

First Wednesday

Dear 8,

First, a bit of house-keeping: there is no dinner tonight in College: normally we eat out as a group. Where do you want to go? A Thai place, a Frenchish place, a North India place or an English pub? When you come to the end of this letter we need to reach a consensus on this.

I suggest we book a table for around 8.00 pm, if this is all right with you.

Remember yesterday, when we did letter-writing to the ram and the prize piglet and to the pilgrim on his way to Canterbury? Well, I was really pissed off with myself over the timing of that exercise..... the activity can have a beautiful flow if there is sufficient time and I found myself hurrying you and chivvying you in a foolish way.

How do you experience time in your work? How do you experience time outside your work? Do you believe time exists?

I have real problems, myself, in this area. Secretly, deep inside myself, I have never thought time is real. And yet we have earth-spin: each evening we spin East into the dark and each morning we spin back into the light and this is somehow connected with time.

[It is truly amazing that people still use archaic terms like sunrise and sunset. Didn't Copernicus' mother cry out and shout as she gave birth to him?]

Sure, there are Circadian clocks within our bodies and there are 28 day ovulation cycles.....

There was one American Indian tribe who experienced time this way:

The present is inside me
The past is in front of me
the future is behind me (logically enough, since who can look into the future with an real knowledge?)

Do you experience time in the intimate space around you? Where would you place the present? And the past?

As you can see I have many more questions than answers.

When we have decided on where to eat tonight, can you work in 3's and explain to the other two people in your triad how exactly you experience time?

Bye for now, (in Wales "bye bye" is expressed by the phrase "ta-ta")

Mario

