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Greetings All,

"robert j. kolker" <nowhere@nowhere.net> wrote in message news:<30bp1pF2ubmjmU1@uni-berlin.de>...

> *William C Colley wrote:*

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> > *fade away. We'd better be interstellar long before then or we're all*

> > *just dust and ash again.*

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> *It ain't going to happen. There is no practical way to travel near light*

> *speed, let alone greater than light speed. We are doomed to extinction.*

> *And even if we could travel at light speed, the universe is going to*

> *cool of and die anyway. In either case we are doomed. It is simply a*

> *matter of sooner or later.*

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Entropy does seem to be the eventual determinant in the long-term outcome of the universe, but I'm not convinced that we know enough to rule out alternative, more exotic scenarios than an always-increasing rate of expansion and eventual eternal darkness.

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> *The clock is ticking. My bet is we will not make to to five million*

> *years from present time, let alone five billion. If we do not kill*

> *ourselves off a large asteroid will do it for us.*

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At this point 5 million years sounds pretty good for the species. I'd settle for that much myself if I could be comfortable and autonomous and free to explore. Why I could actually witness some real geological goings on if I could last 5 million years.

William C Colley