

# Re: Time telephone

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On Mar 18, 5:42 pm, "Greg D. Moore \(\Strider\)"  
<[mooregr\\_deletet...@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:mooregr_deletet...@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

You assume wrongly that trading stocks is very much like playing the lottery. There are fundamental things that are going on that make investing in stocks different than playing the lottery. The ability of a company to earn profits for example. People would tend to quickly invest in companies that earned profits and avoid those that did not earn profits.

Umm, no I don't assume any such thing. What I assume is that when people all have access to the same information, they will tend to react the same way.

We're just changing when they know this information.

As for a company that earned profits, that's only because it performed better. But if I know why or how it performed better I can do many actions, including calling my former self and having them sell short (if the company will go down) or change its marketing to perform better, etc.

And I can sell short, so can everyone else, and pretty soon no one is there to buy. Before you know it, that stock stops trading.

Now assume you know what company is going to do better. You decide to buy the stock from me. However, I also have knowledge of the future and know that they'll do even better NEXT quarter, so I hold onto the stock longer and you can't buy it now.

Basically the perfect knowledge of the future locks it into place.

To the extent it is unknown which company will actually earn profits

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stock market can look a lot like a lottery. But to the extent it can be known that companies will earn profits and what those profits will be would benefit investors.

Except it won't. Since I can call back and change the future, there's no guarantee that the company will do as well as originally predicted.

basically it wouldn't change a thing since ultimately everyone would have access to the same information, basically the status quo.

Again, your assumption is wrong. Some companies like GE actually create wealth, other companies like Enron, do not. So, to the extent money is NOT invested in Enron and invested in GE everyone benefits.

Irrelevant.

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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Until the terrorists watch the cops spring their time trap and call their associates and tell them to show up 15 minutes earlier and ambush the policy.

Assuming the terrorists have access to time telephones – this creates many paradoxes – the police would of course respond. So, what determines the outcome? The terrorists live in a world where they prevail always, the cops live in a world they prevail always – and there is peace in both worlds.

Or that the future isn't what it once was and we're back to being unable to predict it.

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