
Subject: Time Travel and other stuff.

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Phoenix - AeonYou could model the Solar system but it would be incomplete, consider this, a rogue comet coming from outside the solar system would not be modeled, but coming in on the right trajectory it could have quite an impact on Earth.

One thing that does intrigue me is Asimov's theory of Psychohistory, essentially taking social and historical trends you could create a model of the general, not specific future of humanity. This is governed by certain laws, the knowledge of the prediction would change it's course, there are no major social or technological changes. The final law is that the subject remains constant, two things visited in his books are that psychohistory cannot deal with alien species as their social trends are unknown. The other is that a major change in evolution, such as a mutant with telepathic abilities being born, would destroy the prediction. The only real use is that a small group could use the prediction to make instrumental changes in order to create the preferred future. Given how unwieldy this science would be it would be virtually impossible to use it for non-altruistic reasons.

Ah damn, didn't see you posting that.

Anyway, what Harry Seldon tried to do was create a controllable environment. Whereas the rest of the old Empire crumbled and even the capital planet of it, once an industrial monolith, has "degraded" into a backwards rural world (seemingly without any importance), the protected planet, the Foundation, that he created continued to evolve based on Seldon's predictions and guidance of his Psychohistorical calculations, or so they thought.

Until the Mule came and plunged them as well, into war. The Mule, however, was not of the Foundation, cause his creation would have been, in theory at least, predictable by the Psychohistory. The Mule was from a completely different planet; the one where they all co-existed with their environment, all people gifted with telekinetic and telepathic powers (the one where that girlfriend of that senator came from - you know... when they had sex, he felt as if the entire planet was experiencing their joy). He was an outcast of that world, since he wasn't able to procreate, hence his name.... He came to the Foundation.

The Other Foundation, or the Second Foundation, I don't remember the exact name of it, was a secret society, an Illuminati like entity, that was based on that once capital world. They were the descendants of Harry's daughter/niece/aunt (I don't remember what she was to him), who herself had mental powers (Harry had his own, the fact that he was able to create Psychohistory shows that his mind was more evolved than most humans) and her mission was to find more people like her, to create that second foundation, to regulate and manipulate events to enforce Seldon's Psychohistory predictions of the first Foundation.
