

MORNING BRIEF

Thursday, 30 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 34: BE ROYAL IN YOUR OWN FASHION: ACT LIKE A KING TO BE TREATED LIKE ONE

(34/48)

The way you carry yourself will often determine how you are treated. A king respects himself and inspires the same sentiment in others. By acting regally you make yourself seem destined to wear a crown.

PAUL GRAHAM — HOW TO GET NEW IDEAS (82/97)

New ideas come from the intersection of two things: deep expertise in some domain, and the habit of noticing what's broken or missing. You need both — expertise without curiosity produces incremental improvements; curiosity without expertise produces naive ideas. The most fertile ground for new ideas is the intersection of two fields that don't usually talk to each other, because conventions from one field can be revolutionary in another.

To generate new ideas, go deep in at least one field and stay curious about adjacent ones. The best ideas emerge at the boundaries between domains. When something seems broken or clunky, pay attention — that frustration often points to an opportunity.

paulgraham.com/getideas.html

GIFT NIFTY 24,172.50 -83.50 (-0.34%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+177 pts** (+0.74%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	23,995.70	-97.00	-0.40%
Sensex	76,886.91	-416.73	-0.54%
Bank NIFTY	55,400.35	-863.95	-1.54%
India VIX	18.05	-0.33	-1.80%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-2,468
DII	+2,262

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

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	7,135.95	-2.85	-0.04%
Nasdaq	24,673.24	+9.44	+0.04%
Dow Jones	48,861.81	-280.12	-0.57%
S&P Futures	7,197.50	+26.50	+0.37%
Nikkei 225	59,191.09	-726.37	-1.21%
Hang Seng	25,679.78	-245.87	-0.95%

US Fear & Greed: **64** (greed)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.42	+0.06	+1.47%
Gold	4,582.80	-8.70	-0.19%
Silver	72.96	-0.25	-0.33%
Crude Oil	107.41	+7.48	+7.49%
USD/INR	94.82	+0.17	+0.18%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 177 pts (+0.74%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY slipped -0.40% — mild selling pressure.
- India VIX at 18.0 — moderate zone.
- FII sold 2,468 Cr, DII bought 2,262 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- S&P futures pointing higher (+0.37%).
- Crude oil surged +7.49% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee weakened to 94.82 — watch IT exporters.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$76,324.00	+0.11%

Fear & Greed Index: **29** (Fear)

- BTC consolidating around \$76,324.
- Fear & Greed at 29 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

HACKER NEWS

1. Zed 1.0

April 29th, 2026 To create a fundamentally better editor, we had to invent a new approach to building desktop software. Our previous editor, Atom, was built as a fork of Chromium, spawning the Electron framework in the process.

1518 pts · 492 comments

2. [HERMES.md in commit messages causes requests to route to extra usage billing](#)

- Notifications You must be signed in to change notification settings - Fork 19.8k HERMES.md in git commit messages causes requests to route to extra usage billing instead of plan quota #53262 Description Summary When a git repository's recent...

977 pts · 419 comments

3. [Online age verification is the hill to die on](#)

<https://xcancel.com/GlennMeder/status/2049088498163216560>

742 pts · 460 comments

4. [Bugs Rust won't catch](#)

In April 2026, Canonical disclosed 44 CVEs in utils, the Rust reimplement of GNU coreutils that ships by default since 25.10. Most of them came out of an external audit commissioned ahead of the 26.04 LTS.

624 pts · 339 comments

5. [Cursor Camp](#)

601 pts · 103 comments

MARKET NEWS

[Oil prices extend gains as US-Iran war deadlock keeps supply off market](#)

Brent crude futures for June rose \$1.91, or 1.62%, to \$119.94 a barrel as of 0057 GMT after gaining 6.1% in the previous session.

[Pre-market action: Here's the trade setup for today's session](#)

Analysts say markets are expected to react to the domestic political developments, as exit polls after the second phase of state elections give slight edge to BJP in West Bengal and Assam.

[Stocks in news: HUL, Bajaj Finance, Adani Power, Adani Enterprises, Vedanta, Tata Motors PV](#)

In today's trade, shares of HUL, Bajaj Finance, Adani Power, Adani Enterprises, Vedanta, Tata Motors PV among others will be in focus due to various news developments and fourth quarter results.

[Global Market Today: US stock futures gain on tech earnings; Asian shares fall](#)

Contracts for the tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 rose 0.9% and those for the S&P 500 Index climbed 0.4% in early Asian trading after broadly positive earnings from megacap companies. Alphabet Inc. and Amazon.com Inc.

[FPI exodus in four months of 2026 surpasses all of last year](#)

Selling in local equities - the second highest across Asia and emerging markets after South Korea - is the most by overseas investors in the first four months of any calendar year, show data from ETIG and Bloomberg.

CRYPTO NEWS

[Jack Mallers' Twenty One Capital surges after majority holder Tether proposes 3-way merger](#)

Jack Mallers' Twenty One Capital surges after majority holder Tether proposes 3-way merger Tether has moved to combine bitcoin treasury, mining, and financial services under one roof.

[Big Tech's multi-billion dollar AI bets are still on track as Mag 7 giants report earnings](#)

Big Tech's multi-billion dollar AI bets are still on track as Mag 7 giants report earnings The four Mag 7 giants reported quarterly results on Wednesday, showing that they are still on track to spend multi-billion on AI.

[Eric Trump says bitcoin in its 'greatest period ever' as Wall Street falls in line](#)

Eric Trump says bitcoin in its 'greatest period ever' as Wall Street falls in line Speaking at Bitcoin Las Vegas 2026, the American Bitcoin co-founder declared the last six months a turning point.

[Fed chair Jerome Powell says he will stay on as Governor after term amid legal pressure](#)

Fed chair Jerome Powell says he will stay on as Governor after term amid legal pressure During a press conference following the Fed's interest rate decision, Powell said ongoing scrutiny and political tension forced him to stay, despite his plans to...

Tech giant Meta starts paying some creators in stablecoin with Stripe's support

Tech giant Meta starts paying some creators in stablecoin with Stripe's support The tech giant is first offering the feature to select creators in Colombia and the Philippines.

TECH & STARTUPS

Amazon, Meta join fight to end Google Pay, PhonePe dominance in India

Amazon and Meta are among the big companies set to lobby India's payments body over the dominance of Walmart-owned PhonePe and Google Pay in the country's fast-growing instant payments network.

Amazon's cloud business is surging — and so is its capital spending

Amazon was one of several tech giants that on Wednesday beat Wall Street's first-quarter earnings expectations, offering more financial evidence that the AI boom continues to reward companies that supply the picks and shovels.

Sources: Anthropic could raise a new \$50B round at a valuation of \$900B

Investor interest in Anthropic has reached a feverish pitch.

On the stand, Elon Musk can't escape his own tweets

Elon Musk came to a California federal court on Wednesday to argue that Sam Altman and his co-founders "stole a charity." He left having admitted, under oath, that Tesla is not currently pursuing artificial general intelligence (AGI)— directly...

Meta is still burning money on AR/VR

When Meta released its quarterly earnings report on Wednesday evening, a colleague pointed out how Meta lost \$4 billion on Reality Labs, the division responsible for its AR glasses, VR headsets, and VR software. I yawned at first.

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