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Subject: Time Travel and other stuff.

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1. If you can change the past: Time machines would not be open to the public. If you could change the past, time machines would have to be VERY strictly regulated, imagine what horrors could be done.

2. If you can't change the past: It's obvious, then, why we haven't seen tourists: because us seeing them would change the past.

1. Did you mean to say "Time machine" How would this be kept private? Sooner or later an "insider" would expose that it is possible.

2. What is stopping me from seeing these "travelers"?

Well, there's two possibilities for the effects of time travel (Either the past can be changed, or it can't), and each one has an explanation for why we have not seen travellers from the future.

If it CAN be changed:

1. If someone was intelligent enough to develop a method of time travel, and they tested it and proved the theory that allows for the past to be changed, then they would hopefully know enough to know what horrible things could be done. People could exploit it to a horrible extent, so either the person who created it would be smart enough to destroy it, or keep it under very, VERY tight security. It would be infinitely more powerful than the most destructive bomb we have, because it would be untraceable.

If it CAN'T be changed:

2. Well, obviously if the past can't be changed, then people of the future could not change their past by affecting our present. There's several reasons of how this would work:

1a. It's corny, unlikely and unprobable, but they're "hiding" from us. I don't think that's the correct reason, but it's possible.

1b. They can't reveal themselves because of Scythar's "tree" theory. We're progressing in a branch of the space-time continuum in which people from the future do not travel back in time, and if they do, that timeline branches off into a new branch of time.

As for what I meant by travelling into the past but not being able to change it, have any of you read the book or seen the movie Time Machine? If the theory of there being but one timeline is true, then you cannot change the past. Maybe you can travel back to it and live through it, but anything that you try to change will correct itself, through whatever means.

linkin90 If you can't change the past like your saying then it proves time travel is not possible. A person appearing in a time machine changes the past. If you can't change the past then that can't happen. So therefore you can't time travel.

If you're assuming that you can't change the past, then you can't have a person in your example change the past...

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