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Does time stand still? Is time reality? The answers to these questions differ for everyone you ask them to because everyone's interpretation of "time" is different. After reading the required selection this is one man's view of the need to escape reality and the hassles of the real world and go to a world where there are no constraints or restrictions expected. That place is his mind.

He sees the human race as having no control over their lives, living in a world where their individuality is lost and their minds are controlled by what is going on around them. That the door marked "time" is their eternal destiny of doing the same thing day in and day out over and over again. This is much like Albert Camus's Sisyphus having the eternal chore of rolling the rock to the top of the mountain, "but it is tragic only at the rare moments when it becomes conscious". This man realizes he doesn't want this type of life anymore and needs to escape to get his identity back. By entering that narrow door he is able to take himself to a place where he knows he can control what he thinks and what he does – his mind. In his mind the stressors of daily life can disappear, life's problems and struggles disappear and the soul can re-juvenate.

Many people can find this peace by using meditation or yoga to free and cleanse the body and the soul. By being able to enter the subconsciousness one can change the perception and the

nature of reality. Reality becomes non-existent and whims and emotions can run free becoming that person's reality.

This piece of reading indicates that the writer takes a subjectivist view of reality in that it is the writer's perception of his surroundings. It is the use of the senses to perceive the truth regardless if it is a truth believed by all. A subjective manner is one which can be interpreted as our own mental activity and is the only unquestionable fact of our existence. The Webster Dictionary defines subjectivism as "a doctrine that the supreme good is the realization of a subjective experience or feeling (such as pleasure).

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