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On Being Stuck in Time

Our manifest image of time adds a whoosh to time that you won't find in physics. What I call the whoosh of time is a set of features common to the manifest image of time, namely, a distinguished Now, a Flow, and Privileged Direction. According to Carnap, Einstein worried that science would forever be incomplete, as it misses out on this whoosh. Carnap, by contrast, felt that "the peculiarities of man's experiences with respect to time...can be described and (in principle) explained in psychology." In developing this Carnapian response, I'll try to show why creatures like us would add a whoosh to time. In particular, by appealing to a mix of physics, cognitive science and philosophy, I'll explain why we feel locked in the Now but not the Here. Time permitting, I'll also tackle the question of why we care so differently about past and future events.

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