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We look before and after, write Shelley, and pine for what is not. It is said that this is what distinguishes us from the animals and that they, unlike us, live always for and in the movement and have neither hopes nor regrets. Whether it is so or not I do not know yet it is undoubtedly one of our distinguishing mental attributes: we are actually conscious of our life in time and not merely of our life at the moment of experiencing it. And as a result we find many grounds for melancholy and foreboding. Some of us prostrate ourselves on the road way in Trafalgar Square or in front of the American Embassy because we are fearful that our lives, or more disinterestedly those of our descendants will be cut short by nuclear war. If only as "squirrels or butterflies are supposed to do, we could let the future look after itself and be content to enjoy the pleasures of the morning breakfast, the brisk walk to the office through autumnal mist or winter fog, the mid-day sunshine that sometimes floods through windows, the warm, peaceful winter evenings by the fireside at home. Yet all occasions for contentment are so often spoiled for us, to a greater or lesser degree by our individual temperaments, by this strange human capacity for foreboding and regret - regret for things which we cannot undo and foreboding for things which may never happen at all. Indeed were it not for the fact that over breaking through our human obsessions with the tragedy of time, so enabling us to enjoy at any rate some fleeting moments untroubled by vain yearning or apprehension, our life would not be intolerable at all. As it is, we contrive, everyone of us, to spoil it to a remarkable degree.

Questions

1. What is the difference between our life and the life of an animal? (3)

The difference between human life and the life of an animal is that humans think about past and future, which make them ~~was~~ sad and worried. On the other hand, animals live in the moment and do not have these feelings.

2. What is the result of human anxiety? (3)

The result of human anxiety is that it can lead feelings of regret and worry. This spoils moments of happiness and enjoyment. Thus, due to such anxiety humans can not enjoy simple pleasures of life.



3. How does the writer compare man to the butterflies and squirrels? (3)

The writer compares man to the butterfly and squirrels to highlight emphasize the main idea. The idea is that these animals live in the moment. In contrast, humans dwell deep into the past and future rather than living in the moment.

4. How does anxiety about future disturb our daily life? (3)

Anxiety about future disturb our daily life in several ways. First, it prevents us from enjoying the present. Second, it diminishes our contentment. Last, it affects our well-being. In short, anxiety about future significantly disturb our daily life.

5. How can we make our life tolerable? (3)

We can make our life tolerable by finding moments of contentment and enjoyment in the present. Moreover, by appreciating small pleasures of life we can also make our life tolerable.

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