

## What history can tell us about the future and the Possible worlds that it brings

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In response to the question are possible worlds really 'real'? I have no doubt in my mind that there are different worlds. If we have choice then we have different worlds. Let me explain; every time a story is told the listeners are brought to a different world, they are mere ghost to the characters of that realm unable to interact, with the people, landscape or anything around them, they are unseen by those in the story. The silent observers of that different world. When one looks back in to history one sees what has already come to be and cannot can that, but if one does not learn the mistakes of history then one is bound to repeat them.

### The Different Worlds of the Mind

I want you to picture this in your mind really focus on these next three sentences. Imagine an apple on a table in front of you a green granny smith; see yourself picking that apple up off the table; feel the weight of the apple in your hand; see the shiny green flesh; bring that apple to your lips; smell the sweet freshness of that apple; now take a bite of that apple let your teeth rack across the skin of the apple; feel the skin give way; smell the sweet juices unlocked taste the burst of juice as it sprays against your tongue hear the snap of the fresh fruit giving way. I just invoked all five of your sense in this short bit, you are more than likely salivating at this point. Why is that? Science tells us that the five senses are interpreted by the brain and this is what gives us our sense of reality (Cohen 2013). Science also says that things that are watched, read, talked about anything that is imagined, lights up in the brain the same way that performing that action does (2013). The same cells light up when you imagine biting in to a granny smith as when you actually eat an apple. I have just created different world for you one in which you had a bite of a granny smith apple.

## The Road Not Taken

There is the classic poem by Robert Frost entitled the road not taken, readers of the poem know that he talks about staring down two paths in a yellow woods, looking down each path as far as he can. In the end he takes the path less traveled sorry that he could not take both. What if he could take both paths? With different worlds he could take the path well-traveled and the one not so well traveled. Some history classes will ask their students to pick a significant point in history and change something and ask them to predict the ramifications of that change, this is at least in the minds of the students and teacher creating a different world.

## The Science Behind it

In physics, (let's face it the world is defined by physics) Physicists talk about many things including the potential energy that an object has, and then the kinetic or realized energy of the object. When that object moves from the potential to the realized. The imagined path of the potential movement of that object, and the forces that will interfere with the object. Every day to simplify experiments variables are eliminated or reduced to such a point to be insignificant. By removing these variables a different world is being created in the lab. Scientists have to imagine these different worlds also what happens if the kinetic energy of the object is never realized? What if all of the known forces acting against the object have been eliminated or accounted for and the potential energy is greater than the kinetic. These questions create different worlds.

## The Other Side of the World

Let us look at this from another perspective for the sake of argument there are no different worlds. If different worlds are eliminated from the plausible, what happens then? If different worlds are eliminated then free choice must also be eliminated. The prospect of different worlds brings with it dreams, dreams of a better life a better future; the possibility to do

something different, and free will. Most of life can be defined by math and science and what can't be defined today will be definable tomorrow. In math there must be balance for an equation to be valid. If there is a possibility of yes then there must also be a possibility of no.

### Doubt of the yet Achieved

Not even 50 years ago was the first cell phone call made (Foxnews.com 2013); if you would of asked someone to believe that you can carry a phone, let alone a computer in your pocket they would have looked at you like you were crazy and wondering if they missed hearing that a dangerous mental patient escaped from the local mental hospital, now if you don't have a phone in your pocket you are looked at strange. In 1903 the wright brothers made their first powered flight (Museum N. D.) They were told things like if men were meant to fly then we would have wings. In 1895 H.G. Wells released the final version of the time machine (Hammond 2004). "Just because they say it is impossible doesn't mean you can't do it" - Joseph Michael. Other worlds are real, just like in the story, in may take 50, 100, 200 years to build a machine to prove it but they are real.

### Conclusion

Without different worlds things that are taken for granted everyday statistics, (e.g. the chance that a family member will roll a Yahtzee); dreams for a better or different life, and even logic trees would no longer be valid. Test would be invalid without the choice of answers. There are different worlds I have shown three different examples of different worlds, (external influence – through stories, internal influence – through personal imagination, and the simplification of the world – through scientific experimentation), seen in this realm and who knows what tomorrow will bring and what other different worlds with it.

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