
Subject: Time Travel and other stuff.

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It's basically an application of the Chaos theory, or perhaps....

Read Isaac Asimov's Foundation books.

Harry Saldon, a character in those books, has created a thing called Psycho-History. It explains all the workings of the idea.... However, it also explains, in the later books, why it doesn't work, although the illusion of it working still exists.

The future is not written. But, it is just "simple" math, to calculate what is going to happen next. Then you just change various variables and parameters to affect the future (not change it, cause it hasn't happened yet).

It is the scientific counterpart of Theology's "free will" that God has granted humans.

Frank Herbert, and now Brian and Kevin, explains it with the Guild Navigators, the Mentat Emperor Paul Moad'dib Atreides and the God Emperor Leto Atreides II (the most prominent example).

The latter two see various futures with their presience, their precognitive omniscience.

It's not some magic or divine power that allows them to see futures. It's their evolved mind that does the calculations, that aforementioned "simple" math.

And as Leto II does, in order to achieve his Golden Path he simply enforces those variables and parameters to make that Golden Path come true.

He doesn't predict it, he strives and works for it, knowing the needed data and variables.
