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Bosnian hour

Physicians named time as one of the basic variables in the unit system. We would say that it is universal. But... There is a small tiny triangular part of the globe where time is really distinct, undefined. This is Bosnian time. Yes. Exactly like that.

You are wondering what is specific about that triangular piece so it has own time!? The answer is hidden in people who are measured by it and who measure by it...

While in every other part of the world people measure time keeping on with it, Bosnian time measures people and everything that belongs to them. People are afraid of it... Because it is everything to them and it is nothing to them. It is their hope, but also fear. Struggle against time, in that country Bosnia, doesn't mean confrontation to the physical law, it is something much deeper and more complex – struggling against fear from hope. One Bosnian writer said once that Bosnia (that mystical triangular) is a strange and too strange country. It is only triangular in trigonometry which mystery couldn't solve any theorem. Everything is out of physical boundaries. Hope, fear and time, that Bosnian time make three-dimensional space of the strange country Bosnia.

Its nations resist to time break by hope that they will finally be those who will live life, instead of that life dictated by such time, live them. Fear has found its perfect place in hope of these people. Life lives Bosnians between hope and fear. It's strange that country Bosnia, strange and too strange! And air stops there. Everything stops in it. And so life goes on... Hope overwhelms fear, while fear shackles hope. The balance of life. If that is not so, it would not be life here, because there's no life without hope, and hope without something that it exists for, fear. Life absurd. There's life between hope and fear; life of those who are not afraid to hope... Isn't that hope of those people the measuring unit for power? Everything starts with hope, but nothing dies with it. By that it challenges the tooth of time. It floats in time. It is stabile, like water and stone. Earth feeling of helplessness, fear, can't counteract to its feature to be out of time and out of space,

Wish to overwhelm by hope power of time and traces that it leaves is more powerful than fear. Fear of disappointment that hope will betray. Because, hope is like a two-bladed sword. Time bleeding is just one blade of it, because that untouchable power – time easily convert hope into hopelessness. The second blade of the magnificent sword, hope, is just its initial impulse, fear, which also tends to hampers it. However, there is no connection between those two blades, because there is no time for fear here. That's why time is stopped here, surrounded by fear and discrediting in new, different time machine; those whose rudder would control only those who are predestinate to share destiny of the small country of great people. The way, place, time. Hope. Bosnia. There's no time!!! While time was ticking around and it stays... Those heavy, lazy hands can move only ticking. But not ticking of a clock... Ticking of hearts filled by strength of hope, and because of that life is still here! And it will be, between hope and fear, fear and hope, life that is not close to explanation... By small life of a big man.