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Re: Kent Jeffrey and his worldview

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> >I very much agree with these assessments of Kent's assumptions. It's an
> >oxymoron to imply that aliens sufficiently evolved to have traveled from
> >there to here, and who could be tens of thousands of years farther along
> >in their civilization than we are, would be constrained by the laws of
> >physics governing time and space as we 20th-century humans understand
> >those laws!

> > Jim Deardorff

> Dear Jim et al,

> Then it's an equal oxymoron to assume that their superior, superduper
> spaceship would have come so completely apart after an encounter with a
> terrestrial thunderstorm. After all, if you're not "constrained by the laws
> of physics governing time and space as we 20th-century humans understand
> [them]," then why bother crashing in the first place? Eh? Or did they run
> head-on into some some 21st century laws of phsysics and time we just don't
> know about yet?

> Just curious.

Dennis and any others,

Perhaps the caveman analogy will help. A scientist who has just discovered the secret of time travel treats an anthropologist friend to a trip back in time, and they whisk a caveman of 15,000 years ago away and bring him back into our own time. Then they treat him to some of our own culture, including automobile rides, during which time they happen to drive by a couple of auto crash sites. Later they return him so as to avoid any serious time paradox.

Can you guess the rest? After the caveman returns and grunts out his story to others, who can't believe him and all the marvels and things he described, their wise one asks him, "How come some of these super-duper vehicles of the future crash, even killing their riders? Eh?"

I for one do not wish to assume that aliens never make mistakes of judgment, or have absolutely fool-proof vehicles. Nor would I necessarily assume that it was a thunderstorm that brought it down. Any such flat-out

assumption makes no more sense than assuming that science & technology don't keep developing past one's own era.

Jim

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