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- *From:* "Williamknowsbest" <[William.Mook@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:William.Mook@xxxxxxxxxx)>
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On Mar 18, 12:34 pm, "Greg D. Moore \(\Strider\)"  
<[mooregr\\_deletet...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:mooregr_deletet...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

"Christopher" <[aue...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:aue...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message

[news:ftmqv2hgnanhkd4qpf6nint7e5j1guo5h@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:ftmqv2hgnanhkd4qpf6nint7e5j1guo5h@xxxxxxxxxx)

On 18 Mar 2007 00:17:24 -0700, "Williamknowsbest"  
<[William.M...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:William.M...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

If you had a time telephone who would you call?

Someone next week to tell me the winning numbers of the next euro lottery.

So you could split the prize with 64 million other winners?

Hardly seems worth the effort.

Which reveals the wastefulness of lotteries – that's worth the service right there – a tax on the foolish or the statistically naive.

Sending information through time about stock winners would also be interesting. Money would flow away from losers to winners and successful investment capital would be more quickly rewarded. Increasing overall wealth.

No, I'd spend my efforts alerting the police to an assassination attempt on the

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inventor because the first thing the criminal element would want to do is to steal the ideas and machines and then murder the inventor so they had sole access to it.

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Stopping crime is another version of the grandfather paradox. Someone breaks in my house and robs me. Cops identify the miscreants and send a signal back in time and arrest the fellows as they step in the front door. There was a movie like this with Tom Cruise – that would be a huge benefit. Minority Report – they used ESP not time telephones.

Terror attacks, IEDs, military attacks, could all be prevented before they happened. Which would be awesome. Though philisophically problematical. But that's true with other aspects of quantum theory as well.

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