

PARABOLOID TIME CAPSULES - A HELPFUL MESSAGE TO THE FUTURE

A cast 1.5 m diameter borosilicate glass deep focus paraboloid (3D parabola) of the equation $y = 4x^2$ would be more durable, useful and multi-purposed than the "old school" Coca Cola bottle from The gods Must Be Crazy!" ... AND ... would be capable of lasting for more than 1 million years; enabling US to send technological assistance to mankind in the distant future. The concave side should be surfaced with grade 8 mirror finished corrosive resistant stainless steel or iridium. The convex surface of each paraboloid should be festooned with a display of cast stick figure universal language messages depicting the myriad of functions implicit in a paraboloid including: Solar Cooking, Water Pasteurization, Flame Ignition, Shelters, Shields, Wash Tubs, Flood Lights/Spot Lights, Satellite Telecommunication, Radio Astronomy, and Optical Telescopes, etc.

By widely disseminating a sufficient number of them to villages and refugee camps where they are needed most through out the non-industrialized world, (where they would be used as templates for crafters to fashion millions of ceramic and woven basket paraboloids of similar shape and size), a few would make it into the very distant future many thousands of years hence, to be found by future archaeologists who would discover among the stick figure messages of knowledge and wisdom, a star map like the pulsar map on Voyager, and with it an inscription depicting the message ... We Were Here! Sorry About The Mess We Made Of The Earth! And ... Do Not Attempt To Dig Up The Nuclear Waste Depositories!

If time travel has been perfected by then, around the time when that a critically sufficient number of such paraboloid time capsules (if joined aperture to aperture to protect the inner surface mirror finish), have been created and disseminated, archaeologists traveling back to us in paraboloid shaped warp drive spaceship/time machines could begin appearing in the sky over the approximate locations where the paraboloids were discovered in the future ... like Bruce Willis in the movie 12 Monkeys. However, as with Seti Safety Protocols, these paraboloids should not be sent to the future except as a desperate measure because we can't be sure that it would not merely be found by creatures like the Morlock, the Borg, or the Krill ... interstellar conquistadors; not unlike ourselves. But, given that Lawrence Krauss and Scientists For Social Responsibility have set the Doomsday Clock at two minutes to midnight ... this could be the right time to carry out this effort.

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