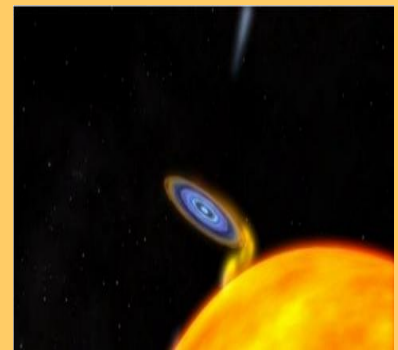




The Time Traveler

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Introduction

Wouldn't it be nice to travel back in time and right some wrongs that happened in our lives or someone else's life? What would you do? I can think of a few categories that folks think about when traveling back in time. Here they are:

1. Going back so you can use your knowledge of events in history to make a fortune. This was illustrated in the movie with Kurt Douglas, Final Countdown.
2. Maybe it would be to save a species that has long since become extinct. The Star Trek movie did this when Captain Kirk went back in time to capture and transport two humpback whales from the 19th century to the 24th century.
3. Maybe it would be to kill an adversary before he became a leader to of the freedom movement. This was done in a movie with Arnold Swartzenager where men from the future tried to kill a teen before he grew into a world leader and led the fight for freedom.
4. Maybe it is to bring a cure to a distant relative that died of a particular illness that is now curable.

I am sure you'll agree that there are probably a million and one reasons to travel back in time, some good and some not so good.

In any event, time travel has always fascinated me. One intelligent friend of mine explained time travel this way.

“If you could travel at twice the speed of light, you would leave your original destination, travel to your second destination and return back to the original spot...and actually see yourself going as you returned”

The faster you move, the slower time passes thereby keeping you young, as everyone else grows old.

We cannot go fast enough to create a time warp or build a ship to phase in and out of time. What we can do is take an imaginary journey into the realm of thought and relativity to achieve time travel.

So, where would you like to go? Maybe back or maybe forward. Since you didn't respond with your check for \$1000 and your destination, I guess I will have to select the time and place.

Now don't go telling folks that you are a time traveler, not yet. We will need to achieve *“Time-motion”* first. I'll explain that term later in our journey. Ok, I'll tell you now. It's not rocket science. Time-motion is movement through time. It could be from 5 am to 6 pm or 1912 to 2019.

The Incredible Journey

Are we ready? Get ready for an incredible journey as we depart for times way back when. We will rely on our own imaginations to propel us through times past and almost forgotten. We're going to a place where no one has ever been except God. We're going to go all the way back in time to the brink of creation.

Can you see it off in a distance as we travel back? Off to our left is WWII, now WWI. We just passed the revolutionary war. Come on folks; see it with me. Use your imaginations and what you can remember from history.

Now we are beyond the stars. They have not been made as yet. Here we go into total darkness. Don't panic. All is well. We have special permission to observe God's handiwork.

Well, here we are, in total darkness with no sound, no light, pure nothingness. It's like we just entered a big void. Wait a moment. God wants to tell you the story Himself. I will stand by and comment now and then.

Genesis Chapter One

King James Version

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Sometimes I feel that my life is without form and void. Does that happen to you." I guess, like in creation, the Spirit of God will have to move upon our lives to bring order out of chaos.

3 And God said, let there be light: and there was light.

Hey, look at that. There is no more darkness. If God can chase away the darkness, I guess He can shed some light on our lives so we can see our dreams and hopes again after so many years.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

I can see the light and the darkness now. Before, they were all mixed together and I wasn't sure of what I was seeing. Now I know inside of me.

It's like finally knowing, with absolute certainty, the difference between right and wrong. Things just become clear and you know that you know. Isn't this great?

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

So now we know where Night and Day came from. It wasn't evolution. It was God. He did it all.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

⁷ And God made the firmament, and divided the waters, which were under the firmament from the waters, which were above the firmament: and it was so.

⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Did you catch that? God stopped work on the earth to create heaven on the 2nd day.

⁹ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

¹⁰ And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

Sometimes the sea of heartache overflows its borders and invades our space. I am especially glad it see that God can separate the sea from dry land so we can dwell in peace.

¹¹ And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

¹² And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Did you notice that God said and it was done? Even the earth obeyed His command. The earth brought forth. That's cool.

¹³ And the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

*Look at that. God made signs in the heaven. The Bible says that God can be seen in His creation. **There are signs everywhere.** They all point to a creator, not a big bang.*

¹⁵ And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

¹⁶ And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

¹⁷ And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

¹⁸ And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

¹⁹ And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said; Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

Look at that. Again, God speaks and the waters bring forth. They obey His voice.

²¹ And God created great whales, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Man has the knowledge and skill to make things but he has no power to create from nothing. Only God can call it into existence. Only God can create.

²² And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

²³ And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creeps upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Ever wonder how God made the animals? He made them with specific functions and mannerisms that are different from each other. That's cool.

Creation could not be complete without man to rule over it. I am amazed at the detail and effort in creation. Look with me now to see how God made man.

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Some of us have lost the image and likeness of God. What we see is hate, envy, jealousy, and a lot of other evil immoral stuff. The news is full of it. But it was not that way in the beginning. We were made to be a reflection of God upon His earth. He is morally pure and wants to reveal His character

in us. (Galatians 5: tells us what that reflection is...Love, Joy, peace, Longsuffering, and a lot of other good stuff. There is not even a hint of murder, rape, spouse and child abuse or any other sick thing).

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

²⁹ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creeps upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

³¹ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

If God liked it, you got to know it was good. There was no shabby work done here. Note: It took only six days, not millions of years to create a habitat for man and He was pleased with it.

Why them do people deny the existence of God when He is seen in His creation so clearly? They would rather believe a theory man actually evolved. That rules God out as a creator and says that man has no real value. It doesn't make sense to me.

And on the seventh day God ended his work, which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work, which he had made. Genesis 2:2

I like this part the best. Can you see God resting from all His work, even from what's going on with you and me? His plan was completed way back then. He made provisions for everything and set in motion the cure, the money, the answer and anything else that might be needed to care for His children. If He can rest, so can I. We should rest in the finished work of God and thank Him for all that He has done.

It's Time

The End Of Time

Let's go forward into the future. How about going to the time when God destroys the heaven and the earth. All we have to do is see us there, at the end of time. Use your imagination to fuel your engines.

So, according to Matthew 24, here's what will happen as we draw closer and closer to the "Big Event" which is the end of all things. These are the signs of the times that tell us if we are really in the last days before Jesus comes back and whether or not we are fast approaching the end of days.

1. Many shall come on the scene saying, I am Christ;(or I am a Christian) and shall deceive many.
2. We will hear of wars and rumors of wars.
3. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
4. There will be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
5. Many will be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
6. Many false prophets will rise, and shall deceive many.
7. The love of many shall wax cold.
8. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the entire world for a witness unto all nations.
9. As the days of Noah were, so will be the days before Jesus returns.



After The Tribulation

These are prophetic revelations of what is about to happen but are scheduled on God's timeline for after the great tribulation.

1. The powers of the heavens shall be shaken.
2. The sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light.
3. The stars shall fall from heaven.
4. The sign of the Son of man in heaven.
5. The heavens being on fire shall be dissolved.
6. The elements shall melt with fervent heat.

Does your future look bright? It should because God's purpose in revealing His plans through the prophets and Jesus and His apostles is to increase our hope and strengthen our faith.

Peter said, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"

Because we know that the end of the world is at hand, we are sure to live in the light of that knowledge. That would be using holy conversation and seeking to walk in a Godly lifestyle. This is why we are pre-warned. God does not want us to be caught unaware.

Well, here we are at the end of days. Picture it with me. See through the eyes of the apostle John. This is truly the end of days or is it the beginning of something new?

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

What God created in Genesis, He destroys In Revelation. It was good when He created it but sin entered the hearts of men and their dominion over the earth turned from good to evil. Romans 5:12

And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.



Imagine standing on the new earth seeing the New Jerusalem coming down from a new heaven. Can you see it? I can. Plus, I see God Himself dwelling with mankind, face to face. How great is that?

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

If you are like me, you suffer pain in your body. You cry over a lot of things, some trivial and some heartbreaking. Life is hard some times and we all suffer under its oppression. How great is it to know that God will wipe away every tear and take away sorrow and death and crying? Those things lived in the old earth experience but now are passed away. They do not have any place in the new earth.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, write: for these words are true and faithful.” **Revelation 21:1-5**

God holds time in His hands. He can stop it, slow it down, speed it up and even bend it so it wraps around itself. We have God’s faithful promise that He will make all things new.

Somewhere In Time

Are we now ready to move on in time? Where shall we go? We’ve been to the beginning and the end of time, moving through it at the speed of our own imaginations and riding on the Word of God to be sure we arrive safely.

Close your eyes and see the stars passing by you on all sides. They are moving at the speed of light. Utooh! We are caught in a time distorting. We are reeling through space on a run away countdown. Hold on folks. Things might get a little rough.

OK! We starting to slow down but where are we? Our next destination is unknown to me. Do you know? Pray that God will reveal where we are now. Then shout it out so others will know.

It’s been my observation that most folks do not know where they are in time and where they are headed. They are just playing following the leader or blazing their own path with no final destination. Most of us don’t know why we are here at this moment in time, where we came from and where we are going. They just drift along and hope for the best.

I am here to tell you, according to the holy Bible, we are one step away from eternity. The end of days is at hand and the time is now for us to get our houses in order, our faith engaged and our sights on our divine destiny.

One Last Stop

Let’s go to one more place before returning to our own time. How about observing the days of Jesus when He was on the earth? We know by the journals of Josephus, a 1st century Roman historian, that Jesus did in fact live and was a real person. He commented in one of his books that Jesus went around doing good.

We also know, from the eyewitness testimonies of, not only His disciples but also over 500 followers that saw Him ascend into heaven after His resurrection, that He was indeed the Only Begotten Son of God. He was and still is totally man and totally God in one body, one form and one likeness. He said, to his disciple Philip...

“Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?” **John 14:9**

I can see Jesus healing the sick, casting out daemons, feeding over 5,000 at one time, turning water into wine, chasing the moneychangers out of the temple, riding a colt into Jerusalem as people laid down palm branches and shouted, “Hosanna”. Can you see Him walking on water as He came to the disciple’s boat on the Sea of Galilee? Can you see Him calming the storm that just about sank the boat He was in?

See Him talking to the woman at the well, calling Zaccheous down from a tree, getting in a boat and preaching to a crowd of folks on the shore. See Him being crucified on a Roman cross, killed by Roman soldiers but at the demands of religious leaders. See Him being raised from the dead conquering death, hell and the grave for us.

Jesus lived the life we could not live because of our sin. He also died the death we should have died because of sin. He rose from the dead and brought us with Him, forever to be with Him in Glory. Now that’s Good News.

Redeeming The Time

Here’s what Paul wrote to the Ephesians. “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, *redeeming the time*, because the days are evil.” **Ephesians 5:16-17**

It is interesting to note that by walking circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, we can actually redeem the time. The text goes on with verse 17-21. It states, “Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things

unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. **(Ephesians 5:19-20)**

Redemption

The word “Redeem”, according to Baker’s Bible dictionary, finds its context in the social, legal, and religious customs of the ancient world, the metaphor of redemption includes the ideas of loosing from a bond, setting free from captivity or slavery, buying back something lost or sold, exchanging something in one's possession for something possessed by another, and ransoming. Living for God and walking with Him redeems the time that we wasted away on foolish things or was stolen away by evil forces.

Conclusion

So, we are back now in our own time. No time warps, nothing but the truth. We are all racing through time towards life eternal or death and the lake of fire. The gate we enter into and the way we walk determines our final destination. Listen to what Jesus said...

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it” **Matthew 7:13-14**. Let us be among the few that find it and realize our full potential in Christ.

Thanks for taking this incredible journey with me. Please put you heads back on straight before you depart our time travel experience. Now is the time to live for Christ and prepare for His return. Why?... Because He is coming back for all that believe in Him. He is coming for those that are looking for His return. Until then, we “Watch & Pray.”

God Bless You All