

What it means to be a Master of Space – the FAQ

1. Wait, what do you mean “A master of space and time”? Is there more than one master?

As a member of the BOAR (Bureau Of All Reality) I am responsible for the entire space-time continuum for this galaxy, in this "dimension". Well, most of the galaxy, anyway. I'll let you in on a secret; the center of the galaxy is a really big black hole. Time and space are so messed up there anyway I just don't bother with it.

There are many other Masters of Space and Time (MoST) out there, I rarely encounter any of them though – we're too busy to socialize much. I suspect my friend Jeanne's cat is a MoST, based on the cat's ability to teleport through a closed closet door, but the cat ain't talking.

2. Is it a lot of work?

There's a lot of responsibility, but not much actual work. Reality usually sorts stuff out without my intervention. I usually get involved with time quakes, spatial ruptures, and the occasional cosmic imbalance.

3. What's the pay like?

We don't actually get paid. I mean, do you know how many currencies there are in the universe? It's not like there's an other-dimensional Fort Knox out there (and yes, I know, there's no gold in Fort Knox anymore). It's more like a sacred duty than an actual job.

4. Are there any perks?

Yesterday I took a 3 week long lunch break. Learned how to surf. It was great.

5. Can you help me with my vacation?

Ummm...yes, but we need to work things out in advance. My own timeline is well protected, but other people suffer a sort of time-lag (like jet lag only much worse) if they aren't prepared. Plus, there are permits required and log needs to be kept.

The safest and most common way is to pull from your own past, extract a few minutes of time from when you were sleeping each night. It's time you wouldn't miss anyway. Gather up and extract enough of these – then move them to a lunch hour and you too can learn to surf.

It's also possible to gather and extract from OTHER people's personal timeline, but I only do that in emergencies. You'd pretty much have to bribe me.

6. If you're the Master of Space and Time, can't you fix the leap year thing?

All right, look, I made one simple mistake and now people won't leave me alone. I made a tiny error in my math and now the earth doesn't revolve like it used to. It would be an even bigger mess to straighten it out. What? You want me to try it again? How about 6 more extra weeks of winter? Didn't think so.

I am not responsible for the BC to AD thing or the time-zone / daylight savings time fiasco. And I'm not cleaning up after somebody else's mess. Damn tourists!

7. Can you do any tricks?

Of course I can, I'm a freaking Master of Space and Time. Problem is, you wouldn't be able to notice.

Example: I've artifically aged people that pissed me off. It's a lot of work, but really rewarding to see some "29 and holding" wanker suddenly be 35. They (and everyone else) won't notice it since I've done all the work in the past – from their perspective, they've always had that new life – it just started earlier from my perspective.

8. Got any stock tips for me?

Sorry, the SEC is wise to you. It's called "Extra-dimensional Outsider Trading" – and you wouldn't believe the fines you'll face if caught doing it. Oh, and that whole "Futures Trading" – don't get mixed up in that. It's messy.

9. Will I get fat when I'm older?

Yes – I've checked.

10. When will the world end?

When I'm finished with it. Actually, it's a more complicated question than you might think.

- a. Total destruction of the planet – you've got a while.
- b. End of civilization – you missed it. Even see the Jerry Springer Show? Nuff said.

So, it really depends on your definition of "end of the world"

11. How do I become a Master of Space and Time?

Well, you can't. There's only one assigned per section and I'm it for this one. If you're visiting here from some other dimension, check with your local "Pan-Dimensional Travel" office. They should have some brochures on the counter. A lot of "Control Reality!" and "Save Time in a big way!" bullcrap.

12. What happens if you mess up?

Let's just say it's bad. There are "fines" and penalties. For example, I used to be a lot taller until the Leap Year incident. Really, that wasn't that bad. I've heard stories. Ever been turned inside out? It's not pretty to hear about, less pretty to see, and really bad to have it happen to you. Let's not talk about it anymore.

13. Are you immortal?

Look me up in 250 years and we'll talk.