

# "THE SPEED OF LIGHT & TIME TRAVEL," ~~AND TIME TRAVEL~~

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Light TRAVELS AT 186,000 MILES A SECOND.  
TRY THIS LITTLE SALTYISTIC EXPERIMENT;  
TAKE A GOOD FLASHLIGHT OUTSIDE SOME NIGHT.  
POINT IT UP TO THE STARS.

TURN THE BEAM ON - LEAVE IT ON FOR  
EXACTLY ONE SECOND - THEN TURN IT OFF.

WHAT HAVE YOU JUST CREATED?

THE IGNORANT THINK; NOTHING.

THE ENLIGHTENED KNOW OTHERWISE;

YOU JUST CREATED A BEAM OF LIGHT  
186,000 MILES LONG FLYING OFF INTO  
~~OUTER~~ OUTER SPACE AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT!

AND IT WILL CONTINUE FLYING OFF INTO  
SPACE AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT UNTILL IT

HITS SOMETHING, AN ASTEROID, A

PLANET, SOMETHING; IN ALL PROBABILITY  
THAT 186,000 MILE LONG BEAM OF LIGHT  
SENT OFF FROM YOUR FLASHLIGHT WILL

~~SIMPLY~~ CONTINUE ON ITS ~~LONG~~ JOURNEY  
THRU ~~OF~~ THE VACUUM OF SPACE FOR

HUNDREDS OR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

LONG, LONG AFTER YOU AND I AND

EVERYONE ALIVE TODAY ARE DEAD

AND FORGOTTEN; AND - UNTILL IT DOES

ACTUALLY HIT AN OBJECT, IT WILL →

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NEVER SLOW DOWN, EITHER; IT WILL CONTINUE TRAVELING AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT - SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

AND THAT'S JUST WITH A \$4.95 FLASHLIGHT!

GO OUT AND TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE STARS SOME NIGHT (THIS IS BEST DONE OUT IN THE COUNTRY, OUT IN SOME REALLY RURAL AREA) SEE ALL THE STARS?

YOU KNOW HOW CLOSE THE NEAREST STAR IS?

IT'S ALPHA CENTARI, AND ITS 4.6 LIGHT YEARS FROM EARTH; THAT (NEAREST)

STAR (THE STARS ARE ACTUALLY OTHER SUNS)

IT COULD HAVE BLOWN UP 3 YEARS AGO BUT WE WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW IT YET OR BE

ABLE TO SEE IT BLOW UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND A HALF; THAT'S HOW FAR AWAY

ALPHA CENTARI IS, AND IT'S THE CLOSEST STAR TO US. TO EARTH. THINK ABOUT THAT.

YOU SEE; WHEN YOU LOOK OUT ~~into~~ UPON THE STARS AT NIGHT YOU ARE ACTUALLY LOOKING BACK INTO TIME

ITSELF; YOU ARE SEEING - FOR INSTANCE -

ALPHA CENTARI AS IT WAS 4.6 YEARS AGO!

~~THE~~ THE OTHER STARS, HOW THEY ONCE LOOKED 10 OR 20 OR 100 YEARS AGO.

WITH TELESCOPES - OF COURSE -



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WE CAN SEE BACK IN TIME EVEN FURTHER.  
SO TIME TRAVELING BACK INTO TIME  
IS NOT SCIENCE FICTION, OR SOME THEORY,  
IT IS A KNOWN SCIENTIFIC FACT; AT LEAST  
IN SO FAR AS BEING ABLE TO SEE BACK IN  
TIME DECADES OR HUNDREDS OR THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS; YOU HAVE DONE SO YOURSELF  
COUNTLESS TIMES AND MAY NOT HAVE EVEN  
BEEN AWARE OF IT. NOW, YOU ALL ARE.  
THOSE READING THESE WORDS ARE, AT ANY RATE,  
TIME TRAVELERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!  
WE CAN SEE THE PAST, SHAPE THE PRESENT,  
AND MAKE THE FUTURE ANYTHING WE ~~WANT~~  
WANT ~~IT~~ IT TO BE - IF WE SO WILL IT TO BE.  
THIS IS THE SECRET "THEY" DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW!  
THAT - TOGETHER - TIME ITSELF CAN BE  
MANIPULATED BY US AS A RESOURCE,  
AN ETERNALLY RENEWABLE RESOURCE.  
THE WORLD CHANGED FOREVER AND FOR ALL  
TIME BACK IN THE YEAR 1945 - WHEN  
HUMAN KIND FIRST HARNESSSED THE SAME  
POWER AS OUR SUN,  
~~25 YEARS AFTER~~ 25 YEARS AFTER THAT MAN  
WAS HITTING GOLF BALLS UP ON THE MOON!  
ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING IS NOT JUST POSSIBLE  
BUT ABSOLUTELY DO-ABLE (THAT'S THE BIG SECRET!)  
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