

MORNING BRIEF

Sunday, 17 May 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.3 (3/12)

*pashyaitam panduputranamacharyamahatim chamum
vyudham drupadaputrena tava shishyena dhimata*

Behold, O Teacher, this mighty army of the sons of Pandu, arrayed by your wise disciple, the son of Drupada.

Manipulation through flattery and provocation is a weak leadership strategy. True leaders unite people through shared purpose, not by exploiting emotions.

LAW 3: CONCEAL YOUR INTENTIONS (3/48)

Keep people off-balance and in the dark by never revealing the purpose behind your actions. If they have no clue what you are up to, they cannot prepare a defense.

PAUL GRAHAM — MAKER'S SCHEDULE, MANAGER'S SCHEDULE (2/97)

There are two types of schedules. The manager's schedule is divided into one-hour blocks — meetings can be moved around freely. The maker's schedule (used by programmers and writers) requires long, uninterrupted blocks. A single meeting can blow a whole afternoon, because it breaks a block in two, each too small for serious work. Most powerful people operate on the manager's schedule, so they don't realize the cost they impose by scheduling a 'quick meeting.'

Protect large blocks of uninterrupted time for deep work. A single meeting doesn't cost you one hour — it costs you the entire block it fragments. If you manage makers, batch meetings together and respect their need for long stretches of focus.

paulgraham.com/makersschedule.html

GIFT NIFTY 23,769.00 +61.00 (+0.26%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+126 pts** (+0.53%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	23,643.50	-46.10	-0.19%
Sensex	75,237.99	-160.73	-0.21%
Bank NIFTY	53,710.35	-418.60	-0.77%
India VIX	18.79	+0.18	+0.97%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	+1,329
DII	-1,959

India Market Mood: **57** (Neutral)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	7,408.50	-92.74	-1.24%
Nasdaq	26,225.14	-410.08	-1.54%
Dow Jones	49,526.17	-537.29	-1.07%
S&P Futures	7,432.25	-93.25	-1.24%
Nikkei 225	61,409.29	-1,244.76	-1.99%
Hang Seng	25,962.73	-426.31	-1.62%

US Fear & Greed: **63** (greed)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.59	+0.13	+3.00%
Gold	4,555.80	-122.30	-2.61%
Silver	77.16	-7.75	-9.13%
Crude Oil	105.42	+4.25	+4.20%
USD/INR	95.96	+0.25	+0.26%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 126 pts (+0.53%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY ended flat (-0.19%) — range-bound session.
- India VIX at 18.8 — moderate zone.
- FII bought 1,329 Cr, DII sold 1,959 Cr — foreign money in, domestic booking profits.
- Wall Street fell (S&P -1.24%) — could weigh on sentiment today.
- S&P futures pointing lower (-1.24%).
- Gold down -2.61% at \$4,556.
- Crude oil surged +4.20% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee weakened to 95.96 — watch IT exporters.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$77,950.00	-1.35%

Fear & Greed Index: **27** (Fear)

- BTC dipping -1.3% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 27 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

HACKER NEWS

1. [Moving away from Tailwind, and learning to structure my CSS](#)

Moving away from Tailwind, and learning to structure my CSS Hello! 8 years ago, I wrote excitedly about discovering Tailwind.

430 pts · 275 comments

2. [Frontier AI has broken the open CTF format](#)

Opinion / May 1, 2026 The CTF scene is dead. Frontier AI has broken the open CTF format. The scoreboard does not measure human skill cleanly anymore, and the old game is not coming back.

337 pts · 326 comments

3. [SANA-WM, a 2.6B open-source world model for 1-minute 720p video](#)

295 pts · 125 comments

4. [HTML Lists](#)

This second installment in the “You don’t know HTML” series is going to be all about the ways that we put collections of things together.

291 pts · 67 comments

5. [Fecal transplants for autism deliver success in clinical trials \(2019\)](#)

Scientific research continues to uncover interesting connections between the gut microbiome and human health, including everything from depression to PTSD to autoimmune disease. Another example of this are emerging ties between gut health and autism.

286 pts · 203 comments

MARKET NEWS

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XRP beat bitcoin gains as CLARITY Act advanced, but a real bullrun still needs Congress

Crypto longs lose \$500 million as bitcoin slides to \$78,000, SOL and XRP down 5%

TECH & STARTUPS

The haves and have nots of the AI gold rush

The vibes around the current AI boom aren't great, even in the tech industry, according to a lengthy social media post from Menlo Ventures partner Deedy Das.

Marketing operating system Nectar Social raises \$30M Series A led by Menlo

AI-powered marketing platform Nectar Social announced Thursday that it raised a \$30 million Series A round led by Menlo Ventures and its Anthology Fund, which was created alongside Anthropic.

Research repository ArXiv will ban authors for a year if they let AI do all the work

ArXiv, a widely used open repository for preprint research, is doing more to crack down on the careless use of large language models in scientific papers.

The offline desk gadget that actually got me to sit up straight

Working from home has its own perils. Pets can be demanding, your back aches from hours at a desk, or you simply forget to move.

OpenAI co-founder Greg Brockman takes charge of product strategy

OpenAI co-founder and president Greg Brockman is officially taking the reins of the company's product strategy, according to Wired.
