

MORNING BRIEF

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BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.7 (7/12)

*asmakam tu vishishta ye tannibodha dvijottama
nayaka mama sainyasya samjnartham tanbravimi te*

O best of Brahmanas, now let me tell you about the distinguished commanders of our army. I name them for your information.

True self-belief is quiet and doesn't need constant reinforcement through comparison.

LAW 31: CONTROL THE OPTIONS: GET OTHERS TO PLAY WITH THE CARDS YOU DEAL (31/48)

The best deceptions are the ones that seem to give the other person a choice. Your victims feel they are in control, but are actually your puppets. Give people options that come out in your favor whichever one they choose.

PAUL GRAHAM — PERSUADE XOR DISCOVER (79/97)

There are two distinct modes of reasoning: persuasion (making a case for a predetermined conclusion) and discovery (following evidence to find the truth). These modes are fundamentally incompatible. The moment you commit to a conclusion and start arguing for it, you stop being able to discover. Lawyers persuade; scientists discover. The best thinkers know which mode they're in and deliberately choose discovery for important questions.

Be honest about whether you're trying to discover truth or win an argument. If you've already decided what's true and are looking for supporting evidence, you're in persuasion mode. Switch to discovery mode for any question where getting the right answer actually matters.

paulgraham.com/discover.html

GIFT NIFTY 24,098.50 +144.50 (+0.60%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+201 pts** (+0.84%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	23,897.95	-275.10	-1.14%
Sensex	76,664.21	-999.79	-1.29%
Bank NIFTY	56,089.75	-215.25	-0.38%
India VIX	19.71	+1.12	+6.02%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-8,828
DII	+4,701

India Market Mood: **63** (Greed)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	7,165.08	+56.68	+0.80%
Nasdaq	24,836.60	+398.10	+1.63%
Dow Jones	49,230.71	-79.61	-0.16%
S&P Futures	7,194.00	-0.75	-0.01%
Nikkei 225	60,125.81	+409.63	+0.69%
Hang Seng	25,978.07	+62.87	+0.24%

US Fear & Greed: **66** (greed)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.31	-0.01	-0.30%
Gold	4,710.90	-11.40	-0.24%
Silver	75.45	-0.93	-1.22%
Crude Oil	96.06	+1.66	+1.76%
USD/INR	94.22	+0.11	+0.11%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 201 pts (+0.84%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY dropped -1.14% — heavy selling.
- India VIX at 19.7 — moderate zone.
- FII sold 8,828 Cr, DII bought 4,701 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street closed strong (S&P +0.80%) — positive cue for Asian markets.
- Crude oil surged +1.76% — watch energy stocks.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$78,860.00	+1.70%

Fear & Greed Index: **47** (Neutral)

- BTC grinding up +1.7% — healthy trend continuation.
- Fear & Greed at 47 (Neutral).

HACKER NEWS

1. Asahi Linux Progress Linux 7.0

Progress Report: Linux 7.0 After almost three years of 6.x series kernels, Linux 7.0 is finally here. That means it's also time for another Asahi progress report!

591 pts · 288 comments

2. GoDaddy gave a domain to a stranger without any documentation

What would you do if your organization had used a domain name for 27 years, and the registrar holding the domain seized it without any advance warning? All email and websites went dark.

544 pts · 217 comments

3. An AI agent deleted our production database. The agent's confession is below

444 pts · 610 comments

4. I bought Friendster for \$30k – Here's what I'm doing with it

364 pts · 200 comments

5. AI should elevate your thinking, not replace it

In talking to engineering management across tech industry heavy-weights, it's apparent that software engineering is starting to split people into two nebulous groups: The software engineers who will be most valuable in the future are not the ones...

275 pts · 224 comments

MARKET NEWS

India tech giants struggle to shake off \$115 billion rout

Infosys Ltd., the second-largest outsourcer, forecast annual sales growth below analysts' estimates on Thursday, following a profit miss at smaller rival HCL Technologies Ltd. two days earlier.

Investors dive back into frontier markets after April rally

The MSCI Frontier Markets Index of equities is up about 10% in dollar terms in April, its best month since 2009, outpacing gains of roughly 9% in the S&P 500.

Global Market Today: Oil jumps, Asian shares mixed as US-Iran talks stall

Benchmark Brent crude futures rose more than 2% to touch a three-week high of \$107.97 a barrel in early Asia trade, stoking inflation worries that have prompted traders to all but price out rate cuts this year.

Oil climbs nearly 2% as US-Iran peace talks stall

Brent crude futures rose \$2.16, or 2.05%, to \$107.49 a barrel by 2346 GMT, the highest since April 7, and U.S. West Texas Intermediate was at \$96.17 a barrel, up \$1.77, or 1.88%.

Adani Green may invest Rs 42,000 crore in FY27

In FY26, the company added over 5 GW of greenfield renewable capacity, the highest annual addition globally by any company outside China, it said.

CRYPTO NEWS

Running out of time on Clarity: State of Crypto

Running out of time on Clarity: State of Crypto April is almost over. May is the month to watch. The crypto market structure bill has not made much public movement in a month.

Aave raises nearly 80% of the \$200 million it needs to cover bad debt left by Kelp DAO exploit

Aave raises nearly 80% of the \$200 million it needs to cover bad debt left by Kelp DAO exploit Blockchain analytics platform Arkham said that the largest contributors are Mantle and Aave DAO, having raised a combined \$127 million.

Why DeFi isn't dead despite massive exploits and \$13 billion investor exodus

Why DeFi isn't dead despite massive exploits and \$13 billion investor exodus A \$292 million exploit and \$13 billion TVL drop looks catastrophic on the surface, but the data tells a different story.

Bitcoin whales build long positions as funding stays deeply negative

Bitcoin whales build long positions as funding stays deeply negative Long bias from the largest perpetual traders on Hyperliquid has built steadily through February, March and April, with the position now leaning aggressively long as bitcoin tags...

Freezing 5.6 million dormant bitcoin could trigger 'worst' single-day repricing

Freezing 5.6 million dormant bitcoin could trigger 'worst' single-day repricing Maximalists warn freezing 5.6M BTC risks instant sell-offs, while others say quantum threats leave no alternative.

TECH & STARTUPS

The Stanford freshmen who want to rule the world . . . will probably read this book and try even harder

Theo Baker is graduating from Stanford this spring with something most seniors don't have: a book deal, a George Polk Award that he received for his investigative reporting as a student journalist, and a front-row account of one of the most...

Amazon's new podcast strategy: Monetize everything

Amazon's podcasting business has transformed over the past six months, according to The New York Times. Back in August 2025, the company reportedly eliminated more than 100 jobs from its podcast studio Wondery.

What Tim Cook built

After 15 years as Apple's CEO, Tim Cook will be stepping down from the role in September. On the latest episode of TechCrunch's Equity podcast, Kirsten Korosec, Sean O'Kane, and I discussed Apple's big announcement.

TechCrunch Mobility: Elon's admission

Welcome back to TechCrunch Mobility — your central hub for news and insights on the future of transportation. To get this in your inbox, sign up here for free — just click TechCrunch Mobility!

To buy this Bay Area home, you'll need Anthropic equity

Someone's offering an unusual deal for a 13-acre property in Mill Valley, just north of South Francisco.

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