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(Un)reality of time

Dear reader, this is not an April Fool's Day joke!

McTaggart is one of the first analytical philosophers who addressed the question of the flow of time. So in his work he suggested two "time series". According to the first series, or A series, the event is determined by its relation to the past, present and future, while the B series ignores the reference to the past and future, and accepts only "earlier than" and "before than".

However, McTaggart, regardless of his reflections on the two series agreed with the idea of "unreality of time." That what was at one point the present, in the second point becomes the past, and the same past, at the same moment, may be somebody's future. And so on ... Unreality in reality.

The time is often discussed. More specifically, its flow is discussed. For example, you receive an invitation for the graduation anniversary. And then you cannot believe that ten years passed since you have completed high school, since you have replaced high schools' desks by some other desks, since you have increased former worries. Although the latter seemed unreal at that moment, since in that point of time one was not able to understand that what we had until then can become a piece of cake for what is yet to come ... But that is now a question of B series, "earlier than" and "before than".

However, the cruel truth is that time machine does not exist (at least not in public). And therefore, we are left to prepare for what will be, while dealing with what now is. Memory is a social category, regardless of cognitive processes it implies. And now I shall allow myself to, in accordance with the abovementioned, "distort" Now according to the Past, and to enjoy rain and sun (because it is exactly the same time it was a decade ago), to carry heavy bags (because books are still in it, a little different, but still the books), and a keyboard that is still my colleague (because I used it then, but for other purposes). Then there is only one more question: *What has changed?*

Some things are just like some questions – asked and set incorrectly. In this case, the question should be asked differently: *What have we done to make some things different?* When discussing about it, it seems that the most prominent problem is time. What is *Now* suddenly becomes *Will Be* and that what *Should Be*, suddenly becomes *It Was*. Over and over again. In circle. It seems as if time does not flow, but it circulates. Therefore we cannot find the difference. Wherever we go, we are

moved back to that same point. But in this case, with a few more gray hairs and more excuses.

It is not true that we have been moving in circle. Before I could say - we have been placed in a circle. Now it is up to us to choose our path - a circular, horizontal or vertical. In any case, each is better than repeating old and already established. Because history has taught us that the latter, although checked, did not bring anything good. At least not to the generation that finished high school ten years ago, and elementary school fourteen years ago. If it is up to us to break the cycle in which we have been placed, then the time means nothing.

From Past to Now, Europe is still far away. But we are still here. And well known circular path should be stopped, if for no other reason, then for those who will celebrate twenty years of high school graduations ten years after Now. For us and for the time – since we should never repeat the same circle. It sounds egotistic, but it is ours promise – not to repeat the mistakes of others, but also not to shift the responsibility to the new generations.

Happy anniversary and all that we were, we are and what we shall be, no matter what time series we decided to support. Because Europe does not matter. It definitely does not depend on time. And obviously it is not a dot on circle.

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