

*Time doesn't exist. A ridiculous statement, you say. However, by the time you finish reading this, you just may be saying that "Time exists." is the ridiculous statement.*

## **Time as a perception**

I'm going to tell you how to stop time. You could do it today, if you had the resources. Just find the area (it could be your bedroom or the entire universe) that you want to have time stopped in and completely freeze every particle from movement. You have stopped time. There is no more time in this area. How is that possible? All you did was change a physical property of the matter. How could you control an intangible fabric of existence?

The answer is, in all likelihood, that time is nothing but a perception, an abstract concept invented by humans and used by the human mind. It's part of having an advanced brain with a good memory and the ability to make predictions.

It's very tricky to communicate anything without using time because it such a useful invention. The use of this concept is absolutely indispensable, but the way most people think about may not be entirely correct.

What does a clock do? Measure time? No! A clock measures the movement of its own hands, which more specifically is the movement of particles.

All that time is: a series of **events**, which more specifically is **the movement and function of particles** and every movement they have made and their function since the Big Bang until the present moment.

Time is how we perceive these events. Time really begins for us when we are old enough to have a good memory (age 2 perhaps). After that we piece together time (events happening before our first memories and what we predict will happen beyond this present moment) - for example, you weren't present for the Big Bang or the Earth's creation and do not remember your own birth, but you still assume that these things happened some "time" in the "past" and you predict that in the "future" (let's say "tomorrow") that you will be alive or at least that events will occur and matter will exist.

Time is a perception and most people's perception of time (a perception of a perception) is false. They believe it to be a physical entity or an energy, when really it is just events and particle movement, and the way we as humans and living, conscious beings perceive these events and movements.

## **Why time travel is impossible: the grandfather paradox**

Besides the fact that time as anything but a perception does not exist, one reason that time travel is impossible is time paradoxes. An example of a time paradox is the Grandfather Paradox:

Let's say you go back in time to visit your grandfather when he was young to see what he was like then. You talk to him at his doorstep just as he is leaving for a friend's house. As not to convince him you are insane by telling him you are his grandchild, you ask him a question just so you have a moment to talk to him and study his looks and voice. Perhaps you ask him where a particular street is. You delay him one minute on his journey to his friend's home.

Now, when walking down the road, your grandfather gets hit by a car and dies, a car he would have not encountered if he hadn't been delayed that one minute.

If your grandfather dies, then he never has a chance to meet your grandmother, and your mother couldn't possibly be born. If your mother isn't born, neither are you, and so that means you couldn't have gone back in time to speak with your grandfather, and if you didn't do that, then he didn't die, and you were born, in which case you went back in time, and your grandfather died, and you didn't go back in time, so he lived, so you did, and he died, so you didn't, and he lived, so you did, so you didn't, so you did, so you didn't, so did, so you didn't... This situation is called a "paradox," more specifically a "time paradox." Logically, a paradox cannot exist in the universe, so, consequently, time travel is impossible.

### **Why Time does not Exist**

Dr. James P. Siepmann has written an Editorial for the Journal of Theoretics which can be read at <http://www.journaloftheoretics.com/Editorials/Vol-3/e3-1.htm>.

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