

Notions and Questions - Retrospective to Sanjay's sessions

I have always been curious to understand why humans have evolved and how technology has become integral parts of our life while a century and some millennia ago, it was not as prominent as it is today. In the ancient time handmade items and tools were used but a majority of things we use today are a product of mechanization. Why humans are fighting over resource and land that involves destruction of natural resources during wars which in turn has ripple effect on the global economy. The answer to all these notions lay in Sanjay Molur's talk.

Can we rewind the clock?

This was a talk given by Sanjay Molur for BOSCH. It had answered many of my questions and conjectures I had about the financial world, why we are the way we are today, how did innumerable fields of studies have emerged, and how luxuries have changed our lifestyles. Among all this I was able to assimilate a new perspective to the basic concept in economics of need and want.

Sentences like 'We have moved away from biological living to societal living', 'People are so gullible that fiction is ruling our lives', 'Fiction revolves around gossips' and discussions on facts vs fiction which Sanjay Molur mentions and re-emphasises in most of his classroom sessions and field talks, has given a broader understanding about the happenings in our surroundings and our current living styles. It helped me rationalize and come to terms with reality of our actions and most importantly understand that we are living in a fictional world. As a part of this course all of us have unlearned the learned and learnt the unlearnt aspects of life and science.

The following diagram depicts the human evolution from a biological living to complete loss of biological living. It is taken from Sanjay's presentation – Can we rewind the clock? The transition from biological living to proto-societal living was the first major shift of *Homo sapiens* and the second major shift happened from proto-societal living to societal living. We have now moved from societal living and completely lost our biological way of living. The talk and the slides with this information had the rationale for the above notions and questions.

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