

MORNING BRIEF

Tuesday, 28 April 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.8 (8/12)

*bhavanbhishtmascha karnashcha kripashcha samitinjayah
ashvatthama vikarnashcha saumadattirjayadrathah*

Yourself (Drona), Bhishma, Karna, Kripa who is ever victorious in battle, Ashvatthama, Vikarna, and Jayadratha, the son of Somadatta.

Having talented people on your side doesn't guarantee success if the cause is unjust. Talent must serve righteous purpose.

LAW 32: PLAY TO PEOPLE'S FANTASIES (32/48)

The truth is often avoided because it is ugly and unpleasant. Never appeal to truth and reality unless you are prepared for the anger that comes from disenchantment. Life is so harsh that people who manufacture romance and conjure up fantasy are like oases in the desert.

PAUL GRAHAM — DISCONNECTING DISTRACTION (80/97)

The internet is the most potent source of distraction ever invented. It combines the addictiveness of social validation, novelty, and instant gratification in a way no previous technology could. The solution isn't willpower — it's environmental design. Physically separate your work environment from your distraction environment. Use different devices, different locations, or different times of day for focused work versus internet browsing.

Don't rely on willpower to resist the internet — redesign your environment instead. Separate your tools for creation from your tools for consumption. The people who produce the most are not those with the strongest willpower but those who've designed their environment to minimize temptation.

paulgraham.com/distraction.html

GIFT NIFTY 24,050.00 -43.00 (-0.18%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+152 pts** (+0.64%)

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	-1,151
DII	+4,124

India Market Mood: **59** (Neutral)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	7,173.91	+8.83	+0.12%
Nasdaq	24,887.10	+50.50	+0.20%
Dow Jones	49,167.79	-62.92	-0.13%
S&P Futures	7,213.25	+18.50	+0.26%
Nikkei 225	60,236.44	+520.26	+0.87%
Hang Seng	25,978.07	+62.87	+0.24%

US Fear & Greed: **67** (greed)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.34	+0.03	+0.60%
Gold	4,704.00	-18.30	-0.39%
Silver	75.60	-0.78	-1.03%
Crude Oil	97.20	+2.80	+2.97%
USD/INR	94.17	-0.08	-0.09%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 152 pts (+0.64%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY dropped -1.14% — heavy selling.
- India VIX at 19.7 — moderate zone.
- FII sold 1,151 Cr, DII bought 4,124 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Crude oil surged +2.97% — watch energy stocks.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$77,218.00	-2.08%

Fear & Greed Index: **33** (Fear)

- BTC dipping -2.1% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 33 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

HACKER NEWS

1. **Microsoft and OpenAI end their exclusive and revenue-sharing deal**

Gift Article: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-04-27/microsoft...> <https://openai.com/index/next-phase-of-microsoft-partnership...> <https://x.com/ajassy/status/2048806022253609115>

742 pts · 655 comments

2. **GitHub Copilot is moving to usage-based billing**

TL;DR: Today, we are announcing that all GitHub Copilot plans will transition to usage-based billing on June 1, 2026.

3. **Men who stare at walls**

Staring at walls to improve focus and productivity I came across a video by Simple Lucas describing a routine to improve focus and productivity. The routine was basically: - Don't use any screens/entertainment when trying to focus on work.

445 pts · 202 comments

4. **4TB of voice samples just stolen from 40k AI contractors at Mercor**

4TB of voice samples were just stolen from 40,000 AI contractors. Here is how to verify if yours is being weaponized. On April 4, 2026, the extortion group Lapsus\$ posted Mercor on its leak site.

435 pts · 160 comments

5. **Pgbackrest is no longer being maintained**

TL;DR: pgBackRest is no longer being maintained. If you fork pgBackRest, please select a new name for your project. After a lot of thought, I have decided to stop working on pgBackRest.

393 pts · 206 comments

MARKET NEWS

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

STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: Going forward, the index might continue to face resistance at 24,115–24,150. A decisive move above 24,150 is required to witness a sustained rally towards higher levels.

Oil prices rise as no end to Iran war stand-off seems in sight

U.S. President Donald Trump is unhappy with the latest Iranian proposal aimed at ending the war, a U.S. official said on Monday.

Stocks in news: Maruti Suzuki, Eternal, Coal India, Trent, Adani Total Gas

In today's trade, shares of Maruti Suzuki, Eternal, Coal India, Trent, Adani Total Gas among others will be in focus due to various news developments and fourth quarter results.

Global Market Today: Asian shares hold near eight-week high

The MSCI Asia Pacific Index was little changed on Tuesday, staying close to the level when the US-Israel war on Iran started in late February. That came after global crude benchmark Brent slipped 0.3% to trade just under \$108 a barrel.

Firms postpone D-Street debut as uncertainty clouds market outlook

"The uncertainty in India's IPO market is expected to remain at least for the next two to three months, depending on how the geopolitical crisis plays out," said Prashant Singhal, partner and India markets leader at EY.

CRYPTO NEWS

Industry leaders are pouring hundreds of millions into a rescue plan for Aave users after massive crypto hack

Industry leaders are pouring hundreds of millions into a rescue plan for Aave users after massive crypto hack The response to the DeFi recovery fund has quickly extended beyond Aave, and in some cases began with direct outreach.

Bitcoin rally shows signs of fatigue as key indicators turn bearish

Bitcoin rally shows signs of fatigue as key indicators turn bearish Cooling U.S. demand, elevated Bitfinex whale positioning and a key on chain rejection point to short term downside during the Las Vegas Bitcoin conference.

Western Union eyeing stablecoin launch to settle global transactions without SWIFT, CEO says

Western Union eyeing stablecoin launch to settle global transactions without SWIFT, CEO says The 175-year-old money-transfer firm also plans to issue a stablecoin-linked card for payments and cash-out options from crypto to local currencies, CEO...

MARA Holdings targets bitcoin quantum threat and network resilience with new foundation

MARA Holdings targets bitcoin quantum threat and network resilience with new foundation Bitcoin's future is not guaranteed, said CEO Fred Thiel at the Bitcoin Conference in Las Vegas.

Bitcoin pulls back to \$76,600 as rising oil price and Iran risks stall the rally

Bitcoin pulls back to \$76,600 as rising oil price and Iran risks stall the rally Short-term holder profit-taking is offsetting fresh demand from ETFs and Strategy, pointing to consolidation below \$80,000, Bitfinex analysts said.

TECH & STARTUPS

Letterboxd, the social platform for film buffs, reportedly looking for new owner

Letterboxd has surged in popularity in recent years.

Consumers lost \$2.1B to social media scams in 2025, FTC reports

Americans lost \$2.1 billion to social media scams in 2025, according to a new report from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

OpenAI ends Microsoft legal peril over its \$50B Amazon deal

On Monday, Microsoft and OpenAI announced that they have, once again, renegotiated the deal binding the two companies.

DeepMind's David Silver just raised \$1.1B to build an AI that learns without human data

Ineffable Intelligence, a British AI lab founded a mere few months ago by former DeepMind researcher David Silver, has raised \$1.1 billion in funding at a valuation of \$5.1 billion to join the race for novel AI models that could outperform large...

Hacker who allegedly carried out cyberattacks for China is extradited to US

A man accused of carrying out cyberattacks on behalf of the Chinese government has been extradited to the United States, and faces over a decade in prison if convicted. Last year, the U.S.
