

Celebrating Birthday

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"Time flies" is one of William Shakespeare's most quoted lines. On a first read, it appears alarming. But on a deeper read, it is simply stating the fact. Time flies. Time doesn't wait for anyone. No one has control over Time. Time keeps ticking, moving forwards. It doesn't move backwards, trying to make up with those who missed it. It moves on....

Celebrating one's birthday is an opportune moment to reflect on how well one is catching up with Time. Are we moving forwards with Time, or are we holding back, moving against time, thus letting the moment pass by without seizing it? It all dawns on us when we realise how old we are, and how few of our dreams we have fulfilled. Regret sets in.

But of what good is regret? It doesn't make up for wasted time. Rather, it makes us angry with the past, it robs us of the present, and kills our hope for the future. Is this the life we want to live? Happy birthday should be a real moment of happiness. For we have been given another moment by God to focus on what truly matters and to make the best of Time.

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