Re: The HP Way

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On Tue, 12 Sep 2006 12:43:24 +0200, David Brown
<david@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

> You wouldn't hire someone who thought warp drives would be invented
> within the next five years either − even if you don't like people saying
> things are impossible.

There's nothing wrong with conjecturing the impossible, and indeed I encourage it. A good engineer will explore all sorts of weird branches and goofy dead ends before he settles on a design. If he's a good engineer, he will in the end pick the best design that's possible.
It's the amateurs and the dreamers who don't have the analytic tools to separate the practical choices from the impractical. And it's the duds who miss the possibilities. Lots of very smart people are duds.

John

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