	+84.78	+1.20%
Nasdaq	24,468.48	+365.78	+1.52%
Dow Jones	49,447.43	+868.71	+1.79%
S&P Futures	7,164.25	+87.25	+1.23%
Nikkei 225	59,518.34	+1,384.10	+2.38%
Hang Seng	26,394.26	+446.94	+1.72%

US Fear & Greed: **68** (greed)

## COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.25	-0.06	-1.46%
Gold	4,849.40	+64.00	+1.34%
Silver	80.93	+2.32	+2.96%
Crude Oil	84.00	-10.69	-11.29%
USD/INR	92.57	-0.81	-0.87%

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 503 pts (+2.08%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY ended flat (-0.14%) — range-bound session.
- India VIX at 18.1 — moderate zone.
- FII bought 683 Cr, DII sold 4,721 Cr — foreign money in, domestic booking profits.
- Wall Street closed strong (S&P +1.20%) — positive cue for Asian markets.
- S&P futures pointing higher (+1.23%).
- Gold up +1.34% at \$4,849.
- Crude oil dropped -11.29% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee strengthened to 92.57 — possible FII inflow signal.

## CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$77,312.00	+3.42%

Fear & Greed Index: **26** (Fear)

- BTC surging +3.4% — strong momentum, watch for overextension.
- Fear & Greed at 26 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

## HACKER NEWS

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### 1. **Claude Design**

Introducing Claude Design by Anthropic Labs Today, we're launching Claude Design, a new Anthropic Labs product that lets you collaborate with Claude to create polished visual work like designs, prototypes, slides, one-pagers, and more.

831 pts · 560 comments

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### 2. **Isaac Asimov: The Last Question (1956)**

The Last Question Isaac Asimov The last question was asked for the first time, half in jest, on May 21, 2061, at a time when humanity first stepped into the light.

617 pts · 254 comments

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### 3. **Ban the sale of precise geolocation**

It Is Time to Ban the Sale of Precise Geolocation It Is Time to Ban the Sale of Precise Geolocation A recent deep dive into the American adtech surveillance system Webloc highlights the national security and privacy risks of pervasive and easily...

595 pts · 166 comments

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### 4. **Measuring Claude 4.7's tokenizer costs**

Anthropic's Claude Opus 4.7 migration guide says the new tokenizer uses "roughly 1.0 to 1.35x as many tokens" as 4.6. I measured 1.47x on technical docs. 1.45x on a real CLAUDE.md file.

537 pts · 370 comments

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### 5. **Ada, its design, and the language that built the languages**

On Ada, the language that the Department of Defense built, the industry ignored, and every modern language quietly became There is a language that made generics a first-class, standardised feature of a widely deployed systems language, formalised...

251 pts · 174 comments

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## MARKET NEWS

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### **Adani bags top spot in richest Asians' club**

Listen to this article in summarized format The Adani Group owner went past Reliance Industries (RIL) chairman Mukesh Ambani to top the continental list on the Bloomberg Billionaire Index after several listed stocks climbed through the highly...

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### **US stocks today: S&P 500, Nasdaq end at fresh records as oil prices tumble**

Listen to this article in summarized format With traders increasingly confident that an end to the war is near, U.S. crude oil prices tumbled more than 11%, alleviating inflation concerns.

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### **US Stocks | Kailera soars over 60% in Nasdaq debut as weight-loss drug race heats up**

Success of newer weight-loss therapies has spurred a rush of investment as drugmakers race to challenge pharma giants Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk in what is expected to become a \$150-billion annual market by the end of the decade.

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### **US Stocks|Drone maker AEVEX valued at \$2.6 billion as shares rise in NYSE debut**

Modern warfare is being reshaped by the rise of unmanned drones, eclipsing conventional weapons in conflicts ranging from Ukraine's fight against Russia to wars across the Middle East.

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### **Traders place \$760 million bet on falling oil ahead of Hormuz announcement**

Large, well-timed trades in recent months have drawn concern from U.S. lawmakers and legal experts that decisions around war and diplomacy can give some traders an edge in volatile and opaque derivatives markets.

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## CRYPTO NEWS

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### **Strategy proposes semi-monthly dividends on its popular STRC preferred stock**

Strategy proposes semi-monthly dividends on its popular STRC preferred stock "[The] proposed changes are intended to stabilize price, dampen cyclical, drive liquidity, and grow demand," said Executive Chairman Michael Saylor.

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## **Sam Altman's World project launches major upgrade to fight deepfakes and bots**

Sam Altman's World project launches major upgrade to fight deepfakes and bots The project is also expanding its partnerships with Tinder, Zoom and DocuSign.

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## **Beaten-down digital asset treasury names lead crypto stock surge as bitcoin hits \$78,000**

Beaten-down digital asset treasury names lead crypto stock surge as bitcoin hits \$78,000 Oil prices slumped as Trump said Iran committed to open the Strait of Hormuz and the U.S. plans to acquire that country's enriched uranium as part of a deal.

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## **Don't get AI agents and stablecoin transfers? Enroll in CoinDesk University**

Don't get AI agents and stablecoin transfers? Enroll in CoinDesk University CoinDesk University's School of Stablecoin and Agentic Commerce will give you the tools to move beyond understanding to action.

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## **Back in the black: Strategy surges 8% as bitcoin's rise to \$77,000 puts holdings in profit**

Back in the black: Strategy surges 8% as bitcoin's rise to \$77,000 puts holdings in profit Bitcoin climbed above its 100-day moving average, while Strategy moves back above its 200-week trend level.

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## **TECH & STARTUPS**

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### **Sam Altman's project World looks to scale its human verification empire. First stop: Tinder.**

At a trendy venue near the San Francisco pier, Sam Altman's verification project World celebrated its next evolution and rapid expansion of its ambitions. And it's starting with Tinder.

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### **Kevin Weil and Bill Peebles exit OpenAI as company continues to shed 'side quests'**

OpenAI is losing two of the architects of its most ambitious moonshots. Kevin Weil, who led the company's science research initiative, and Bill Peebles, the researcher behind AI video tool Sora, both announced their departures on Friday.

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### **Man who hacked US Supreme Court filing system sentenced to probation**

Nicholas Moore, who pleaded guilty to hacking the U.S. Supreme Court's electronic document filing system dozens of times over several months, was sentenced on Friday to a year of probation.

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### **Sources: Cursor in talks to raise \$2B+ at \$50B valuation as enterprise growth surges**

AI coding startup Cursor is nearing new funding in which the four-year-old company would raise at least \$2 billion in fresh capital, according to four sources familiar with the matter.

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### **'Tokenmaxxing' is making developers less productive than they think**

There's an old saw in management: What you measure matters. And, typically, you get more of whatever you're measuring. Software engineers have debated productivity metrics for decades, starting with lines of code.

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