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# ***The Tick-Tock Tractatus***

**Speaking of Time: The Poetic Investigations**

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# Portals Departures Worm-Holes Topics

1. Time: time-space, movement, measurement
2. Past: memories, habits, fixed, specific, tradition
3. Present: now, here-now, day, duration
4. Future: maybe, planned, anticipated, uncertain
5. Passing: change, cycles, aging, growth, death
6. Beginning: renewal, starting, enthusiasm
7. Psychology: learning, experience, knowing
8. Middle: in progress, half-way, months, living, seasons
9. Language: poetry, philosophy, ordinary
10. Silence: inexpressive, nonsense, illogical
11. Mystical: numinous, profound, intense, insightful,
12. Beauty: art, crafts, music, reading/writing

13. Social: ethics, morality, economics, manners, value
14. Philosophy: ethics, things, metaphysics, Being, analysis, logic
15. History: landmark events, books/printing, memory
16. Eternity: forever, infinite, unimaginable, death

## Preface

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## Bundled Up Quintains about Time

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# **1. Time: time-space, movement measurement, counting physics, chemistry, days direction, generalities**

## **1.1**

*Generalities, Questions, Quips*

Time is a fact.

We are time.

Time is laid against reality as a measure.

## Time <--> Motion: Time and Motion Intertwined.

A clock is the symbol of worldliness.

The ticking clock defines our life.

Time, steadily fleeing, is our world.

Calendars and ticking clocks redirect our lives.

Tick-Tock-Tick-Tock = a mechanical clock on hand.

All Being are beings in time.

Being is a Here and Now Time Thing.

BU832, GC#21

[Bundled Up: BU: Quintains: Volume 1, 2021-](#)

### **1.1.1**

*Time-Place-Things-Being*

Substance is what subsists over time.

Time is both form and content.

The form of time is the possibility of the structure of place-time.  
A picture of time needs a video.

We cannot think of any object outside the possibility of its temporal existence inside our Time-World or its integration and combination with all other other beings.

BU898, GC#21

The Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Time.  
Edited by Craig Calender, 2013.

Substance Theory

Time - Quotations

### **1.1.2**

*More Information Coming In*

Give it some time, be patient:  
More facts will arrive soon,  
More information will come,

More reasons will be forthcoming---  
We never have all the facts.

*BU3155, TLP § 1.1*

Facts

Information

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**1.1.3**

*Meditating on Logical Space?*

In my quasi-logical place of late  
I did not hesitate  
To stretch my feet out  
    And meditate on future  
Facts in logical space.... What?

*BU3318*

[Bundled Up Quintains: Volume 3](#)

## 1.2

### *Quarky Considerations*

Time contains the possibilities of  
all state-of-affairs.

The state-of-things emerge in time.

Roughly speaking, time is tasteless,  
colorless, silent, and real.

Creating a clear picture of time takes time.  
Do *pictures of time* come easily to mind?

Can we think about any objects outside  
of time? Quarks?

The logical structure of time, our pictures of time,  
our inclinations about time all depict the World.

Does only a Goddess know the *truth* of a  
statement about the future?

All beings are born in time.  
All beings die in time.

Loosing his memories, severe dementia, left him  
in the realm of the timelessness.

*BU725, GC#33*

[Grayland Codex](#)

### **1.2.1**

*Multiply the Facts*

Yes, facts multiply

But do they divide into facts?

Yes, the world has many facts

All stacked in rooms now called 'Now and Past.'

In the future, we will add more facts.

*BU3155*

[Bundled Up Quintains: Volume 4, 2024-](#)

## An Old Philosopher's Notebooks

### **1.2.2**

#### *Absolutely Moving In Space*

Newton's *Principia*

postulated both Absolute Time  
and Relative Time frames

for exact calculus calculations  
to explain precise movements of objects in space.

*BU2944*

Isaac Newton

### **1.2.3**

#### *The Bigger Context*

I walked two miles in one hour.

And the Earth rotates at 1,000 MPH.  
And the Earth flies at 67,000 MPH.  
And our Solar system files at 514,000 MPH.

So, how fast was I really walking?

*BU3230*

### **1.3**

*Living in Our Time*

Time recreates the logical space.  
Any logical space is bordered by time.

Time has names: Past, Present, Future  
Or: Fixed, Flexible, Planed  
Or: Before, Now, After

The World's-Time, my Time Zone, and  
My internal sense of time are all  
Part of my living in our time.

*BU940*

## Bundled Up Quintain Poetry: Volume 7, 2026-

### **1.4**

#### *Pictures, Paintings, Film*

Time is one cinema of reality.

Do I need logic or a stop-watch.  
Do I need a picture, film,  
or a video to display real time?

Where is the tape measure of time?  
We hear time in music.

*BU988*

## Bundled Up: Quintains: Volume 2, 2022-

### **1.5**

#### *Do Present Acts Cause the Future States?*

We can estimate future events from present ones.

We *assume* a causal nexus,

Not a "superstition" without a reason.

We *define* future events in terms of present ones:  
predictions, probabilities, guesses, estimates,  
anticipations, expectations, schedules...

OK, not *infer*; but damn close anyway.

*BU3452*

David Hume

Causality.

Predicting the Future

**1.6**

*Entropy Points Its Finger*

The Arrows of Time

never rest,

moving forward unrelenting

irreversible:  
from hot towards cold

from stream to Sea  
from organized to disorganized  
from past to future  
from moving towards stillness  
from life towards death.

Or, so it seems, to us,  
with our little particulars,  
with our home brew views,  
with our social habits a *must*.

*BU2769*

Entropy

Second Law of Thermodynamics

**1.6.1**

*Energy Moves Time*

The clock on the garage wall  
Stopped working months ago;  
Timelessly stuck on 12 to 4.  
Needs a new battery:  
*Time requires Energy.*

*BU3186*

Time - Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

Time - Quotations

### **1.6.2**

*Title*

The coffee  
in my cup  
was *Cold!*  
A compass  
for Entropy.

*BU1571*

**1.7***The Shifting Faces of Time*

Essence = Family Resemblance

clocks, schedules, processes,  
day, sunrise, motion, change,  
    memories, feelings, aging,  
        growing, evolution, meetings,  
breakfast-lunch-dinner,

    sleep-wake-sleep.  
    repetition, cycles, repeating,  
    expecting, anticipating, waiting,  
planning, costs, work, starting,  
    patience, eternal, ending, death...

    school time, play time, fun time  
Christmas time, Labor Day time

*BU2984, PI §599, DOG p. 338*

*BBB Blue Book*: p. 20, 26, 52-56, 106,  
What is Time. Expectations. Before/After.

The Language of Time, by Quentin Smith, 1993.

## **1.8**

*There is definitely something, rather than nothing.*

Is *Mu* Dark Matter?

Is Light Speed Time?

Is Gravity a Ball of Strings?

Is a Mind a Body-Brain?

Questioning, wondering, ideas rain.

*BU2509*

Dark Matter

String Theory in Physics

**1.8.1***Measuring the Invisible*

Clocks measuring  
fragments of infinity  
quite bewilderedly  
displaying pictures  
of time's invisibility

*BU2982***1.8.2***Turn the Clock Back*

I turned the clock hands  
back and hour in the fall.  
Even though, in private time-space,  
nobody can ever  
turn the clock back at all.

*BU1245*[Time Research](https://www.gardendigest.com/poetry/25SFCOTV33.htm)

### **1.8.3**

#### *Plurality Party*

The Elements do not die

And they in eternal time realize

    a billion interactions in a second's time

    a trillion interrelations in a millisecond of time...

I breathe the breaths of all past lives.

*BU3255*

Elements of Chemistry

Pluralism

Diversity

Complexity

### **1.8.4**

#### *Metaphors of Temporality*

The electric clock is like a virtual monk  
counting the rosary beads of the void.

The sundial is a machine that works  
by doing nothing.

Time immediately mediates our perceptual  
faculties and ways of thinking.

The present is the only coordinate that  
does not require a compass.

Time is the grammar that allows  
our lives to make sense.

*BU3195*

An Introduction to the Philosophy of Time.  
By Sam Baron and Kristie Miller, 2018.

Wagon Wheel, song by Darius Rucker

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## **2. Past: memories, tradition habits, fixed, artifacts**

### **2.1**

#### *Generalities, Questions, Quips*

The past is a debt that the present  
can never repay.

The past is a heavy trunk we eventually  
use as a chair.

The past is a mirror that shows us everything  
but not the face we have now.

The past is the shadow  
cast by the body of the present.

The scaffolding of the world is built  
from the wood of yesterdays.

"We never remember days, only moments."  
- Cesare Pavese

*BU13*

## **2.2**

### *Muscle Memories*

The silence of decades dead  
echo endlessly  
in every muscle and vein...  
Her kisses are remembered  
by my tender love lips.

BU19

## **2.3**

### *If You Have a Habit*

If you have a habit  
You acquired it in your past.  
    Bad habits reside in the now.  
New habits require:  
    Six months of your future time, and  
girt and correct actions all along.

*BU2932*

Atomic Habits. By Jason Clear, 2018.

## **2.4**

### *Ghosts from the Past*

I am a ghost  
of walking memories  
    a past embodied in me  
    a past only visible to me  
a past defining the real actual me.

*BU2885*

Yesterday, song by Paul McCartney

**2.4.1***Evidence from the Past*

Time passes past the past,  
No forensic evidence remains,  
No clue to catch that Thief of Time---  
Little evidence, so suspicious,  
Is nowhere and everywhere.

*BU3259*

Forensic Evidence727 Riddles, Jokes, Brain Teasers**2.5***Memories Are Made of These*

The sundial remembers the light,  
never the clouds.

Each hour is a door that locks itself  
after I pass through.

We remember the past as it  
was *supposed* to be.

A memory is a fact that has  
lost its ticking pulse.

The past is not a hitching post;  
It's a signpost or a guide post.

*BU61*

[Another Brick in the Wall](#), Pink Floyd

[Doctor My Eyes](#), Jackson Brown, Playing for Change

[Time - Quotations](#)

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### ***3. Present: now, here-now, day, moment***

#### **3.1**

#### *Generalities, Questions, Quips*

The Pause is measured by the time  
it takes me to decide.

An Instant is Imaginary.

"Now" does not specify a specific time.

No time like the present.

One today is worth four tomorrows.

The present is a theater where the play  
is always in its final act.

Time is the only sculptor what works  
without a chisel.

Time is the loom, but the  
thread is purely our own.

*BU295*

## Months and Seasons - Quotations

### **3.2**

*pristine possibilities*

in every moment  
today is created anew—  
    pristine possibilities  
    changing opportunities  
    depending on you

*BU14*

How to Live a Good Life: Advice From Wise Persons, 2002-

## The Power of Now, by Eckhart Tolle, 2004.

### **3.2.1**

#### *Precious Flowers in the Sky*

To dance at the still point of the Time beyond time,  
Beyond pasts, within futures, this Moment  
Now and forever, beyond minds.  
Not knowing of Who or why  
We stroll in rose gardens, and Love.

*BU2652*

Precious Flowers in the Sky

[The California Gardening Tale](#)

### **3.2.2**

*Truths about the Future?*

For the moment, Now, for me,  
the world is the case.  
Yesterday, the world was  
actually the case.  
Tomorrow's events are not the case.

Only the Present and Past are Actual  
The Future is bounded by possibilities:  
uncertainties, unpredictability, chances,  
accidents, unknowns, contingencies ...  
And quasi-informative necessities.

God knows the future some say.  
I don't think that way.

Some statements about future events  
Are neither necessary nor impossible  
and have no truth value.

*BU3338*

Aristotle's Sea Battle

Problem of Future Contingents

## Contingency

### Reading Wittgenstein 1975-

#### **3.3**

##### *Gertrude Returned to Oakland*

"There is no there there"  
For the Present is aware, that  
the Past is no more, only  
my obscure faded memories;  
just nothing left here anymore.

BU3132

- Gertrude Stein

#### **3.4**

##### *Many Meanings*

*'Is' is an insistent perplexity*  
of sometimes being identity  
of sometimes being temporarily  
of sometimes being actuality  
Yes!, 'is' even postulates = equality.

BU3137

**3.4.1**  
*The History Told in the Present*

Mythical time  
unfolds in present time  
unravels in literal minds—  
real, imagined, fictionalized,  
Always in Now-Time.

*BU2872*

**3.4.2**  
*Time Don't Care*

ticking my life away  
indifferent clocks  
everywhere

*BU 2649, GC §13*

Cuttings: Haiku

**3.4.3**

*The Hustles of Time*

time runs  
does not wait  
hustles fast  
lingers not  
cannot stop

*BU2866*

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### 3.4.4

#### *Pausing for a Moment*

The Pause is measured by a spoonful of time.  
He paused and loudly yawned.  
Everyone paused for a moment of remembrance.  
He paused and took a deep breath.  
It was the pause that refreshes.

#### Pausing at Lake Quinault

##### 3.4.4.1

#### *Try to Name the Moment*

"There is no  
non-arbitrary way  
to pick out what is meant by the  
uniquely true  
and real present moment."

*BU3228, GC §31*

A Brief History of the Philosophy of Time, Adrian Bardon, p. 91

### **3.4.4.2**

#### *45 Milliseconds*

Our sense of the Present  
Is not continuous.  
It starts and stops in  
small discrete steps;  
Every 20 to 60 milliseconds.

Felt Time, by Marc Wittmann, 2017, p.27

Paying attention decreases the  
milliseconds of awareness smooth flow.

We don't notice the jumps, like watching  
a 35mm film at 50Hz, 30-40 frames per second.

*BU3354*

Film

Film History.

### 3.4.5

#### *Instant: Zero Millimeters Per No Seconds*

An instant has zero duration;  
unlike miles per hour  
or meters per second.

Even a millisecond is much longer.

An instant, like a *point* in geometry:  
Dimensionless, timeless, imaginary.

*BU3047*

Instant

### 3.4.6

#### *Really! Nothing Changes?*

Some old hold strictly to the Present  
As actual given Reality.

The future is nothing.

*From nothing comes nothing.*  
So nothing changes---claims Parmenides.

*BU3029*

- Parmenides (510 BCE).

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**4. Future: maybe, planned  
anticipated, uncertain  
predicted, assumed**

**4.1**

*Generalities, Questions, Quips*

The future is not a destination  
but a direction of the current.

Character determines a man's fate.  
Create you own future!

The future often lacks luster.

The future is often just a dirty dollar.

Time waits for nobody.

Tomorrow is a currency that can  
only be spent in the mind.

Time provides the trellis, but the vine  
grows where it pleases,  
bowing to the sun.

The world is all that is the case, and time  
the rhythm in which it unfolds.

*BU332, GC#16*

[Grayland Codex](#)

## 4.3

### *Certainly So*

I can know much about the future  
without certainty about many things/events  
and certainly about contingent events/things  
and certainly not about everything---  
I'm content, for now, planning a trip next Spring.

BU3127

"The trouble with our times is that the future  
is not what it used to be."  
- Paul Valery

### 4.3.1

#### *In My Hands*

The future has not any hands.  
It holds nothing,  
It just waits and stands...

He holds his bus ticket in his fist;  
Waiting for the crowded bus at Station 6.

*BU3207*

Hands On: Touching, Feeling

Cantos of the Hands

**4.4**

*Later!*

"It really *is* not the moment."  
It's *not* a good time.  
Something's important at work!  
    We'll talk later.  
    See Ya! Bye.

*BU2513*

Months and Seasons - Quotations

#### **4.4.1**

### *Pushed by the Past*

Time slipped and slid  
On the path to the future  
Unsure of its direction.

Pushed by the Past;  
Traveling very fast!

*BU3013, BU3025, GC §13*

### Fatalism

#### **4.4.2**

### *Loosing Energy*

What is warm cools  
What is wet dries  
What is ice melts  
What is rock shatters---  
Time's arrow falls to the ground.

*BU 3023, GC 13*

- Heraclitus, Fragment 126

- A. C. Kirk, Heraclitus: The Cosmic Fragments, #126

## 4.5

### *Dancing At the Stillpoint Bar*

running out of time  
for catching up  
with the future

now  
a problem

my mind grinds  
my times  
into memories  
so fine  
they disappear

To dance at the still point  
Of the Time beyond time,  
Beyond pasts, within futures,

this Moment

Now and forever, beyond minds.

*BU2725*

*Gushen Grove Sonnets*

*Bundled Up, Volume 5: Time*

**4.5.1**

*Productive Emptiness*

"Nothing" is pregnant with Possibilities.  
The past is now-here Nothing;  
And offering up everything.  
Something and Nothing simultaneously  
Point to the futures of Being.

Everything comes from Time's history!

*BU3499*

## Wu Ji --- Emptiness

### Taoism

#### 4.6

#### *Will Cherished Ideals Survive*

No Guarantees that to the End  
Our cherished ideals will survive,  
Our great great grandchildren will thrive,  
Our monuments stand ...  
Our *guarantees*?

This tree my great great grandmother planted,  
This dog-eared *Leaves of Grass* on my desk,  
This classic folksong on my breath,  
This heirloom apple in my hand ...

This day,  
no guarantees  
for or against.  
Good! So we strive on,  
Their and our hopes *in our hands* now.

*BU2728*

How to Live a Good Life

**4.6.1**

*A Bleak Future*

Long ago I wondered why  
the seas were rising worldwide  
the droughts were increasing stateside  
the population exploded in a decade's time  
the world was headed to **catastrophe.**

*BU3193*

The Population Bomb, by Paul Ehrlich, 1968

An Inconvenient Truth, by Al Gore, 2007

**4.6.2**

*Leave Something to Share*

Words clothe time and place  
hide something, show something new,  
elevate our memories,  
    share an experience, relate,  
    leave something for posterity.

BU2123, GC §9

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4.7

*Past and Future Incidents*

The present includes the past.  
The past does not include the future.  
The Past ≠ The Future.  
If present, then not the future.  
The obvious is obvious because of habits.

BU3103

The Past

## The Present

### Present Tense

### The Future

In Search of Time: The History, Physics and Philosophy of Time.  
By Dan Falk, 2010.

Language and Time. By Quentin Smith, 1993

#### **4.7.1**

#### *Facts About Tomorrow*

All the facts available  
Say the past was/is the case.  
The World of Facts is our place,  
For now, at least, for  
All of tomorrow is not the case.

BU3120, GC §6

### The Future

"The past is solid, the future is liquid."

- J.L. Aubert

Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow, Fleetwood Mac

Time After Time, Cindi Lauper

#### **4.7.1.1**

*Time Has Its Own Directions*

We think we decide  
and plan and devise;  
yet, despite our intentions,  
time has its own directions,  
and everything just happens otherwise.

*BU3340*

#### **4.7.2**

*Futurity Tick-Tocked*

The future is spoken about before it is heard.

Tick - Past; Tock - Now

Tick - Present; Tock - Future

Tick - we persist; Tock - we exist

The road ahead will soon be behind us.

Intertwining spirals are the habits of thoughts.

Reliability is proof of the future.

He was unreliable most of the time.

His 15 year old truck is as reliable as ever.

Change sometimes has a purpose, but often not.

We rearranged the Past and jeopardized the future.

Always, the next moment is always next.

The future is but a thin coat of ice  
on the Pond of Fate.

BU494, GC §31

"Knowledge and thought, science and art, are conditioned by human history and are to be evaluated by a human future."

- Steven David Ross

727 Riddles, Jokes, Brain Teasers

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## **5. Passing: change, cycles, aging, growth, showings, going, death**

### **5.1**

*Generalities, Questions, Quips*

Growth is time embodied.

"Past" does not specify a time,  
"before" specifies an order.

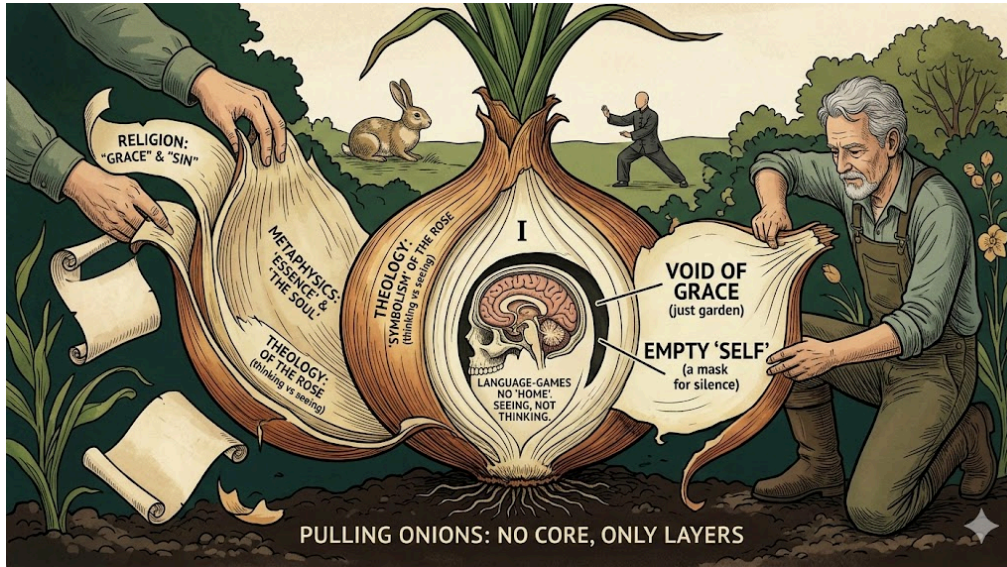
The world worlds, creates,  
rides on Time's saddle.

## **5.2**

### *Pulling Onions*

The Onion of Being  
Never stops growing  
Layering layer over layers  
Giving us one peel a day  
On our life's way

*BU3000, GC#33*



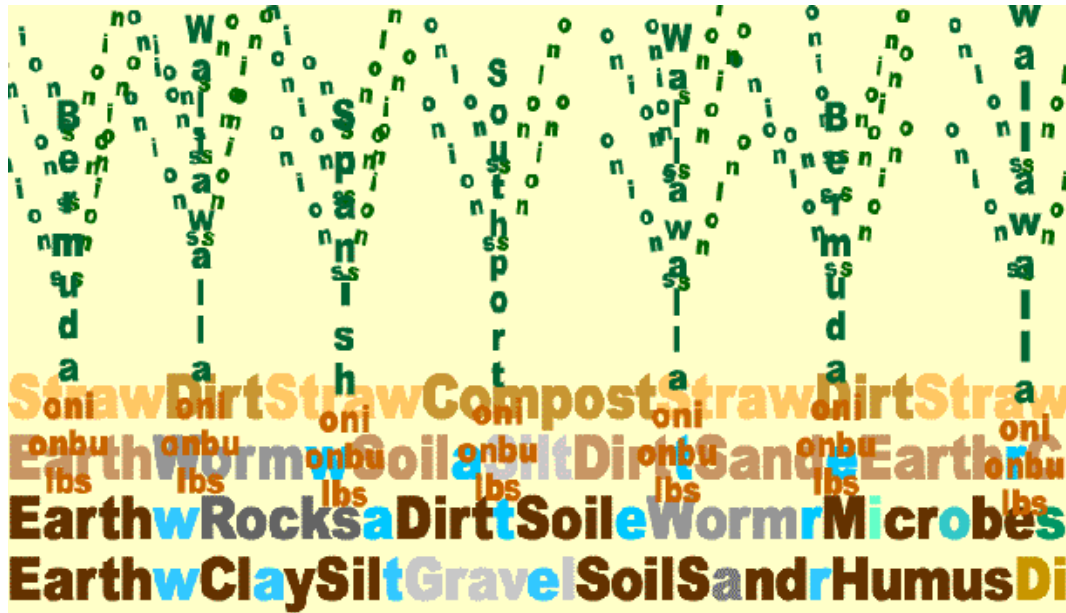
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## Pulling Onions



## 5.2.1

### *The Passing of the Seasons*

"Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence  
Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance  
Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence  
Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance."

- Yoko Ono, *Season of Glass*

*BU3341*

## Time - Quotations

Time and the Art of Living, by Robert Grudin, 1997.

Landslide, Stevie Nicks

"To the attentive eye, each movement of the year has it's own beauty, and in the field it beholds, every hour, a picture which was never seen before and which shall never be seen again."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **5.3**

*Here at Any Age*

Nice to be Here

Nice to be 80

Nice to be respected

Nice to be healthy—

Nice to be Anywhere.

*BU2505*

Aging Well

**5.3.1**

*Rhythms of Time*

time has a rhythm  
beyond ticktock---  
a string quartet waltz  
a dying walker's walk  
a stewing pot

*BU193*

The Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Time.  
Edited by Craig Calender, 2013.

**5.3.2**

*Dropped Hard Today*

brown branchlets  
bouncing up and down  
dancing to wind songs...  
A large branch broke and **dropped!**  
Change is not an illusion.

BU3110

Illusion

**5.3.2.1**

*Count Down*

A few years to go  
a few months to go  
a few days to go

Counting down seconds.  
—Then he died.

*BU1046*

**5.3.2.2***Forgotten in Sixty*

no matter what  
your selfish Elders want—  
    we will all be  
    forgotten  
in sixty years

BU1138

**5.3.2.3***Fewer Days Ahead*

Frustration with aging  
affects persons differently.  
Some say getting old is a crime.  
Others say they got wiser in time---  
Most others are uneasy subconsciously.

BU3145

*Pulling Onions* by .m.p.g.

### **5.3.2.4**

#### *Missing Grandma Ast*

We often chat about  
What's not present,  
Or never will be present,  
What's missing, absent, lost---  
Like dancing with Grandma Ast.

BU3337

### **5.4**

#### *0. Counting the Moons Over La Push*

1. Moon of the Wind
2. Moon of the Herring
3. Moon of the Raven
4. Moon of the Grandmother
5. Moon of the Summer Sun

*BU2590*

## Four Days in Grayland

### Moon Lore

### La Push, Washington

#### **5.4.1**

#### *Wrestling with Apathy*

Rather forlorn:  
abandoned my plans,  
alone with my regrets,  
forsook former fantasies---  
facing blunt uncolored realities.

*BU3085*

The Psychology of Human Time  
by David Gilden, 2025

## **5.5**

### *Cream Floats on Milk*

The thoughts carry themselves:  
As cream floats on milk  
As the beach ball bounces on white-water  
As the dreams flow in sober sleep.  
Sometimes BAD! As in: Smoke on the breeze.

*BU2614*

## **5.5.1**

### *Traveling Past the Borders*

Time travel - imaginary  
Fictional - hypothetical-figurative  
Back to the Future - reel time  
Forward to the Past - speculate  
Fantasies in the Now - create

*BU3012*

## **5.5.2**

### *Changing Ways*

If you understand,  
things are changing.  
If you don't understand,  
things are changing.  
Understanding change is changing.

*BU2007, GC§24*

### **5.5.2.1**

#### *Always Changing*

Change, like life, is always changing.  
Or, is only change not stopping?  
The future is the earth, but changes are disguised.  
The future is not nothing, otherwise,  
nothing would change or happen.  
Yes, change happens all the time,  
and that is an unchanging fact.

*BU3325*

## Change

The Nick of Time, Bonnie Raitt

Against the Wind, Bob Seeger

### **5.5.2.2**

*Stuck for Today*

Choices limited

Options constrained

Alternatives unavailable..

Stuck for now,  
Can't change.

*BU1061*

How to Live a Good Life

### **5.5.2.3**

*The Clock of a Day*

Th *Uhr* cycle is the Clock of Day!  
Day and Night rule our life-ways.  
Circadian rhythms our bodies play.  
Over and over, our compass is the Day,  
Our existence lives time by Days.

The year is our other compass  
for existential delay.

*BU3407*

Circadian Rhythms

Uhr, Stunde, Uhrzeit

Night and Day

**5.5.3**

*Burnt Norton*

"Time present and time past  
Are both perhaps present in time future,  
And time future contained in time past.

If all time is eternally present  
All time is unredeemable.

What might have been is an abstraction  
Remaining a perpetual possibility  
Only in a world of speculation  
What might have been and what has been  
Point to one end, which is always present.

Footfalls echo in the memory  
Down the passage which we did not take  
Towards the door we never opened  
Into the rose-garden.  
My words echo Thus, in your mind."

*BU3283*

T. S. Eliot, *Four Quartets 1: Burnt Norton*

**5.6**

*Waiting it Out*

Wait awhile, give it time to cook well.  
Wait awhile, the day will warm up.  
Wait awhile, better to leave later.  
Wait awhile, he will be here soon...  
Wait for the right time---wait it out.

*BU3356*

## The Marshmallow Test

### Patience

### Waiting

The starving died waiting for food.  
The cancer patient dies while waiting for a cure.  
The waiting tree died when the woodcutter arrived.  
Childish adults have trouble waiting.  
How long to wait depends on the expected rewards.

## **5.6.1**

### *Here and Gone*

Winter weeks we huddled by the hot stove,  
Spring days we shivered in the sun,  
Summer hours we sat in the shade,  
Autumn minutes we stared at moon.

We had idle thoughts, we had no thoughts.

Life made our hearts cry, and it lifted our spirits high.

The ordinary, the exceptional,  
The chosen, the accepted,  
The very good, the very bad,  
Fresh figs, rotten peaches.

The beautiful, the deformed.  
They appeared and disappeared.  
Samsara and Nirvana ....  
Here and Gone.

*BU2663*

Shifu Miao Zhang

Meetings with Master Chang San-Feng

[The Fireplace Records Koan Collection](#)

## 5.6.2

### *Completely Otherwise?*

Things could be completely otherwise

Than they are now.

But they are not.

In the future they will be otherwise, and

In the past they were otherwise alot.

BU 2891, GC§36

### Time - Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Time conveys a new sense to us.

## 5.6.3

### *Dreams in Time*

drifted off on a dream

time disappeared

obscured by sleep

hours erased  
timeless in dreamless space

*BU2924*

Chopin, Nocturnes, by Maria Jao Pires

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**5.6.4**

*Time Has a Right*

Days do go on and on  
Complaining about their dull mornings  
And endless monotonous afternoons  
Bringing only boredom and fatigue---  
Even Time has a right to complain.

*BU2985*

**5.6.4.1***Stability on Instabilities*

Changes come, Changes go  
Different features for the Whole  
Stability of Being floats on instability  
Like rocking boats on a moody sea---  
Change is the illusory world we create to see.

*BU3167*

Shelter From the Storm, Bob Dylan

**5.6.4.2***What Happens to Silence?*

The clock in the classroom  
Worked hard diligently  
To avoid the Present;  
Never stopped...  
Tick - happens. Tock - happens.

An hour passed,  
Left no forwarding address.  
Tomorrow dreams of Yesterday.  
Today forgets both...  
Tick - silence. Tock - silence.

*BU3265*

### **5.6.5**

*Where Does It Go?*

Where does the Present go when it becomes the Past?  
Where is the past?  
Where does the Future go when it becomes Now?  
Where is the Future?

Where is Now?  
What is Now?  
How long is now?---  
Misleading questions, confusing poetry.

*BU2815, GC§17*

## Time and Philosophy: A History of Continental Thought.

By John McCumber, 2011.

### Process Philosophy

#### **5.6.5.1**

##### *Too Much to Process*

one day is like any other  
one hour is likely ignored  
one second is rarely noticed---  
our senses are limited  
our mind ignores overload

*BU3049*

- Heraclitus, Fragment 106

#### **5.6.5.2**

##### *Waiting for the Grand Gallop*

"And now it is time to wait again.  
Only waiting, the waiting: what fills up the time between?  
It is another kind of wait, waiting for the wait to be ended.  
Nothing takes up its fair share of time.  
The wait is built into the things just coming into their own."

BU2918

- John Ashbery, *Grand Gallop*

### 5.6.6

*The Way Up and the Way Down Are the Same*

We are and are not!  
Both true and false,  
Both right and wrong  
Both silence and song---  
And, the changing River flows on.

BU3086

- Heraclitus, Fragment 69

### 5.6.6.1

#### *Don't Step Again*

"One day is like any other day.  
Time is a child playing dice.  
Into the same rivers we step  
and do not step; we are and are not.  
By changing, it rests."

*BU3513*

- Heraclitus, Fragments: 79, 81, 83, 120

### 5.6.7

#### *Essences of Three*

A part of --- **Reality favors *Three*.**  
*Three* roots, three branches of some trees.  
A mother, daughter, and father family.

Past, Present, and Future are also *Three*  
As are Before, Now, and After - quite complimentary.



The Parcae - The *Three* Roman Goddess's  
Creating and Ending One's Lifespan.  
The Parcae spin, measure, and cut  
the cord that is your life.

Clotho (the spinner), Lachesis (the allotter),  
and Atropos (the cutter).

Parcae, Moirai, Fates, Mothers of Time

## Chronos Greek God of Time, Father Time

"Perhaps it would be more exact to say that there are *three* times:  
a present of things past,  
a present of things present,  
a present of things to come."

- St. Augustine of Hippo, 400 CE

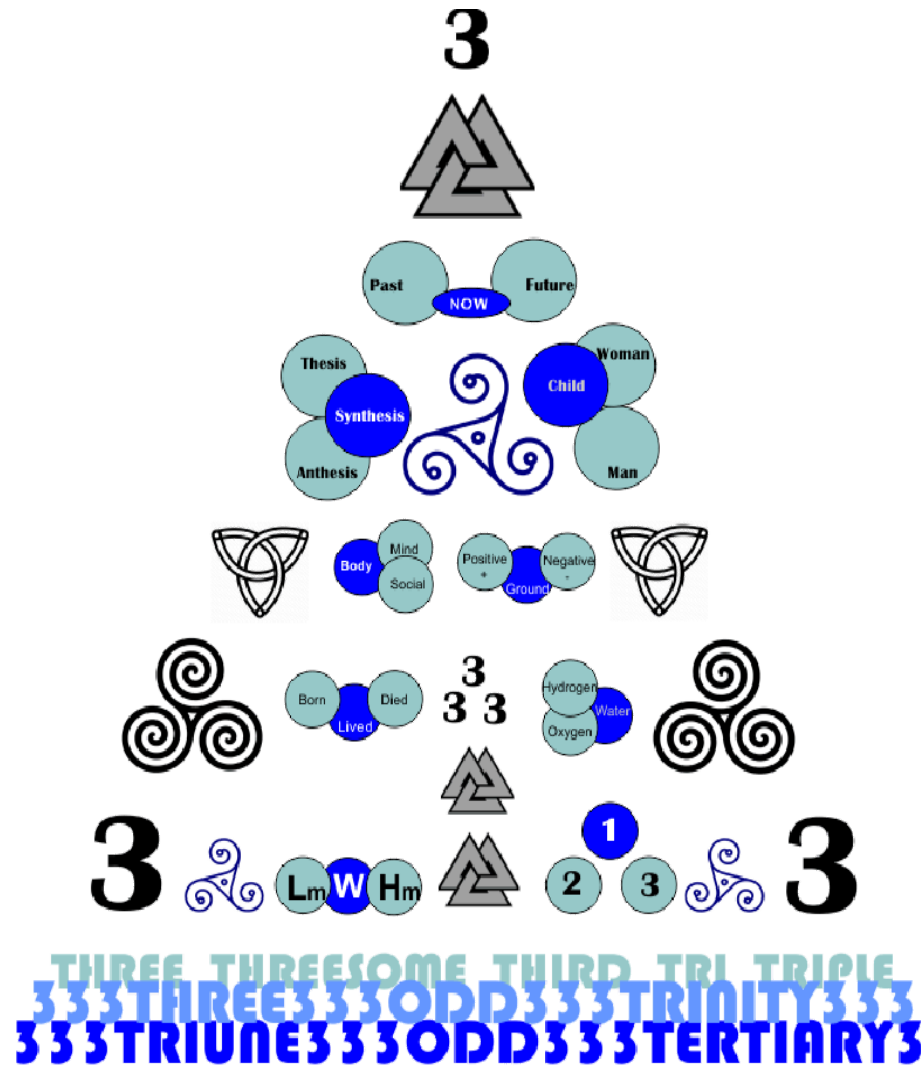
Felt Time, by Marc Wittmann, 2017, p. 44

"The "now", the moment, has temporal duration--- of around *three* second segments."

Spoken words have a special flow in time in milliseconds.

The Order of Time, by Carlo Rovelli, 2018

*BU2937, GC§33, BU3374*



**5.6.8***Closed the Door on the Past*

Even the gods can't change the past  
The past is fixed,  
mostly forgotten;  
often reinterpreted.

The hidden past  
buried in the avalanche of years.  
The worn monuments celebrating  
pioneers and our versions of their history.

*BU3206*

**5.6.9***Unsound Stability*

Daily life seems 'the same' because it is the same.

What is becoming what is not.

Selfishness edits the past.

We negotiate the illusion that stability is actual.

The Future passes into the Past, somehow.

BU748, GC§16

[Grayland Codex](#)

Process Philosophy

**5.7**

*Creatures or Machines?*

In the Future

Some will live as Real Creatures;

More will live as mere Machines

Who have lost their Souls for Free.

Which will You Be?

*BU2221*

Time is our 6th Sense.

## Five Senses

### 5.7.1

#### *No Passing*

Is there a *passage* of time?

Or, a tenseless time:

Woke up A, ate cereal B, mowed the lawn C,  
wrote a poem D, ate dinner E, etc: ABCDEFGH...Z.  
A Sequence, an Order, *passing* undefined.

*BU3418*

Tenseless Time Theory (B - Theory).

The Tensed Theory of Time: A Critical Examination.

By William Lane Craig, 2000.

Philosophy of Time. By Sean Edna Power, 2021.

Language and Time. By Quentin Smith, 1993

## 5.7.2 *Equinoxes*

Gray day  
Still.....

September noon—  
Half-day and Half-night,  
= Equinox Equality!!

*BU3005*

Mabon

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**6. Beginning: renewal, starting, enthusiasm,  
spring, summer, emerging, developing**

## 6.1

### *Generalities, Questions, Quips*

Everything must begin sometime.

In Springtime the time is Ripe.

## 6.2

### *Before You Were Born*

Originally  
*nobirthnodeath*  
Forever  
Outside  
Time

*BU2716*

Zen Poetry

**6.2.1**

*Two of Us*

"You and I have memories  
longer than the road  
that stretches out ahead...  
On our way home...  
We're going home..."

*BU3359*

Two Of Us, The Beatles, 1969

**6.3**

*On This Day*

On this day the world began.  
A buzzard circled overhead.  
A plane settled for a soft land.  
A cook fried potatoes in a pan.  
Happy dogs went out to play.

A crippled man put on his socks  
On this day the world began  
A drunk man could not stand.  
A salesclerk totaled up our tab.  
A child in class raised his hand.

A calendar outlined our plans.  
Brushed her teeth, combed her hair.  
He came in 5th, an also-ran.  
On this day the world began.

*BU2935*

[Bundled Up: Time: Quintains, Volume 5](#)

**6.3.1**  
*Springtime Considerations*

"Oh, Day after day we can't help growing older.  
Year after year spring can't help seeming younger.  
Come let's enjoy our winecup today,  
Nor pity the flowers fallen."

- Wang Wei, *On Parting with Spring*, 1740

"When the time is ripe for certain things,  
these things appear in different places in the manner  
of violets coming to light in the early spring."

- Farkas Bolyai, 1840

"April is the cruelest month, breeding  
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing  
Memory and desire, stirring  
Dull roots with spring rain."

- T. S. Eliot, *The Waste Land*, 1922

[April - Quotations](#)

[Springtime - Quotations](#)

[The Spirit of Gardening](#)





Springtime Beginnings, Red Bluff CA, 2006

### **6.3.2**

#### *Summertime Considerations*

Refreshing as a cool breeze in summer  
Letting go as trees in autumn.

Calming as warm sunshine in winter  
Blooming as a garden the spring  
Opening the doors of future years.  
- *BU3010*

July - Quotations

Summer - Quotations

Months of the Year - Quotations

### **6.3.3**

*Creative Solutions*

Life is a problem  
without One solution;  
not a theorem, not a catechism.  
A challenge, not The Answer!  
A restitution of creative innovations.

*BU17*

Pragmatism: American Philosophy.

## Quintain Poetry, Volume 7

### How to Live a Good Life

Did he find a Path  
Through the thick Forest of Words  
Past the copse of poetry  
Into the open fields of meaning.  
The questions are the Path.

*BU3698*

Martin Heidegger

#### **6.3.4**

*The Moving Mover: Time*

An infinite series seems  
satisfactory. No need for  
a First Mover or God-Mind  
to start the Engine of Time.

Yet, scientists tout the Big Bang,  
before which there was no  
space or time.

*BU1300*

Unmoved Mover

Big Bang Theory

Proximate and Ultimate Causation

Eternalism

Age of the Universe

**6.4**

*The Raven Broke Open the Magical Clam*

***qwaxwqx ?astaw s?axu tas?  
asutelciba cicaxw tebixw***

The Raven Broke Open the Magical Clam  
An Amazing New World then Began

In the Time Before Everything Changed  
the Transformers and Changers  
lived in the Ocean's Womb  
before the Waters receded.  
Then They Came, and Everything Changed.

The Raven Broke Open the Magical Clam.  
An Amazing New World then Began.  
Both inside and outside the Magical Clam  
Coming Forth, Coming From, Coming, comingâ€™”

Then They Came, and Everything Changed.  
People and new plants were created.  
New mosses, mushrooms, camas bulbs,  
and huckleberries appeared.  
New cedars, spruces, firs,  
and salal berries appeared.  
The San Juan Islands, Hood Fjord,  
Salish Seas and King Salmon appeared.  
Enemies, diseases, and famine appeared.

People learned from the Transformers/Changers/Teachers:  
Raven, Coyote, Honne, Xwane, Turtle,  
Bear and Thunderbird.  
How to become Human Beings  
in a dangerous World.  
How to become heartless at times.  
How to gather, hunt, and fish for food.  
How to weave and keep a fire.  
What plants to eat, what not.  
What to Believe and Do  
in order for their tribe to survive.  
How to deal with surprise.

All kinds of beings emerged-created.  
People lived, worked, Spoke and mated.

Coyote howled and cheered!  
Thunderbird ordered the rain and thunder.  
Shape-Shifters played and plundered.  
Xwane saved two girls from blunders.  
Xonne stopped a flood.

The Magical Clam: A Singularity Opening,  
Beginnings Beyond the Understanding

## Of Ordinary Times and Minds.

From Something New Came Something New.

The Raven cawed, gurred, mmmured, croaked  
then hid in trees away from folks.

Then They Came, and Everything Changed.  
The English speaking people came to Reign.

[At the Edges of the West: Highway 101 and 1](#)

*BU3239, GC§24*

### **6.5**

*Midnight at Huntington Beach*

Fully self-sufficient entities  
Like the fading moon over silvery seas;  
Can still can make the worldly resonate  
And make manifest beings gyrate on time;  
Like grunions flopping in the midnight sand.

BU3516

Grunion Run into Huntington Beach

Time - Quotations

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## **7. Psychology: experience, learning, phenomenology, sense of time, personal**

### **7.1** *Generalities, Questions, Quips*

What you see depends on when you look.  
What you hear requires you to listen now.

Time is our 6th Sense.

The Specious Present extends consciousness  
to include a pinch of the past,  
a pinch of the future,  
and the fullness of the now.

Give awareness a 5 second window  
for processing perceptions.

Afraid to run out of time.  
He had time on his hands, then dropped it.

Your brain works on time schedules.

"The quality of attention determines  
the nature of the experience."

Joanne Kyger

*BU794, GC§14*

The Five Senses

## 7.2

### *Using vs Knowing*

We knew that water was essential,  
but did not know it was H<sub>2</sub>O;  
We knew the sun was hot,  
but had no concept of nuclear.  
It works but we don't know how or why.

*BU2930*

### History of Science

#### 7.2.1

##### *Unfolding Time*

Implicate orders of a  
Underlying Reality  
Unfolding Being... and the  
Explicate orders of  
ordinary common things.

*BU1149, GC§7*

David Bohm

Net of Indra

**7.3.1**

*End Game*

They ran out of time

The game ended on time

They lost this time.

They all got back to the bus in time.

They will do better next time.

*BU2835*

**7.3.1.1**

*The Game of Death*

I'm too old  
for any real Destiny  
except for Death  
creeping up to me, tagging Me:  
"Your It!"

BU891, GC§36

[Pulling Onions](#) by .m.p.g.

### **7.3.1.2**

*Impermanence of Samsara*

Samsara is Nirvana?  
10,000 Things are Nothing?  
Past and future are gone (Empty?).  
The Present is gone in a Flash.  
What's left? Samsara won't last.

*BU918*

[A Gardener's Sutra on Time, Part 2.1](#)

### **7.3.1.3**

*Silent Lips*

The sting of Death,  
the sharp pains of unseeing,  
the final closing of the eyes,  
the silent lips of emptiness...  
faces lost forever in future times.

*BU1246*

### **7.3.2**

*Better Next Month*

That such and such is the case  
May piss me off for all the day  
Why should it be this damn way?

Next month, such and such will not be the case.  
I will be very pleased come that day.

*BU3431*

## Quintain Poetry

Time Explained: Experience, Consciousness and Relativity.

By Alan Bennett, 2026.

## Reading Wittgenstein 1975-

### **7.3.2.1**

#### *Timely Emotions*

*Emotions* cluster around Immediacy.

Distant futures lack *emotional* density.

We *feel* very little about 2222 CE.

Few have any *passion* for far distant unrealities.

We *lust* after, say, *Hot SEX Today!* Fuck the Future!

BU3371

## Emotions and Time

**7.3.3***Take it Slow*

Travel light

Even yesterday is a heavy backpack.

Travel slowly

Even tomorrow can wait---

Move on, don't hesitate.

*BU2890*

*Time, Change, Freedom:*

*An Introduction to Metaphysics*

By Nathan Oaklander

**7.3.4***Differences and Distinctions*

Things that look the same

are often really different---

in a web of new respects as to usage

in a web of words wedded meanings

in a different place in space/time.

*BU2968*

Appearances

**7.3.5**

*Time Snuck By*

The time sauntered by  
invisibly, casually, punctually...  
I barely noticed.  
so busy with pressing deeds---  
time flew by in a gentle breeze.

BU3083

"... time is not a linear flow, as we think it is,  
into past, present, and future. Time is an  
indivisible whole, a great pool in which all  
events are eternally embodied and still have  
their meaningful flash of super-normal or  
extra-sensory perception, and a glimpse of  
something that happened long ago in our

linear time."

- Frank Waters, *Mountain Dialogues*, 1981

**7.3.5.1**

*The Time of Inner Mind*

Under the Water  
of my mind  
an unconscious Sea  
of Memories  
guide me through time

Keep me on a course line  
send me some signs  
become conscious at times...  
freedom may a fiction be  
controlled by unknown destinies.

Bring the Unconscious,  
Sub-Conscious, ego, and Id,  
Collective Unconscious figured in—  
Over the waves of Consciousness  
the flotsam of Unknowns are adrift.

*BU9*

## The Gushen Grove Sonnets

### The Five Senses

#### **7.3.5.2**

#### *Opportunities for Change*

Aging provides  
more opportunities  
for becoming the person  
you should  
have been.

*BU995*

### Aging Wisely.

#### **7.3.5.3**

#### *Bent and Twisted*

My experiences at times  
have not damaged or broken me;  
but, indeed,  
have bent and twisted  
my identity.

BU3528

How to Live a Good Life  
Advice from Wise and Respected Persons

**7.3.5.4**  
*Who Am I?*

my identity  
exists for me  
resting on the shoulders  
of my memories  
substantially

*BU3131*

Personal Identity

## Identity

### **7.3.5.5**

#### *A Conscience for the Future*

The *Id* is only Present Tense Alive,  
focused on immediate needs  
and drives flowing bodily, incessantly,  
facing only nowness craving sensuality---  
The Super-Ego, *Conscience*, has future schemes.

*BU3355*

## Freudian Psychology

## Conscience

### **7.3.5.6**

#### *Perspectives Towards Time*

Past-positive: In the good old days...

Past-negative: My childhood was painful...

Present-hedonistic: I want some fun now...

Present-fatalistic: *Que Sera, Sera*

Future-options: Here is the schedule for tomorrow...

Transcendental-future: We want to go to Heaven...

The Time Paradox, p. 30-69

BU1575

Oulipos Quintain Museum

[Time Research](#)

### 7.3.6

*Appear and Disappear*

Time is an idea about  
how objects/things interact,  
move from place to place,  
appear and disappear untraced,  
are at our hands for work and play.

*BU3022*

Time - Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

An Introduction to the Philosophy of Time, 2018

Time Research

Reism Reism is the doctrine that only things exist.

**7.3.6.1**

*subjective/objective?*

Our naive perceptions of Time,  
Sequenced cause-effect Directionality,  
Time headed south for sleepy entropy--  
Was this merely my subjective Kantian processing;  
or is it true of Nature's own activities?

*BU3146*

- Immanuel Kant

## Kantian Space and Time

Kant holds that we can't have any experience unmediated by our internal mental temporal modes of being and understanding. Time is constructed by our minds.

Reism Reism is the doctrine that only things exist.

**7.3.7**

*Heartbeats of Time*

The ticking of the metronome:  
It's a lie told by a machine.  
My heartbeat  
    is a truth  
        told by my body.

BU3192

Felt Time, by Marc Wittmann, 2017

Time and Free Will, Henri Bergson, 1910

## Living in Time, by Barry Allen, 2023

Henri Bergson (1859-1941)

**7.3.7.2**

*Stretched Tight*

between  
two eternities  
    my brief life  
        is stretched  
tight

*BU1503, BU978*

CHB: Time

- Being and Time, by Martin Heidegger

Time is our 6th Sense.

## Five Senses

### 7.3.7.2.1

#### *I'm That*

"I am that which I am" and  
I am that, in some ways, what I am now,  
Partly what I was just yesterday, and  
Likely what, in many ways, what I will later become.  
I am many states of things in time.

[Sort of like *divine: **spanning** a long long time,*  
but not dream time.]

## Theology of God Being

### Tautologies

Not being a divine being,  
I'm sort of out of my league.  
But I still play first base in losing games.

When my earthly mind thinks  
about the Divine, by which,  
I, via my auto-habit-mind,  
**Automatically** ASSUME ?assume?  
that the Divine Homeland MEANS

to live in a somber spiritual sacred ?sillyless?  
supernatural stupendous superlative ?without bees?  
sovereign, supposedly: quasi-eternal, ?or eternal?,  
Special, Sublime, So and So Land. ?without trees?

Again, out of my league.  
Let's Play Here, Game On!! Let's Dance...

[Get Down On It](#), song by Kool and the Gang

Bu3616

**7.3.7.3**  
*What to Defer*

Live Now in this moment  
Cultivate presence within Today.

But, unwise to act exclusively  
Within pleasures only of today---  
Deferment of pleasure... time to delay.

*BU3349*

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**8. Middle: in progress, half-way, causes-effects  
months, seasons, cycles, repetition, concluding**

**8.1**  
*Generalities, Questions, Quips*

Causes precede effects - by definition.

## **8.2**

### *Traveling Sun*

In the distance  
flowering almonds in bright sun  
warming earth coming on  
clearing away winter's glum---  
Springtime travels with the sun.

*BU2825*

[Time, Metaphor and Language](#). By Sarah E. Duffy, 1993.

Spring - Quotations

### **8.2.1**

#### *Comes from Below*



I vow to live fully in each moment  
and to look at all beings with eyes of compassion."

*BU3592*

Thich Nhat Hanh, Earth Prayers

**8.2.3**

*Standing Still*

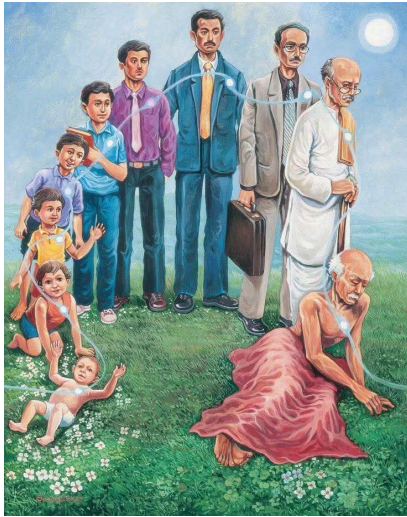
I didn't think  
I would live this long  
What a unqualified surprise  
to be standing tall  
on the shores of Lake Quinault.

*BU1027*

Lake Quinault, Washington

## 8.2.4 *Making Room*

He thought he must  
Die—  
    to make  
    room  
for others coming



*BU1070*

Time - Quotations

## *Pulling Onions* by .m.p.g.

### **8.2.5**

#### *Carpe Diem*

Tasting Death someday  
will end all your strife  
but, it is much more Important  
to really Taste Life  
all along the way.

*BU1168*

Carry On, Crosby Stills Nash Young

### **8.2.5.1**

#### *Ryokan's Falling Leaf*

Showing its past,  
Showing its present;  
Showing its back

Showing its front---  
A falling oak leaf.

BU3367

- Ryokan

### **8.2.5.2**

*Escape Unlikely*

We ourselves immersed in the Facts  
Working our way from first to last,  
Living each day, not our last...  
Surviving here and there, in somewhere cast,  
No choice in our decades, or our spatial trap.

BU3536

[Martin Heidegger](#)

### 8.2.5.3

#### *Just Let It Be*

Reality is me *immersed* in Reality.  
Can't divest my Inter-Being  
As is directly manifested in time for me.  
A wondrous amalgamation of destiny.  
Can't explain --- Just Let It Be.

BU3511

Taoism

Wu Wei (Not Acting, Not Doing)

Let It Be, song by the Beatles

### 8.2.6

#### *Coming to Fruition*

"We can hold back neither  
the coming of the flowers nor  
the downward rush of the stream;

sooner or later,  
everything comes to its fruition."

- Loy Ching-Yuen

*BU3365*

Time - Quotations

Daodejing Archives

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**8.2.7**

*We are Time*

We are in the middle of time.  
We can exit time, at any time.  
We sense-feel-think to pass time.  
We pass our time in the middle of days.  
Essentially, we are a living time.

*BU3348*

## One Shot, Loose Yourself, song by Eminem

### **8.3**

#### *Summer Comes on Time*

Time shows it sense  
In everything we know and sense.  
Time ain't true or false  
Winter comes on time, never faults---  
My old photographs fade over time.

*BU3233*

### **8.3.1**

#### *Is 'Time' an Adjective?*

What is time? What do we mean by 'time'?  
A noun or a verb?  
Absolute or relative?  
Static or changing?

# Does the universe have an opinion?

*BU2934*

## **8.3.2**

*By Definition*

The distance between now  
and never again is finite.

The distance between the past  
and the future is infinite.

Distances are measurable  
by definition.

Twenty four hours is = an Earth Day  
by definition.

Begin with assumptions and definitions.

*BU2933, GC§28*

## Time - Quotations

### Premises

#### **8.3.3**

##### *Tourist Time*

Our speed is measured  
Our departures clocked  
Our arrivals scheduled  
Our travels were planned---  
We tourists took our time.

*BU3194*

#### **8.3.4**

##### *Lastingness*

The lastingness of Mount Ranier  
Fixed still aside the Salish Sea  
Nature's monuments of indestructibility  
Those seemingly forever lasting Things  
That mark the geography of our destiny.

*BU2563*

Mt. Ranier, Washington

Puget Sound, Washington

### **8.3.5**

*The Speed of Time?*

Time flows at different speeds  
Time passed slowly for me  
Time opened the future for us at dusk  
Time marched to some unknown---  
Is this just fantasy, or is it reality?

*BU3205*

### **8.3.6**

*Comparisons*

Time  
might best be compared  
to '*Folding In*',  
rather than spilling away---  
*integrating* over loosing.

BU3303

[Bundled Up Quintains: Volume 6](#)

**8.3.7**

*Time After Time*

second by second  
hour after hour  
week by week  
month after month---  
longevity adds up

BU3416

"The bad news is time flies.  
The good news is you're the pilot."

- Michael Althsuler

### **8.3.8**

#### *Stopping Yourself*

Oftentimes,  
a serious difficulty:  
Is knowing when and  
to then actually  
come to a complete **Stop**.

*BU2733, Zettel 304*

[Time - Quotations](#)

[Months and Seasons - Quotations](#)

### **8.4**

#### *No Escaping the Clutches of Time*

We want to escape  
the clutches of time  
the body's decline  
the impertinence of time---  
*"No Way. Your Mine."* Says Indifferent Time!

*BU2883*

- Baruch Spinoza, The Conatus
- Arthur Schopenhauer, The Will to Live

### **8.4.1**

#### *Spontaneous Triviality*

Spontaneity is craved by many  
not constrained by propriety,  
hypocritical phony morality, false modesty...  
Sensation seeking, endless stimulating TV,  
Willy-Nilly buck ass free, existential triviality.

*BU3451*

## Spontaneous

### Revolutionary Spontaneity

### Spontaneous Personality

## **8.5**

### Months, Seasons

#### **8.5.1**

#### January - Quotations

#### January - Haiku and Quintains

#### Winter Season

## **8.5.2**

February - Quotations

February - Haiku and Quintains

Winter Season

## **8.5.3**

March - Quotations

March - Haiku and Quintains

Winter Season

Spring Season

## **8.5.4**

*Hints of April*

Silently  
tulips bloom ...  
by wooden shoes.

April holds tightly---  
stiff and cold.  
Maple branches leafing  
a softest green---  
monkey bars for squirrels.

April sun dries the mud---  
red tulips Tillamook Spring---  
green grass grazing cows...

buzzing zing  
at frantic speeds---  
hummingbird wings

cold wind  
rings chimes---  
silence of drizzling rain

april poems by mpgarofalo

Tomorrow means  
nothing to some  
living now, for Today;  
but the Past is Present  
never unhitched ... Alive.

dropped off  
body and mind---  
weeding new cuttings

### April - Quotations

### April - Haiku and Quintains

### Spring Season

### **8.5.5** *May Days*

in-breath  
out-breath

unconsciously  
enables me  
to Consciously Be

cottonwood fluff  
stuck to dry weeds---  
silent wind chimes

Under our floor,  
Spider families.  
Two Worlds---  
an inch apart.

ACE hardware store  
Spring Plant Sale:  
veggies and roses  
flags and hoses---  
..... Memorial Day

may poems by mpgarofalo

Gardeners learn to live in worm time,  
bee time, and seed time.

One spring and one  
summer to know life's  
hope; one autumn  
and one winter to  
know one's fate.



Excerpts from:  
*Flowers in the Sky* by Mike Garofalo

... vast emptiness, nothing holy ...  
*flowers falling from the sky*

Leaping from the Ledge of Infinite Regress,  
The Unmoved Mover fell into Formlessness:  
Pure silence echoed between the galaxies,  
Eons of eons vanished in a second,  
Withered trees bloomed in fires,  
The Oceans covered all the Land,  
Polar mountains melted, rivers went dry,  
Thusness scattered in sixty directions,  
Space became Time, time became things.

Black Holes filled with Nirvana,  
A billion samadhi mirrors shattered,  
Galaxies snuggled within a single skull,  
Many became One, One only, only One.

Then,

the Divine Illuminatrix in AllBeings  
Opened Her clouded Eye, to see  
exactly what we all see:  
*Flowers Opening in the Sky.*

These yellow poppies reveal time,  
These sweet razor clams taste time,  
These brown seeds generate time.  
The seashells speak of past time.  
These gray leafless trees show time.  
The Earth is Time; the Sky is Time.  
And the five fingers of one black hand hold time,  
And the blinking of two blue eyes cry time.  
The dirty garden hoe and hoses water time,  
The fishing line drops to the bottom of time,  
And greasy tractor gears work time.

The snows on Mt. Ranier glacier time,  
Moving Reedsport sand dunes cover time,  
Cold ocean waves at Oceanside cut time,  
Hood Canal ravens break open time,  
The onion seedlings in Salinas sweeten time,  
The roaring Feather River rapids erode time;  
Ventura flower fields color time.

Remembering is time, forgetting is time.  
Black lines of scripture tell times,  
Great and small doubts reveal time,  
Hungry ghosts and naked demons are time,  
Newborn Gods were conceived in time.  
Death is time, and conception is time.

Vulgar time, broken time,  
Our time, space-time, in time,  
The Right time, before time, Sublime time,  
Standard time, beyond time, past time.  
Dream Time of a still body-mind is time.

Time and Time again,  
Explaining All and not  
explaining any-thing.  
From Being-Lost, with no abode,  
selfless, bone dry;  
Comes the time-Now  
for the enlightened cry:  
"Flowers in the Sky!"

The Spiderwebs of Time  
are legion  
multitudes of nows and thens;  
Uncountable heres and theres  
unhitched  
from any eternal present  
everywhere.

To Dance at the Still Point  
Of the Time beyond time,  
Beyond pasts, within futures,  
this Moment  
Now and forever, beyond  
ordinary minds.

Imagine what the Will can Do,  
Cannot do, will not do.  
Imagine more.  
Please...

May - Quotations

## May - Haiku and Quintains

### Spring Season



### **8.5.6** *June Moon*

## *Meeting Master Chang San-Feng in June*

I saw Master Chang San-Feng  
Enter the Sidhe, Fairies by his side,  
Crossing over the pond at dawn.  
Astonished I was!  
On the teahouse table by the pond I later found  
Some of his neatly printed notes  
Folded in a well worn tome  
Of the *Tao Te Ching*, in Chapter 14.

He had written:  
"Even for an Immortal, the Past is the Key.

The Future  
Grasp at it, but you can't get it,  
Colorless as an invisible crystal web,  
Unformed, thin, a conundrum of ideas,  
The Grand White Cloud Temple of Possibilities,  
Flimsy as a maybe, strong as our hopes,  
Silent as eternal Space.  
When you meet it, you can't see its face.  
You want to stand for it, but cannot find a place.

## The Present

It appears and disappears through the moving ten thousand things,  
Quick as a wink, elusive as a hummingbird,  
Always Now with no other choice,  
Moving ground, unstable Plates,  
Real as much as Real gets to Be,  
This Day has finally come,  
Room for something, for the moment, waits  
Gone in a flash, assigned a date,  
Gulp, swallowed by the future.  
Unceasing, continuous, entering and leaving  
The vast empty center of the Elixir Field.

## The Past

Becoming obscurer, fading, falling apart,  
A mess of memories in the matrix of brains;  
Some of it written, fixed in ink, chiseled in stone,  
Most of it long lost in graves of pure grey bones.  
Following it you cannot see its back,  
Only forms of the formless, stories, tales,  
Images of imageless, fictions, myths.  
A smattering of forever fixed facts,  
Scattered about the homes of fading ghosts.Â Â

The twists and turns of millions of tongues  
Leaving us languages, our passports to the past.

The future becomes past, the present becomes past,  
Every thing lives, subtracting but seconds for Nowness, in the Past.  
The Realms of the Gods, the kingdoms of men,  
The Evolutionary Tree with roots a million years long  
Intertwined with turtles, dragons, trees, stars and toads;  
crickets, coyotes, grasses, tigers, bears, monkeys and men.

These profoundest Three of Time  
An unraveled red Knot of Mystery,  
Evading scrutiny in the darkness of days  
Eluding capture in the brightness of nights,  
In beginnings and endings are only One, the Tao,  
Coming from Nowhere, Returning to Nothing.

What dimension of Time  
Does your mind dwell within?  
Future, Present or Past  
Where is your homeland?

The Past holds the accomplishments, the created,  
the glories, and the Great.

The Present is but a thin coat of ice on the Pond of Fate.  
The Future is an illusion, a guess, a plethora of possible states.

Recreate the Past  
By playing within the Present.  
Twisting and reeling one's silky reality  
From the Black Cocoons of the Acts  
From which we create our Pasts.  
Follow the Ancient Ways.  
The Past is the Key.

June - Quotations

June - Haiku and Quintains

Summer - Quotations

Spring Season

**8.5.7**

July - Quotations

## July - Haiku and Quintains

### Summer - Quotations

## **8.5.8**

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## **9. Language: poetry, philosophy, fiction, fantasy, myth**

## 9.1

### *Generalities, Questions, Quips*

In every utterance time is stated---  
implicitly or explicitly. Verbs guide our understanding.

Science talks about rain.  
I chat about my wet hair.

The questions are the path.

No philosophic proposition, outside formal logic,  
is separable from its semantic means and context.  
meaning = use in everyday speech

[Why Does Language Matter to Philosophy.](#) By Ian Hacking, 1975.

[Time, Metaphor and Language.](#) By Sarah E. Duffy, 1993.

## 9.2

### *Coming*

## **9.3**

### *Did the Demons Listen?*

I told the Black Clouds to Run.  
I asked the Deep Fog to Lift.  
I questioned the Demons in the still sea.

Do I Personify Nature's Beings?  
*Yes, of course, that's poetry.*

*BU2597*

Personification in Poetry

[Speaking of Time: The Poetic Investigations](#)

Cosmic Connections: Poetry in the Age of Disenchantment.  
By Charles Taylor, 2024

## **9.3.1**

### *Talking Time*

Our notions of time and time-games,  
hang on the changing vocabularies  
*we/I/you/us choose to use*  
in a strong logic of description-depiction  
of the actual flow of time under our shoes.

*BU3269*

### **9.3.2**

#### *Fictions in the Making*

Some lingering  
around discussions about some  
philosophical matters  
now appeared pointless these days:  
false, outdated, outlandish, nonsensical,  
fictions, laughable, power trips ...  
often useless to me and many.  
Poetry loves to rock climb  
on the Edges of Nonsense.

*BU3438, BU3102*

## Tick-Tock Tractatus

### Gushen Grove Sonnets

#### **9.3.3**

#### *Remarks Add Up*

*Elementary propositions* about time  
Are often more intermediate in difficulty.  
Sometimes statements of staggering complexity.  
Give me an example:

"I have written down all these thoughts  
as *remarks*, short paragraphs, sometimes  
in longer chains about the same  
subject, sometimes jumping,  
in a sudden change, from  
one area to another."

- Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations, Preface* i

"A Man may make a Remark---  
In itself---  
A quiet thing

That may furnish  
The Fuse unto a Spark

In dormant nature--- lain ---  
Let us deport --- with skill ---  
Let us discourse --- with care ---  
Powder exists in Charcoal ---  
Before it exists in Fire."

- Emily Dickinson, ED#952

Emily Dickinson, 1860-1886, ED#952

[Reading Wittgenstein 1975-](#)

Remarks in Wittgenstein's Style

[Poetry and Philosophy](#)

Speech Acts: An Essay in the Philosophy of Language.  
By John R. Searle, 1969.

Lyric Philosophy. By Jan Zwicky, 2014.

### **9.3.3.1**

#### *Lyrical Inductive Path to Uncovering*

Here is my method:  
poetically inductive,  
not a logic proof,  
lyrical examples here,  
not one case to make a case.

Giving instances,  
examples that illustrate,  
metaphors that play,  
quintains that articulate,  
showing time in different ways.

Like a choral group's  
song in decent harmony,  
and resonating,  
these poems jog memories.  
Pointing to Time's complexity.

*BU3663*

## Lyric Logic: How Modern American Poetry Reasons.

### Garofalo Quintet: 5/7/5/7/7 Form

### Inductive Reasoning

"My goal is to take a broader approach, tackling the enigma of time from several different directions, each with its own perspective and insights --- and its own track record of successes and frustrations."

- Dan Falk, *In Search of Time*

### **9.3.4**

#### *My Versions of Time*

My sense of time. It's slick.

My vision of time. Birds fly.

My telling of time. Wrist watch.

My edge of time. Age = 80.

My poem about time. *The Tick-Tock Tractatus*

*BU3102*

## Wisdom and Metaphor, 2014

### An Introduction to the Philosophy of Language.

By Michael Morris, 2006.

#### **9.3.4.1**

##### *Ma Ma Talk in Two Seconds*

"ma ma" in two seconds of time

"*Hey Jude*" in three seconds of time.

"Run fast away from the serious danger now"

Needs more processing time;

More time for breaking meaning down.

BU3374

Spoken works have a special flow in time.

Dangerous events can slow or stop a mind's time.

Felt Time, by Marc Wittmann, 2017, p. 44

"The "now", the moment, has temporal duration--- of around three second segments."

## The Order of Time, by Carlo Rovelli, 2018

### **9.3.5**

#### *A Word and/or a Thing?*

Time is not some thing  
among other things;  
It is a word  
floating on vocabularies  
speaking of changing things.

*BU2978*

## Winter on Emerald Bay, Alan Lee Silva

### **9.3.5.1**

#### *What is the Context?*

You can add up time  
You can squander time  
You can divide up time

You can wait for the right time  
Does not really make sense at times.

Time Out!!  
Makes sense in a soccer game context.

*BU3147*

### **9.3.5.2** *A TTT Game*

A game: choose at random  
five of my TTT quintains or one-liners,  
read them slow or fast as you pace desires,  
do they resonate together, do they amplify,  
do they shed a spotlight on a touch of time.

The little selected batch of Remarks,  
like a Tarot spread insightful,  
maybe or maybe not they show---  
a clarity, a transparency, a linguistic density,  
and echoes of resonances enriching the whole.

BU3007, LP #23, LP #27, TTT

Tick-Tock Tractatus (TTT).

**9.3.6**

*Muddles of Time*

"What is Time?"

A question that:

Engenders confusions, perplexity---the intellectual shivers.

Or, is "What was time?"

any clearer a question.

Invent a pie in the sky you can never eat.

Can you point at time?

Can you grasp time in your hand?

Does time bleed when you cut it into days?

It seems some time-things are not things at all.

*BU3631*

Lyric Philosophy. By Jan Zwicky, 2014.

*Wisdom and Metaphor.* By Jan Zwicky, 2014.**9.3.7***Teach me About Time*

How many uses

can you

think about for the word 'time'.

Teach me how to use time-words.

Take your time. I have a lifetime.

*BU2979*

meaning = use <--> Use = Meaning

**9.3.7.1***Time on My Hands*

Time, Way

Year, Day

Thing, Day

Woman, Man

Woman, Man

Thing, Hand

Year, World      World Time  
Life, Hand      Life, Way

Life, Way  
Year, Day  
This, Hand  
Woman, Man  
World Time

BU1594

Cantos of the Hands

Oulipos Quintain Museum

Quintain Sonnets

**9.3.8**

*Rules for Talking Time*

"i before e, except after c' = Rule.

before now

now after before

later after now  
now before later

*BU2962*

### **9.3.9**

*On the Back of Poetry*

Many have hung their philosophy  
On the sober or silly rack of poetry  
Proselyting their opinions on morality  
Providing profound snapshots of reality  
Encouraging our gratitude for vibrant vitality.

*BU2981*

Through the Language Glass:

*How the World Looks Different in Other Languages*

By Guy Deutscher, 2010.

### **9.3.9.1**

## *Not the Word First*

In the beginning was  
**not** the Logos-Word.  
In the beginning was  
the body and brain.  
Words hitched a ride and came.

The Gods did, however,  
arrive on the Train of Words into the World.

BU3497

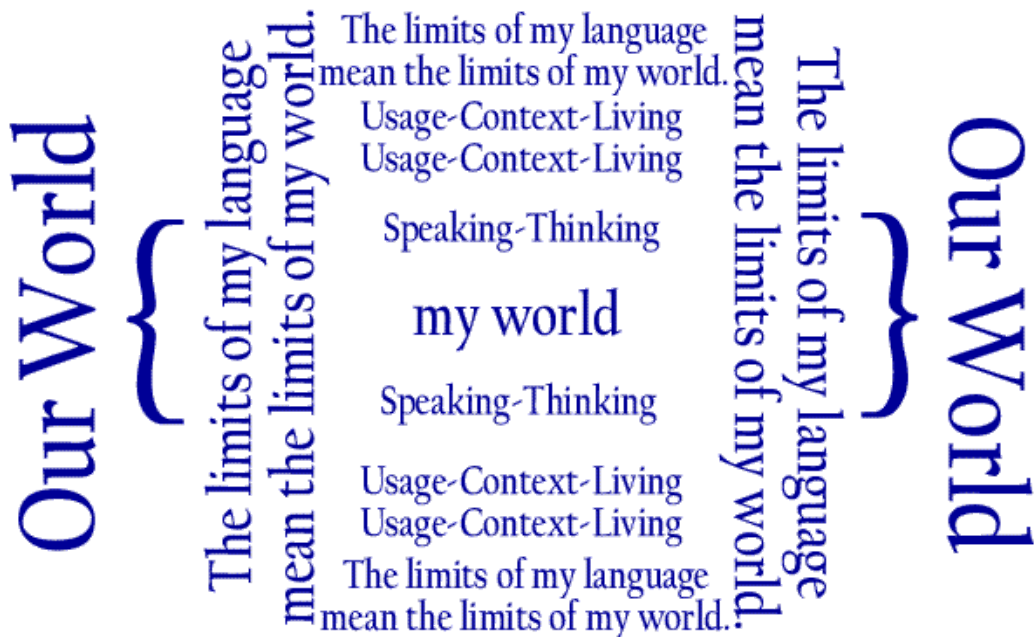
Gospel, John 1.1

### **9.4**

#### *Rules for Words Change*

What *can* be written:  
was written  
is being written  
will be written---  
*the limits of our languages can be stretched!*

*BU2886*



Time, Metaphor and Language. By Sarah E. Duffy, 1993.

Bundled Up: Quintains: Volume 7, 2026-

## 9.5

### *Time Travel to the Outskirts of Words*

Objects are Intertwined:  
Inter-breeding like space and time  
Inter-acting like brain and mind  
Inter-relating like the drummer and the band  
Inter-locking like fingers and hand

Time is Objectified:  
Counted, tallied, recorded, traded;  
Clock hands moving, telling time;  
Carrion bells singing hours at nine---  
Time eats everything; Objects dissolve.

Time is Personified:  
Grim Reaper, Stork Baby, Dorian Gray;  
Talking Time Machines, Killer Shark AI;  
Old man with a crooked gray cane;  
Eternal Goddess in a perfectly lazy Sky.

We travel via Time:  
All the time, consistently, logically,  
Relentlessly, unavoidably, inexorably...

But, realistically--- Entropy ---  
Closes the Past with a slap!

^^ *We Only Travel in Time in the Now* ^^

*Words, thankfully, are Free*  
To thumb their noses at reality  
To toss time-places-people randomly a'round  
To invent a Supreme Fiction for us to See---  
To create a timeless Heaven for Eternity.

*BU629, BU2783*

## Time - Quotations

### 9.6

#### *Five Elements Embracing*

Soil, sea, sun, time, rain, sky ...  
Five Elements embracing,  
Intertwined in mind.  
Unfathomable Matrix;  
Scaffolds on scaffolds

Grounded in Otherness.

Below sky, gardener, time, bees, soil,  
seeds, leaves, stems, roots, water...

Below wet cells embraced,  
Below atoms dancing on Time's Energy...

Deeper and deeper below  
Into What? beyond Time...  
A Plenitude, a sacredness.  
*Emptiness in full bloom.*

BU2763, GC§25

Emptiness

Five Elements in Taoism

[Daodejing Archives](#)

Ripening Peaches: Daoism

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor,  
summer an oil painting and autumn a  
mosaic of them all."  
- Stanley Horowitz

**9.6.1***Not Exactly a Paradox*

Can the bell sing  
before it is struck?  
Can infants think  
before they can talk?  
Think before you Speak!

Seeing a red apple  
increases the likelihood  
that ravens are colored black.  
A poet said  
"All poets are liars."

*BU3267*

Paradoxes

PP

! ! ! !!! a a at the same time ...

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If it's true,  
it's false;  
If false,  
it's true.  
True?

a a ?

dd ?

Appears s  
but can't be so.

oo

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??????

Yes, but no?  
No, but yes?  
Yes and no?  
So, not so?  
I don't know!

### 9.7

*Bundled Up: Quintain Poetry* by Mike Garofalo

[Bundled Up, Volume 1](#)

Wakas, Quintillas, Tankas, Quintets  
Quintain Poems 1 - 1,000

[Bundled Up, Volume 2](#)

Gogyohkas, Limericks, Wakas

Rhymes, Remarks, Listenings, Insights  
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*Bundled Up, Volume 3*

Rhymes, TextArt, Epigrams  
Quintain Poems 1,500 - 2,000

*Bundled Up, Volume 4*

Remarks, Rhymes, Seeings, Onions  
Quintain Poems 2,000 - 2,500

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Quintain Poems 3,500 - 4,000

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### **10. Silence: inexpressible, nonsense, illogical, withholding, restraint**

#### **10.1**

#### *Generalities, Questions, Quips*

Silence is a way to hesitate and ruminate.

When you can't wait, we must act  
and in-silence make.

Whereof you cannot speak; don't be surprised.  
Some will be silent, and plenty will speak.

Silence is the purple cloak we toss over  
the mysteries in life.

Words might communicate, work might communicate,  
music might communicate, painting might communicate.  
Silence might say a little or a lot--- occasionally.

*BU361*

## **10.2**

### *The Broken Silence*

"Be silent," mystics advise  
They have no information to provide.  
No facts to confirm or verify.  
No perfect picture to open our eyes---  
They ought to be silent; but they tell poetic lies.

*BU2858*

[Bundled Up: Time: Quintains, Volume 5](#)

**10.2.1***Silence Says...*

Listen to the silence  
 it says nothing now,  
 not a peep of timeless words,  
 no past vocabulary to intervene---  
 silence, finally, wordless Being.

*BU3613*

*Pulling Onions* by .m.p.g.

**10.3***The Value of a Sound*

"To obtain the valuE  
 of a Sound, a movemenT      A bird flies.  
 measurE from ZERo.  
 Pay attention to wHAT  
 IT Is, just aS IT iS."

*BU929*

## John Cage (1912-1992).

Rest ... 4'33" ... 1952 ... 4'33" ... 0'00" ... Rest

Rest ... 4'33" ... 1952 ... Rest

Rest ... 4'33" ... 1952 ... 0'00" ... Rest

Rest ... 4'33" ... 1952 ... 4'33" ... 0'00" ... Rest

Rest ... 4'33" ... 1952 ... 4'33" ... 0'00" ... Rest

Rest ... 4'33" ... 1952 ... Rest

Rest ... 4'33" ... 1952 ... 4'33" ... 0'00" ... Rest

"I have nothing to  
Say  
and I am Saying It  
and that is poetry  
As I needed it."

- John Cage (1912-1992)

"Which is more musical:  
a truck passing by a factory or  
a truck passing by a music school?"

TextArt Poem, *Cage 4'33"* by .m.p.g.

### 10.4 *Time Comes With Categories*

What is the distance from "Here to Eternity"?  
How many angels can dance on my eyelids today?  
How can time just run out of time?  
How many inches in a lifetime?  
At what time did Beauty arrive?

Time is not what it seems!  
How long was the day for Molly Bloom on June 16th, 1904 in Dublin?  
When are you leaving last week?  
How many hours in a second?  
Why won't god let me grow hair on my head?

*BU3617*

[.m.p.g. sonnets](#)

[Category Mistake](#)

[727 Riddles, Jokes, Brain Teasers](#)

"What is the col

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e?"

- Ludwig  
Wittgenstein

concrete poem *colorthree3* by .m.p.g.

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## **11. Mystical: *magical, mysterious, natural epiphanies***

### **11.1**

#### *Generalities, Questions, Quips*

Time hides.

Time is mysterious or mundane.

In Wonder our sense of time is uncovered,  
and its tangled roots of Being are by the  
Logos-Words exposed.

### **11.2**

#### *Nearby the Numinous*

The *numinous* was *nearby*  
As close as my skin fully alive  
And an intense profoundness was realized  
And a peace infused my soul revived---  
What to say? Silence hardly tried.

## *BU2561*

### **11.2.1**

#### *Amalgamation of Destiny*

Reality is *me immersed* in Reality.  
Can't divest my Inter-Being  
As is directly manifested in time for me.  
A wondrous amalgamation of destiny.  
Can't explain --- Just Let It Be.

BU3511

Enigma Variations Nimrod, Elgar

### **11.3**

#### *Looking to Antiquity*

Proceeding upstream  
From here-now to way back when

Looking for causes  
Tracking etymologies  
Answering authentically.

*BU3671*

#### **11.4**

*Revealed to Me!*

The Claws of the Enigmatic  
Pried open my ho hum soul  
Showed me mystical realms of being.  
Granted me, for hours, blissful ecstasy.  
Opened my mind, for months, to alternative realities.

That, truly, deeply affected me.  
I, truly, treasured such fond memories.  
But, truly, it's my ordinary daily living, you see,  
The *worldly* life, strange, passing, odd, oblique...  
Reality wears the Enigmatic Time Brand.

*BU2995, BU3412*

## Eastern Peace, music by Steven Halpern

### **11.4.1**

#### *The Flash*

The Epiphany, the excitement, the Flash  
Came to me like metallic lightening:  
Instantly, Directly, Momentarily, Intimately, Timely.  
Unasked for wonder filling me---  
The Mystical showed itself willingly.

*BU2988, BU3412*

## Green Onions, Booker T

### **11.4.2**

#### *Stayed the Same in Time*

I've experienced rapture  
dozens of times.  
The world never changed,

life remained the same,  
the rapture was in my mind.

BU1295

Rapture

Mysticism

Ecstasy

### **11.4.3**

#### *The Realities of Reality*

Happenings together  
Where my Now and Where are tethered,  
Making me where and how I am---  
By living in our world Now  
In my times in this strange land.

BU2482

[Being and Time](#), by Martin Heidegger

## 11.4.4

### *Thaumazien*

The radical astonishment  
At what now *Is*  
In the open clearing of givenness  
Present in changing totalities  
Real things in the sunshine of life.

BU3697

[Martin Heidegger](#)

## 11.5

### *At the Mysterious Pass*

Standing at the Mysterious Pass  
Centered in the Eternal Now,  
Balanced in Body and Open in Mind,

Rooted into the Sacred Space,  
Motionless as the Golden Mountain

Fingers around the Primeval Sphere.  
Dragons and Tigers are still dreaming  
Ready for Rebirth.

I breathe in, the World Breathes Out.  
The Gate of Space opens

Heaven moves and Yang is born.  
The hands move out, embracing the One.  
The mind settles and is clear.  
The Dragon Howls,  
Ravens fill the Vast Cauldron

Mind forms melt like mercury,  
Spirit rises in the Clouds of Eternity.  
Yin appears like the moon at dusk.  
I breathe out, the World Breathes In.  
The Doors of Emptiness close

Earth quiets and Yin is born.  
The hands move in, entering the One.  
The body settles and becomes whole.

The Tiger Roars,  
The Great Ox is nourished by the Valley Spirit

Substances spark from flaming furnaces,  
Essence roots in the Watery Flesh.

Yang appears like the sun at dawn.  
Dragons and Tigers  
Transformed within the Mysterious Pass

Chanting and Purring.  
Awakened,  
Peaceful,  
Free.

*BU2685*

Opening at the Mysterious Pass

**VOID FORMS MANY  
MINUS GROUND PLUS  
NIGHT DAY  
DEAD LIVE  
PAST NOW  
NOW TIME  
OFF ON  
ONE ALL  
YIN YANG  
NONE SOME  
ZERO ONE  
CHAOS LAW  
SILENCE WORDS  
FORM IS EMPTINESS  
EMPTINESS IS FORM**

## **11.6**

### *Chanting Canyon Streams*

Opening bell  
echoes from the canyon walls---

raindrops on the river.  
The sounds of rocks bouncing off rocks;  
the shadows of trees traced on trees.

I sit, still.  
The canyon river chants,  
moving mountains.  
The sermon spun on the still point:  
dropping off eternity, picking up time;

Letting go of self,  
awakened to Mind.

*BU 523, BU2739*

### **11.6.1** *Stepping Over Epiphanies*

Affecting all the molecules in me  
the pull of the moon and sea  
feeling the call to walk the shore  
Smiled, opened the door

Tides and time sent signals to me  
to step nimbly over epiphanies  
seen flipped over in the turning sands  
Surprised, opened my hands

Waiting for nobody but me  
a fleck of cold fire  
flung out on this fleck of space  
Sang out, loved this place

Shore pines paint a background scene  
short stubby crooked trees  
swaying gently in the salty breeze  
Unruffled, I found tranquility

Stunned by the crisp clean colors  
savoring the scents of the sea  
enchanted by the incessant singing surf  
Awakened, calming reveries

Pointing to the ineffable realization of  
insights known to me alone

erupted up from our sensory realities  
Profound, not foreknown

Such awakenings come and go  
sometimes fast or sometimes slow  
unpredictable visions playing peekaboo  
Pausing, not thinking too

Slogging up and down the dunes  
breathing hard on que  
one step up, a half-step back  
Stopping, beautiful view

A romantic couple passes me  
by on the thin path through sea grass;  
we nod, mumble "hello", step aside,  
Thinking, will love last

What I see is painted by me  
created for free in a brain for me  
suckled from the breasts of reality  
Pondering, reality or illusory

I practiced outside today  
the Practice of the Outside Way  
I figured a a few things out  
Understanding, what Place's say

Tip toeing over bull kelp strands  
stepping on broken shells  
avoiding the driftwood piles ever moving  
Listening, a virtual foghorn knells

A friendly dog off-leash comes to me  
seeking a gentle pat and pet  
desiring a kind human face to see  
Laughing, she was wet

My grand daughter and I once walked  
beside an Oregon dune  
not very long ago it seemed to us  
*Remembering*, gone too soon



## 11.7

### *Just Once*

"But because truly being here is so much;  
because everything here apparently needs us,  
this fleeting world, which in some strange way  
keeps calling to us. Us, the most fleeting of all.  
Once for each thing. Just once; no more.  
And we too, just once. And never again.  
But to have been this once, completely,  
even if only once: to have been at one  
with the earth, seems beyond undoing."

- Rainer Maria Rilke, *Duino Elegies*, 9th, 1923  
Translated by Stephen Mitchell

*BU3425*

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## **12. Beauty: art, crafts, music, reading/writing**

### **12.1**

*Generalities, Questions, Quips*

To be an artwork is to set up a new world.

An artwork makes space for spaciousness, opens up,  
elevates, takes time away from the mundane.

Choosing is a way of inventing.

Many art works resist perishing to remain-at-hand.

Art is one of the ways we imagine our futures.

A decade can define a new 'Style.'

A Era's style can expand or contract; by definition.

Music is used to manipulate time.

Art is a way of imagining the future, reimagining the past,  
and revitalizing the present.

In music: time, being and meaning are inextricable.

"Music depicts certain outlines of Being---  
Its ebb and flow, its growth, its upheavals,  
its turbulence." - Maurice Merleau-Ponty

## **12.2**

### *Centuries on the Bookshelf*

A shredded snake skin  
on my shelf with shells,  
stones, feathers, and bones,  
some fancy trilobite fossils  
*200 million years old.*

*BU1216*

## Trilobite Fossilized Creatures

### **12.2.1**

*Waiting to Be Opened*

book unopened  
hidden potential  
covered insights  
closed ideas  
Waiting...

*BU3508*

[Poetry Research](#)

## **12.2.2**

### *Plato's Metaphor*

The Chariot in Tarot lore,  
On Plato's model of Self-Control;  
The Charioteer, Reason, holding the reigns  
Controlling, balancing, now and future Two  
Steeds pulling correctly to their destiny.

BU3353

Charioteer Tarot Card

Metaphors

Philosophy in the Flesh, George Lakoff, 1999

## **12.3**

### *Repeating Old Accomplishments*

Saying the same old things  
about the same old past things, is  
like installing a clock above the door, or  
like bragging about trivial deeds---  
Not turning on the road to Contemporary Creativity.

*BU2583*

Time and the Art of Living, by Robert Grudin, 1997.

## **12.4**

### *Double Visions*

An eager face staring into the Rich Silence  
Of mirrored space devoid of mind;  
Not projecting or connecting, but reflecting.  
Supreme non-fictions, Things  
Naked as they are, as they are.

Inevitably, as sunshine blares on stones,  
Green erupts from Brown.  
Curiosity Swings across the Mind

past *junkyards* of ideas, peeling metaphors,  
rusting rhymes, and concrete cliches,

Into the Center of Imagination City!

We are as we are:

*Twofolds*, Fourfolds, Eightfolds of  
Realities and Possibilities.

Pushing on. Pushing on!

*BU2623*

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## **12.5**

*Pictorial Imaging*

The totality of facts  
not things  
meant truth to him  
philosophically—  
that is, *pictorially*.

*BU2643*

## Reading Wittgenstein 1975-

### **12.5.1**

#### *Similes of Beauty Refined*

The past is like a heavy wet wool jacket,  
beautiful to look at, but  
difficult to move in.

A minute is a small beautiful room  
with one peephole window  
and two doors.

"The past is solid, the future is liquid."  
- J.L. Aubert

Another reason you "can't take it with you" ---  
is that it goes before you do.

*BU3198*

Time's River: The Voyage of Life in Art and Poetry.  
By Kate Farrell, 1999.

## **12.5.2**

### *The Ancient's Path*

My son and I  
on the White Mountains west side  
hiking amongst  
stunted Bristlecone Pines and the  
Methuselah tree: 4,857 years old.

*BU1057*

Bristlecone Pine Forest, California

## **12.5.3**

### *Wobbling at the End*

Final days...  
eighty years of age:  
wobbly legs  
slowing steps  
wrinkled mind

*BU3509*

Aging

**12.5.4**

*Who Are We?*

My wife is 78. I am 80.

As of March 17, 2026: St. Patrick's Day.

We have been married for 59 years.

Everyone is dated, time stamped, Uniquely  
Identified: Name and Birth date.

Personal Identification

Identity

I Don't Want to Be Normal, Randy Crawford

## 12.5.5

### *Distractions to Beauty*

Beauty appeared  
before my eyes  
suddenly  
when my mind  
payed attention differently

Beauty is best savored *s l o w l y*  
not in the bustle of *simultaneous*  
multiplicities overstimulating me,  
drowning me in raging streams images and banalities---  
I want more time for less harried complexity.

*BU3328*

Sensory Overload

Five Senses

Simplicity - Quotations

Virtue Ethics

## **12.5.5.1**

### *Art As Experience*

When people often read, they change.

When people pay close attention, they change.

When people practice mindfulness, they change.

When people step back and carefully observe, they change.

When we are changed, the artful life emerges.

Keep a little distance  
from everyday eyes, less practicality,  
a psychic distance, aloofness,  
and objects will emerge as art  
producing new insights and surprises.

Our changing experiences  
Overlaid with organic meaning fine  
Art in your everyday experiences  
Enriching our unfolding lives---  
Music invites us to Dance.

*BU3385*

Art and Its Significance  
An Anthology of Aesthetic Theory, 1994

Art As Experience, John Dewey, 1932

**12.5.6**

*How Heavy is the Painting?*

Works of art have a thingly nature in time:  
They are exchanged for decades between galleries and museums.  
They hang on walls for years along with trophies and clocks.  
They are sounds from current CDs and MP3s of musical history.  
When do we know they are "art"?

"There is something stony in a work of architecture,  
wooden in a carving, colored in a painting, spoken  
in a linguistic work, sonorous in a musical composition."

- [Martin Heidegger](#), *The Origin of the Work of Art*

Tell me: When and who painted or composed *It*?

BU3381

**12.6**

***Pulling Onions***

***By Michael P. Garofalo***



## *Pulling Onions*

*Speaking of Time: The Poetic Investigations, Part 2*  
*Another Crop of Gardening Thoughts*  
*A Gardener's Sutra on Time, Part 2.1*

Red Bluff, California

1998 - 2017

By: .m.p.g.

michael p garofalo

***A Gardener's Sutra on Time***

by mpgarofalo

A garden recreates itself daily; we seldom  
step into the same garden thrice.

The present is made from the past.  
Time creeps, walks, runs and flies---  
it is all about moving things.

Chaos breaks its own rules to allow Order to play.

How can gardening be considered  
a "leisure time" activity?

Always leave extra time for unraveling the hose.

Gardeners turn into the soil their lifetime.

Time may wait for no man,  
but seems to muddle and poke  
quite slowly for gardeners.

Springtime for birth, Summertime for growth;  
and all Seasons for dying.

We don't erase the past, we just build more  
and bigger blackboards.

Put the right plant in the right place at the right time in  
the right way - and you won't go wrong.

Winter does not turn into Summer; ash does not turn  
into firewood - on the chopping block of time.

A garden flourishes in the mind's time of last season,  
next season, and now.

Gardening requires no commuting time.

In the right place at the right time,  
tomato worms on tomato vines.



Annuals disappear, shrubs perish, trees die, and  
    gardeners are buried; death is the flower of time.  
In an instant there is nothing - Time produces Nature.  
By the time you peel off five layers of reality,  
    it's hard to recall the first.  
It's a long time between my garden  
    and the Pacific Ocean.  
Time will tell, but we often fail to listen.

The "eternal truths" are sometimes clearly false.  
Gardening teaches us to take our time, slow down,  
    and wait in peace.  
Gardeners learn to live in worm time,  
    bee time, and seed time.  
Time will not pass you, but it will follow  
    very close behind you.  
Preparation and follow up take up  
    more time than doing the deed.

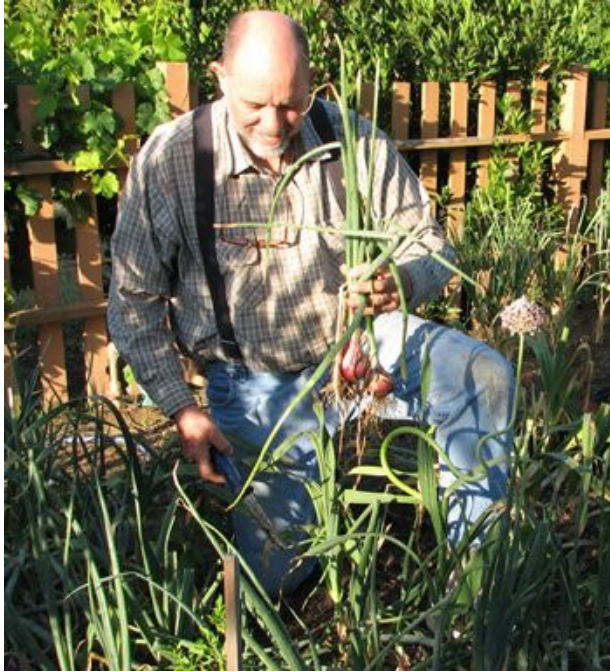
Springtime flows in our veins.  
Silence - never misquoted, sometimes misunderstood,

often meaningful.  
Leave enough time for some pointless behavior  
to reveal your deeper desires.  
The seed idea for "God" is springtime.  
Things always go downhill, fall apart, wear out...  
the arrow of Time pierces everything.

Time prevents too much from happening at once.  
A million years and a second have the same  
feeling for the dead gardener.  
All metaphors aside - only living beings rise up in the Springtime;  
dead beings stay quite lie down dead.  
Any gardener who is not using the scientific method  
will waste time and money.  
Take the time to melt into the Details.

Time is rooted in Place.  
Most of the time, we just borrow from the past.  
Sometimes the present alters our interpretation of the past;  
most often the past surrounds and infects the present.  
Time is on your side when you are young.

Leisure can open a window to the breezes of insights,  
and a clear view of the Trees of Time.



Harvesting Onions 2006  
Red Bluff, California  
.m.p.g.

We get things done when there is little time left.  
Our cash limits and time constraints both prune our gardens.  
The second hand of time ticks on---  
    measuring our past, time after time.  
Beings are Becomings---for the time-being.

Perfection can be the opponent of betterment.  
Without vagueness we are bored with literalness.  
Borderline cases are where events become really interesting.  
I may not be able to precisely define religious nonsense,  
    but I know it when I hear it.

A coastline may be impossible to measure,  
    but is still beautiful.  
You can't slowly boil the frog unless  
    it can't jump out of the pot.  
A "heap" of something desired becomes an issue  
    when the price is discussed.  
Gratefully, shit happens!  
The ten thousand things are more enchanting  
    than the Silent One.

Walking needs earth, space, and the walker.  
Sometimes, just one 'thing' is critical  
because twenty other 'things' are just so.  
Gardening is a kind of deadheading---  
keeping us from going to seed.  
Don't interfere, be still, and listen to the litanies of bees.

Tooth and nail, and the stench of a dead animal on the wind.  
When life gives you onions, it stinks.  
A rake is spaces held together by steel.  
In the student's mind there are few possibilities,  
in the teacher's mind there are many;  
but only time to realize very few.

Mother Nature is always pregnant.  
Time creeps, walks, runs and flies -  
it is all about moving things.  
Dogmatists are less useful than dogs.  
Take life with a grain of salt, and a icy margarita.  
The best things in life are more expensive than you think.



Rather than "love mankind," I'd rather admire a few good people.  
Some flourish when crowded together, others don't.  
Garbage In, Compost Out.  
It is more about You and Now, rather than Them and Back Then.

While gardening the borders between work  
and play become blurred.  
When gardening, look up more often.

Just the right words can be worth more  
than a thousand pictures.  
Death's door is always unlocked.  
A flower needs roots; beauty a society of minds.

A callused palm and dirty fingernails precede a Green Thumb.  
A working hypothesis is far better than a belief.  
Only two percent of all insects are harmful.  
Why are they all in my garden?

Create your own garden, the god's certainly won't.



{{{ Karen Garofalo, Red Bluff, CA, 1999-2016.

We purchased \$300 to \$400 every year  
on trees and shrubs; and we planted them  
mostly in January or February. We sold our  
house and property to two working women  
with four children. I hope these children had  
wonderful memories of growing up in the  
gardens and orchards that Karen and I made  
before April of 2017 . }}}}

### The Spirit of Gardening

That something is eternal is unverifiable.

Most laws of Gardening are merely local ordinances.

Too save some time, don't let them get a foot in the door.  
Some slippery slopes are actually improvements or fun.  
Butterflies and bees flapping their wings don't actually  
create hurricanes, but we are very thankful they facilitate  
the emergence of fruits in the billions.  
Without metaphors we can barely speak.

Just because you reject the big request, don't be

fooled into accepting the smaller request.  
Finding a middle ground for agreement may  
be just half of a solution, and the wrong solution.  
Sometimes the wisdom of the crowd is quite unwise and unfair.

Chaos breaks its own rules to allow Order to play.

Failures, disorder and death are the  
Grim Reaper of Entropy at work.  
Somehow, someday, everything gets eaten up, someday.  
The meaning is lost in the saying - a nature mystic's dilemma.  
Vigorous gardening might help more than a psychiatrist's couch.  
A gardener is no farmer, he is much too impractical.

No garden lasts for long - neither will you.

Shade, in the summer, is as precious as a glass of water.  
A wise gardener knows when to stop.  
Gardens are demanding pets.  
Unclench your fist to give a hand.  
The little choices day after day are the biggest issue.

Gardening is but one battle against Chaos.

When life gives you onions, you ain't making lemonade.  
Many friendships are sustained by a mutual  
hatred of another person or group.  
Read until you go to seed.  
What you see depends on when you look.

Beauty is the Mistress, the gardener her slave.

One's "true self" is changing and elusive.  
A little of this and a little of that, and some exceptions -  
these are the facts.  
Does a plum tree with no fruit have Buddha Nature? Whack!

**Pulling Onions** by Mike Garofalo

Over 1,000 random quips, one-liners, aphroisms, sayings,  
bullets, onions, and "insights" from an old gardener.

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## **13.1**

### *Generalities, Questions, Quips*

Time is money.

Time is money--- cash or credit.

Time is money--- early or late.

Money is a working tool of time.

When we cannot forgive those who hurt us  
way back when; forgetting about them  
is our future improved.

"Only the ephemeral is of lasting value."

- Ionesco

The ego is a predator.

*BU609*

## **13.2**

### *The Time Has Come for a Change*

He forgot what time it was  
And arrived to late to catch the train  
To join his wife in Bellingham.  
Lateness screwed up his day, he had more to pay, and  
He was late for meetings later that day.

*Time is money - early or late.*

*BU3154*

Bellingham, Washington

Time is Money

Time Management

"Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it,  
but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can  
spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back."  
- Harvey MacKay

**13.3**

*Pangloss? Who's He?*

In This  
the Best  
of All Possible Worlds;  
the year  
ended with a failure.

*BU2101*

Voltaire

**13.4**  
*Moving to Middle Ground*

Outside as *distinct*  
from Inside;  
Others as distinct  
from Self?  
*Inter-being* Compromise.

*BU2622*

Inter-Being

## Buddhism

### **13.5**

#### *Surviving Into the Future*

Freedom of the will is constrained  
by sensible knowledge of the future  
by using antecedent causes and reasons for  
Finding ways for your family to survive---  
Don't pretend to not know your future.

*BU3007*

[Time - Quotations](#)

[Bundled Up: Quintains, Volume 4.](#)

### **13.5.1**

#### *It Doesn't Just Happen*

Reality does not "just happen"  
like snow in Vermont, or  
like sunshine in Death Valley---  
It spills from our stupidity; from  
Our selfish mendacity.

*BU3219*

### **13.5.2**

*Emotions Move Us*

Time creates emotions.  
Setting things in motion.  
Stopping beings from more commotion.  
Opening up strong or weak emotions---  
*Waiting is an emotion.*

*BU3247, LP#47*

"Emotion: to move out, move away,  
to stir up, agitate."  
*Klein's Dictionary*

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### **13.5.3**

#### *Favoring Busy Bees*

I was raised in different times.  
Not these over-paced, too thin, too restless,  
Overworked daily utter grinds.

Instead I favor a gentler pace, rain, sunshine,  
And patient bees busy at the critical times.

*BU3345*

"A man who dares to waste time has not  
discovered the value of life."

- Charles Darwin

Felt Time, by Marc Wittmann, 2017

Time Research

Speaking of Time: The Poetic Investigations, Part 2

### **13.5.4**

#### *Stay Flexible*

Always keeping your mind  
Fixed on the Future; or,  
Always keeping your mind  
Fixed on the Present...  
Either way tarnishes the quality of life.

*BU3372*

#### The Middle Way of Buddhism

#### The Quality of Life

### **13.5.5**

#### *Saying "No! to Now"*

The real test of your freedom  
Is not doing whatever  
You want to do now; but,

Doing what you don't want to do later.  
True freedom demands saying "No! to Now"

BU3450

Freedom

Free Will

"Life is all about timing - the unreachable becomes reachable, the unavailable becomes available and attainable. Have the patience, and wait it out. It's all about timing."  
- Stacey Charter

### **13.5.6**

*Caring for Others*

Caring is the urge to help  
To protect those and what I value most  
To engage with others to create our time  
To share with others so WE survive  
To show I really care in hard times

## Care

### I Just Called to Say I Love You, song by Stevie Wonder

#### **13.6**

#### *Company Time*

He became more efficient  
Using less time to get more tasks done  
Working smarter and faster  
Saving time and money for the company...  
And his pay stayed the same.

*BU2831*

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## **14. Philosophy: ethics, history, analysis, arguments, logic, rhetoric, Being/beings, things, metaphysics**

### **14.1**

#### *Generalities, Questions, Quips*

Being is the flux of becoming.  
Somethings changing every day.  
Nothing static, fixed, just the same.

Being stands before us on its own two feet.

The rain *is* and so is the breeze.

### **14.2**

#### *Time Teases*

Time is a non-symbolic beingness  
Signifying what it is, *what Is*  
Beyond its misnamed Names.  
Pointing to Change, Motion, Acts, Facts.  
Being integral to birth and death.

Fleeting attributes slip, don't stick,  
Its nature is not nondescript,  
It comes and goes like scheduled planes  
Slips by my tongue, rules my brain,  
It turns pages in the Book of Life.

Enchanting more than understanding  
Time teases with new possibilities  
All creations are divisions of past things  
A splitting up of Reality into Temporarily  
The fiction of the Now stabilizes Being.

*BU2969*

A Brief History of the Philosophy of Time.  
By Adrian Bardon, 2024.

A Companion to the Philosophy of Time.  
Edited by Heather Dyke, Blackwell, 2015.

## Time - Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

### **14.3**

#### *Certainly Not*

Not using *certainty*

As a functional criterion;

Frees us to find

Reliable solutions to our

Time Related Problems at hand.

*BU2522*

Certainty.

Dogmatics

Pragmatism

### **14.3.1**

#### *Limits the Scope of Poetry*

Logical analysis and systematic visions,  
Dominate our scientific sense of precision,  
Objective, observable, repeatable deeds,  
Lead us down narrow Knowing Streets;  
This limits the scope of philosophy, artistically.

BU3517, LP #31

#### **14.4**

*A Little of This—A Little of That*

Does our allotted time  
determine our reality?  
Or, does reality  
determine our allotted time?  
Six of one, half-dozen of the other.

*BU2547*

Time and the Art of Living, by Robert Grudin, 1997.

"To live is so startling it leaves  
little time for anything else."

## - Emily Dickinson

### **14.4.1**

#### *Being: Beings/Things/Time*

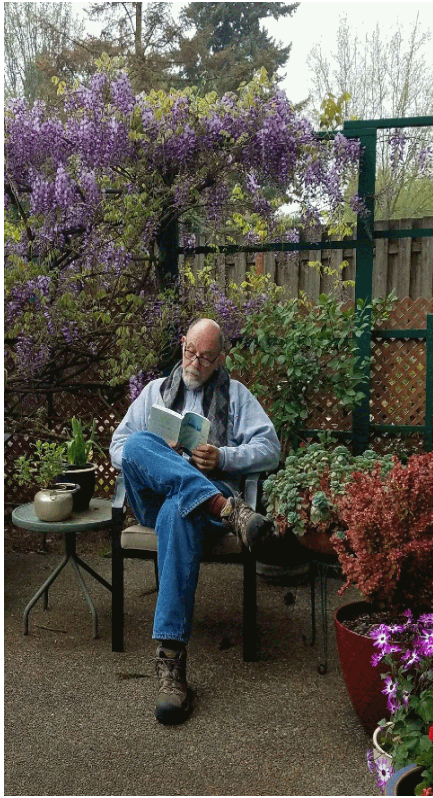
Things tell time

Time is revealed in things

Things embody time.

Without things is timelessness

Things matter all the time



The lavender Wisteria blossoms say it's *April*.  
Sunlit porch tell you it's an overcast *morning*.  
Old man, 75, sits in a chair.  
A book can only be read *now*.  
Book = Moshe Feldenkrais, The Potent Self, 1985

Time discloses Things  
Things are all we have

*BU3426*

Metaphysics

The Bottom Line

Feldenkris Method

Biography of Mike Garofalo

"It is like clouds rising in the sky: suddenly there, gone without a trace. And it is like drawing a pattern on water: it is neither born nor passes away. This is cosmic peace and eternal rest. When it is enclosed, it is called the matrix of the realization of suchness; When it emerges from the enclosure, it is called the cosmic body of reality."

- Ma-tsu

**14.4.2**

*What Is the Meaning of Being?*

What is the meaning (*Sinn*)  
Of Being (*Sein*)? I inquired.  
The earth was our holy homeground,  
For our limited time; history engulfed us,  
we acted entangled in our daily life.

BU3441

Being and Time, by Martin Heidegger

Time (*Zeit*).

Pulling Onions by .m.p.g.

**14.4.2.1**

*The Areness of Quidity*

Was the topic  
the being of Being, or  
the Being of beings?  
Or, the time of Time, or  
the Time of times?

Time-Being intertwined  
The timing of Time conceptualized  
The Being of beings in lives alive  
the times of our lives wherein Being thrives  
beings here and now realized.

The theology of the Being of beings  
Is muddled, strange, a thicket of thoughts;  
impenetrable, trivial, clunky, or false.  
The philosophy of the being of Beings,  
Likewise, needs a whole new language game.

That subtle isness and whatness  
That deep Quidity of a real being,  
A unique presence revealed to me,  
Slowly over long periods of time,  
Areness implicit in changing scenes.

*BU3722*

[Martin Heidegger](#)

### **14.4.3**

#### *Chairs and Tables*

wood chairs hug the table  
never choosing to move  
content with calm motionlessness,  
always still in simple pure Satori---  
Unsuffering, even with a repaired broken leg.

*BU3559*

Satori

Reism

### **14.4.3.1**

*Things Are It*

Are only THINGS

Reality?

Undergoing

Timely changes  
For us to see.

*BU3694*

Reism

Nominalism

Touch

Creation and Conservation

**14.4.3.2**

*Humans Made of Beans*

Yes, I am a *thing*:  
mostly made of water moving,  
calcium essents keeping my bones in place,  
a bloody mass of nerves for a brain.  
Beyond all these --- *a human being*.

Essents: rocks, trees, apples, canes, calcium, water...

BU3607

**14.5**

*Three Stars Among Twenty Five*

Gold Star = gardening, walking, working, listening, eating, loving, thinking, silence, helping, uplifting, supporting, etc.

Silver Star = saying, poetic, musical, artistic, sensitive, humorous, metaphorical, figurative, creative, uplifting

Bronze Star = clear, verifiable, logical, definite, declarative, decidable, literal, descriptive, factual, reality

*BU2892*

The Five Senses

## 14.6

### *Bumps and Roundabouts on the Road of Time*

It is 3 am,  
therefore it is not 4 pm.

The past was once  
both the future and the present.

She was late, because  
she was not on time.

Today, in our world,  
it is both  
March 5th and March 6th.

*BU2859*

A Companion to the Philosophy of Time.  
Edited by Heather Dyke, 2015.

**14.6.1***But Not On Wednesday*

A specified/defined event  
 occurred on Friday  
 but not on Sunday;  
 But not at the same time  
 on the same Tuesday.  
 (E  $\vee$   $\sim$ E) Today  
 (E  $\wedge$   $\sim$ E) This Week

*BU3073*Months and Seasons - Quotations**14.6.2***Some of Prior's Propositions for Time Logic*

P It was the case that \_\_\_\_\_ 1

F It will be the case that \_\_\_\_\_ 2

G *It will always be* the case that \_\_\_\_\_ 3

H It always was the case that \_\_\_\_\_ 4

## Probably adequate for many "cases"

1. the water was polluted
2. "*what?*", examples?? It will *very likely be* the case that \_\_\_\_.
3.  $2+2=4$
4. oxygen and hydrogen made water

Arthur Prior, *Time and Modality*, 1957

*BU2864*

The Philosophy of Time. Edited by Robin le Poidevin, 1993.

Thinking in Time: An Introduction to Henri Bergson.  
By Suzanne Guerlac, 2006.

### **14.6.3**

#### *Facts About Time*

Facts about things are useful indeed  
"Facts" are said by both who and when  
"Truths about time" became falsehoods now.

# The Thing-Totality of Our World Is Shown, not said; but translated by "facts."

*BU3274*

## Months and Seasons - Quotations

### Reism

#### **14.6.4**

#### *Evidence for Me*

The world I know  
Is *present* for me:  
*in* memories, feelings, body, brain;  
*in* pictures, letter, notes, names;  
*in* my blunders for which I'm ashamed.

*BU3343*

**14.7***The Case of the Fly in the Kitchen*

You say that the world is everything  
that is the case.

What would it be like if it were not?

What's *not* the case? Plenty! Case Closed!

Is nothing the case?

Seems a mistake.

Like a *reductio ad absurdum* clam bake,  
When nobody came,  
early or late.

Or, it's not the case that the world  
is everything that is the case.

What? Strange? A fly buzzing in a bottle.

That "Fish fly to Seattle" is not the case  
still tells us something about the world we make.

Or, is it that not everything  
in the world is the case.

That suggestion

that's leaning towards truth  
in some comforting familiar manner...

Appeals to my communal action words, and  
My idiosyncratic individual voice in time.  
!! No, *Resist*, this is not the useful path. !!

Was it:  
Was it the case once in the past or not?  
Is it now th case or not?  
Will it ever be the case or not?  
Was everything ever the case? Ever?

We enjoyed those playful games:  
wrestling with hypothetical cases,  
to find a imaginary treasure chest,  
watching the film detective solve the case,  
Until he broke the lock on her case.

a case  
the case  
one case  
many cases  
close case

*BU2727*

Time and Philosophy: A History of Continental Thought,  
By John McCumber, 2011.

Bundled Up: Volume 2

727 Riddles, Jokes, Brain Teasers

**14.8.1**

*One Way Out or In*

The fly was coached/coaxed  
Out of the bottle;  
The mind was coached  
Out of useless tendencies.  
Occasionally, Wittgenstein's methods worked.

Philosophical Psychiatry in a Classroom.

*BU2757*

## 14.8.2

### *Present on Time*

Presentism time theory  
General Block time theory  
Moving Spotlight time theory  
Ordinary Realistic time theory  
What theory next? Next year?

We exist in our entirety at any time,  
even as time passes.

### *Perdurantism*

A four-dimensional moving Worm;  
Not wholly present at any one moment in time  
And extended in space-time.  
Like sleeping by a river in the wintertime.

*BU3498*

Presentism

Perdurantism

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### **15. History: landmark events, books/printing, memory**

#### **15.1**

#### *Generalities, Questions, Quips*

Our sense of history, OUR Past  
Our sense of values aligned.

#### **15.2**

#### *Did Richard Rorty Read Poetry*

Did Schopenhauer play the flute at ten?  
Did Kant walk everyday at noon?  
Did Socrates wrestle for fun at nine?

Was Marcus Aurelius an Emperor?  
Was Martin Heidegger a Nazi stooge?

*BU2516*

[Bundled Up Quintains: Volume 5](#)

**15.3**  
*Coming*

**15.4**  
*Fearful Fates*

Bad karma bleeding  
over centuries of hate  
a heartless eye for a blind eye  
a toothless scream for another  
fate, fate, fate...

*BU2648*



Till the Last Shots Fired, Trace Atkins

War, Playing for Change

Four Dead in Ohio; Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young

Blown' in the Wind, Bob Dylan

Text Art and Concrete Poetry.

## **15.4.2**

*Repetition of Tragedy*

By this year, 2026, Israelis  
have killed 40,000 Palestinians.  
Whats New? Just Old Terrible News!  
Hutis killed 600,000 Tutsis in 1994.  
Nazis killed 2,000,000 Jews in 1942.

*BU1274*

## Rwandan Genocide

### **15.5**

#### *My Father's Time*

My dad was a fact of my life,  
For 50 years a fact of reality.  
He died, time moved on,  
His fixed factuality grew dim.  
Once his case back when, not his case Now;  
And not everything remained the same.

*BU3481*

Michael James Garofalo (1916-1996)

Fatherhood

### **15.5.1**

*What is Your Name and Birth-date?*

My wife is 78. I am 80.  
As of March 17, 2026: St. Patrick's Day.  
We have been married for 59 years.

Everyone is dated, time stamped, Uniquely  
Identified: Name and Birth-date.

*BU3151*

Personal Identification

[Bundled Up Quintains: Volume 6](#)

**15.5.2**

*I Forgot What I Remembered*

I do contain multitudes  
of memories, facts, and clues.  
Multitudes of histories  
lived by me and you.  
Multitudes of forgotten news.

*BU2009*

## The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, Gordon Lightfoot

Northwest Passage, by Stan Rogers, College Choir

No Woman No Cry, Bob Marley

Time and Timelessness in Victorian Poetry.

By Irmtraud Huber, 2025.

Sadness

Sorrow

### **15.6**

*Impacts of Science*

How did Infinity fit in the palm of your hand?

Mathematics and physics had a new plan.

How did Biology grow in time?

Darwin connected changes aligned.

A Paradigm shift quickly began.

*BU2922*

## Structure of Scientific Revolutions by Thomas Kuhn, 1962

Charles Darwin, The Origin of Species, 1859

Time, Change, Freedom. By Nathan Oaklander

Pulling Onions by .m.p.g. mpgarofalo

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### **16. Eternity: forever, fate, infinite unimaginable, death, emptiness**

#### **16.1**

*Generalities, Considerations, Questions*

Forever is time with no end.

One Infinity = Eternity, Sempiternity, Forever, Timeless...

Death and eternity are co-existing realities.

Do the dead exist in the nothingness of eternity.?

What is half of eternity?

Is there an eternal sleep?

Fate is a short tale, told after your dead.

*BU659*

## **16.2**

### *Unanswerable Questions*

What was God doing  
before he made the Earth, or  
before he made Heaven or Hell?

How in hell can anyone answer sensibly?

Speculation is pure fantasy.

*Even God can't remember  
what He did back then.*

*BU3115*

Out of Time: A Philosophy Study of Timelessness.  
By Sam Baron and Kristie Miller, 2022.

**16.3**

*Vanished into Air*

I am not convinced that  
I will be conscious after I die.  
Surviving forever is a lie.  
And eternity 'no-where' an enigma.  
A riddle outside our space and time.

BU2965

"If mind departs, its loyal comrade, spirit,  
Follows at once, vanished into air,  
And leaves the cold limbs in the chill of death,

You need to know that mind and spirit both  
Are born in living creatures, and are mortal."

- Lucretius, The Way Things Are, 45 CE

Find the Cost of Freedom, Crosby Stills Nash Young

## 16.4

### *An Instant of Infinity*

I belong to infinity  
intimately every day  
Inside a Milky Way Galaxy  
where Gravity with space-time plays...  
Infinity in instants, that's me.

*Eternity is the Absolute Present*

*BU3187*

Infinity

Eternity

## The Philosophy of Time. Edited by Robin le Poidevin, 1993.

### Eternalism

#### **16.4.1**

#### *Salt-Water in My Eyes*

I must see the Sea again;  
A mystery; I don't know why.  
I see a Vastness, wide as Time;  
Before my surprised eyes!  
A glimpse of Free Eternity.

BU2013

#### [Highway 101 and 1: Docu-Poems](#)

Touring the Pacific Coast of the USA  
*At the Edge of the West*

#### [Bundled Up Quintains: Volume 4](#)

### The Five Senses

Can you smell the cathedral  
Can you see the past  
Can you feel the invisible  
Can you taste the future  
Can you hear the call of Wonder

## **16.5**

### *Metaphors and Similes for Deep Time*

To be still is to hear the gears  
of the world grinding against the Dark.

A minute is a small room  
with one peephole window  
and two doors.

*BU3196*

## **16.5.1**

### *Eternal Deserts*

"But at my back  
I always hear  
Time's winged chariot hurrying near;  
And yonder all before us lie  
Deserts of vast eternity."

*BU1927*

- Andrew Marvel

Being and Time, by Martin Heidegger

### **16.5.1.1**

#### *Skeletons in Love*

Live long enough,  
and the losses pile up,  
Till you're tossed away  
like an old cracked cup,  
All stained and worm,  
dulled by time,  
Useless, leaking,

not worth a dime.  
Then, you die, sometime.

Egoless, your flesh falls away,  
You, a skeleton becomes;  
Lost in Nirvana,  
lights out,  
all done.

Nine months later  
to your utter surprise,  
you awaken in bed,  
Changed, very much alive.  
Not as Kafka's  
*Ungeheures Ungeziefer*,  
or as Casper the Ghost  
all covered in fur;  
Not as a *Memaloose* on the Run,  
but as a horny Stud Skeleton.

Then, the Skeleton Woman  
drinks your dry tears,  
Drums your still heart,  
and sings away fears,

Slips under the quilts  
and gives Love a Whirl;  
Spinning, twirling,  
your reborn as a Girl.

Forget yourself,  
crack the cup on the floor,  
Speak in a new voice,  
the past is no more.

### **16.5.2**

#### *Crypt of the Capuchin Monks*

The skulls and bones filled the walls,  
Whole skeletons of children were hung askew,  
The bony fingers of women decorated the altar...  
And words were etched into the tile wall,  
A message for the living, it called:

"What you are, they once were.  
What they are, you will be."

*BU3251*

## Cemeteries

## Death

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## Time Research

## Speaking of Time: The Poetic Investigations, Part 2

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## Preface

This book is an extended and ongoing meditation on Time. Its subtitle is:  
*Speaking about Time: A Poetic Investigation.*

It provides literary, poetic, occasionally artistic, and philosophical views about time, duration, the past- present-future, aging, our experience of time, the language of time, entropy, fate, the values of time, time management, consciousness of time, before and after, absolute vs relative time, social time, scientific time, passings-death, symbols and similes of time, etc.

This book presents short poems in [Quintain form](#) or quintain [sonnet](#) forms. All of the quintain poems in the *Tick- Tock Tractatus* were taken from a few of my original 3,500 quintain poems online at [Bundled Up](#), Volumes 1-6, 2021-2025. Volumes 5 & 6 of [Bundled Up](#) offer more of my remarks and observations about time.

The title of this book, [The Tick-Tock Tractatus](#), has nothing whatsoever to do with the social media Internet platform called [Tick-Tock](#).

Here, ... tick-tock-tick-tock... simply refers to the onomatopoeic ticking of a mechanical clock: !!! ***Tick-Tock*** !!!

This book uses a numbering system for organizing each quintain poem or aphorism about time into one of [16 topical](#) categories. These Topics are like portals, worm holes, or departure points on these investigations into time.

For me, here, this 'Tractatus' is just a collection of remarks, a study, a proposal, a sharing of thoughts. It is **not** a Philosophical Castle; it's a walk through one man's cultivated mind-garden in May while he thinks about springtime. It is a bundle of remarks, poems, and quips about time, organized by 16 topics; not a treatise on time. It is not a easy drive on Interstate 5 Freeway, it is a sketchy trail hike out to Neptune's Thumb. However, I do hope it will reveal aspects of our lived life within time, and hint at the meanings and values of time.

Wittgenstein's *Tractatus* dealt primarily with facts, logic, epistemology, picturing, language, and **not** at all with time. This Ebook deals exclusively with the subject of time.

This collection of quintain poems about *time* is philosophically or lyrically indebted to: Aristotle, Adrian Bardon, Owen

Barfield, Henri Bergson, Robert Grudin,  
Martin Heidegger, Heraclitus, George  
Lakoff, Carlo Rovelli, George Steiner,  
Johanna Winart, Ludwig Wittgenstein,  
Mark Wittmann, and Jan Zwicky.

I publish hypertext notebooks, and make full use of hypertext and webpage creation options. The links connect a poem to related information, pictures, graphics, and resources. I create poetry webpages for cell-phone reading.

[Here](#) is my Internet publishing policy and my Internet Indie publishing goals. My webpages are [Ad Free](#) and *Free to Read!*

This book is an ongoing project of mine. New poems are added weekly and old poems revised. It emphasizes emergence, change, improvement, expansion, and development; not finality.

## ***Key to Book Titles and Links***

BHT = [A Brief History of the Philosophy of Time](#),  
by Adrian Bardon, 2024.

BTS = [Big Typscript TS213](#) by Ludwig Wittgenstein, 2005

BU = [Bundled Up, Volumes 1 - 7](#) by Mike Garofalo, 2021-

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FT = [Felt Time](#), by Marc Wittmann, 2017

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PI = [Philosophical Investigations](#) by Ludwig Wittgenstein, 1953.

PT = Poetry of Thought by George Steiner, 2011.

RW = Reading Wittgenstein 1975-, by Mike Garofalo.

TLP = Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus by  
Ludwig Wittgenstein, 1922.

TTT = Tick-Tock Tractatus by Mike Garofalo, 2026-

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by James C. Klagge, 2021.

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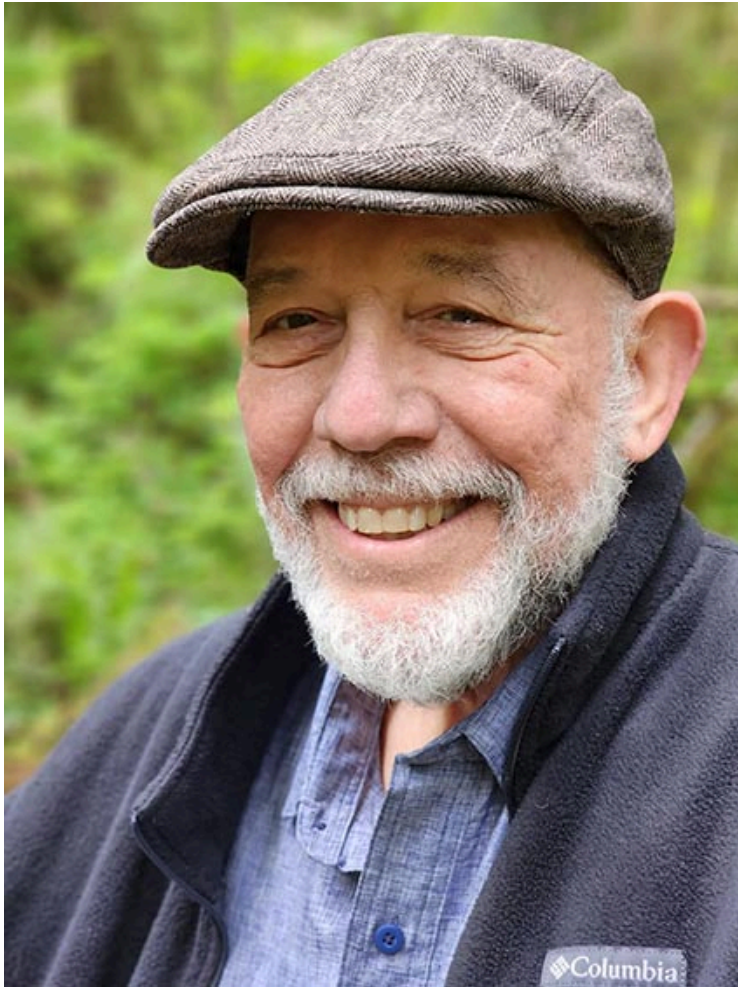
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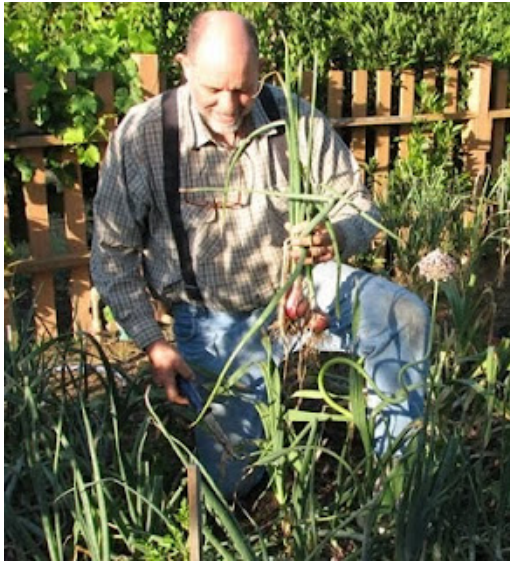
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