

# Discussion of Inconsistencies in the Star Trek Chronology

## **Danon and the Furies**

The Danon of Devil World are described as being analogous to Terran descriptions of the devil. This is similar to the descriptions of the numerous races of the Furies, who were the basis of legendary creatures reported by numerous civilizations of the Alpha Quadrant. The Danons are also described as once having a civilization that spanned half the galaxy, and having visited Earth (TOS: DW, 133), which is very similar to the description that once the Furies held dominions over a great area of space in the Alpha and Beta Quadrants. This lends a good deal of credence to the theory that the Danon are a dying subrace of the Furies.

However, the defeat of the Furies as a whole and the Dqaanon appear to be separate events. The Furies, attacked by the Unclean, suffer massive defeats and eventually are caught in the Bajoran wormhole and deposited halfway across the galaxy (V: 9, 3). The Danons are defeated by the Torgas after a war that lasts several thousand years (TOS: DW, 134). From these conflicting descriptions, I would argue that surmise that if the Danons are a Fury subrace, they were left behind in the Alpha and Beta Quadrants following the destruction of both the Fury and UnClean fleets. Possibly they served as a servitor race that tended the colonies of the Furies and so subsequently were left on-planet when the fleets were destroyed. Although possessing a vast territory, this would leave them with a small number of ships and easy pickings for the expansionistic Torgas.

## **Federation Economy**

In Star Trek: Preserver, Spock explains that the central worlds of the Federation moved away from a money-based economy. This lends credence to other theories that this was a gradual shift during the history of TOS and TNG and that some of the Federation still employs money (ST: P)

## **Federation Size**

By the 2370's, the Federation is comprised of some 150 members. Counting colony worlds, this includes some 15,000 planets (ST: P, 21).

## **Five-Year Missions**

In Star Trek: Preserver, McCoy refers to a mission that took place during the second five-year mission (ST: P, 133).

## **Klingon Appearance**

In Rules of Engagement (TOS:48), Kasak recalls that Koloth's ship was crewed mostly by human fusions, and that Imperial race Klingons in the crew were often singled out for harsher punishment as they above all else 'should have known better'. This indicates that Imperial race Klingons are considered to be a superior being to the smooth skinned Klingons (TOS: 48, 43).

## **Klingon Empire**

The Radu, an offshoot of the Klingon race, colonized their planet millennia ago (TOS:27, 118). According to Pawns and Symbols, Tahrn is the heart of the Klingon Empire and the home of the Imperial Court in the 2260's (TOS: 26, 54). Kang was slated to be the next Emperor (TOS: 26, 64). In the 2260s, the Klingon Emperor was not the sole ruler of the Empire; rather, he was the leader of a group of equals on several planets within the Empire. Second in rank was the Regent of Peneli (TOS: 26, 66).

## **Romulan Commander**

Dwellers in the Crucible establishes that the commander is high in the Praetor's favor (TOS: 25, 224)

## **Romulan War / Founding of the Federation**

In The Romulan Way, the Romulan War is said to last twenty-five years, from 2160-2185. This supports the dates of the war listed in the "Great Starship Race". The war ended when Vulcan joined the Federation and Vulcan ambassador Sarek urged Starfleet to sue for peace, sometime around 2185 (TOS: 35). Based on the TNG episode "Sarek", this seems unfeasible as Sarek would have been in his early twenties at his point, far too young to be Vulcan's Ambassador to Earth.

Star Trek Preserver also reinforces the 2160 date for the Romulan War, and that the end of the war was the beginning of the Federation. It places the date of these events as two hundred years in the past (circa 2170) (127). However, the narrative says the Romulan War lasted for only four years (127), and that an earlier war with the Vulcans lasted nearly 100 years.

Star Trek: Preserver indicates the Federation was formed nearly 100 years after First contact between the Vulcans and Earth (ST: P, 127)

## **Starbase 12**

In Ishmael, Starbase 12 is described as an asteroid base created by the Karsid empire for conducting observations of the Tau Eridani Cloud. In Mindshadow, Starbase 12 is described as a planet composed of a desert and a harsh atmosphere, where air support domes form the habitable parts of the starbase.

## **Vulcans in Starfleet**

Vulcan's Glory refers to an accelerated course load for Vulcans in the academy (TOS: 44, 37) and to several Vulcans assigned to Pike's Enterprise. However, in Mindshadow, Spock is referred by Elliott Tindall to be the sole Vulcan in Starfleet. McCoy refers to Spock as being the first Vulcan in Starfleet in Star Trek: Preserver (127)

Were most Vulcans reassigned to the Intrepid prior to its destruction? Did many Vulcans elect to leave Starfleet, or at least active starship duty, for a period due to some event?

## **Vulcan Reformation**

Devil's Heart places Surak's Reformation as taking place somewhere between 5000 and 0 BC (TNG: DH, 111). In Vulcan's Glory, Spock places the point at which Vulcan renounced war as being 3,000 year ago, which would place the event in or about -1,000 BC (TOS: 44, 77). Star Trek Preserver refers to the date of the Reformation (Time of Awakening), as being 2,000 years ago, about 370 AD. Way of the Romulan gives a fixed date for the beginning of the Reformation of 21 B.C. and intimates that the Reformation took several hundred years to occur. (TOS: 35, 42)

## **World War III**

Data states the nuclear war was two years before 2063 in Star Trek: First Contact. Cochrane refers to it as starting ten years previousy, in 2053 (ST: P, 355).

## **Zefram Cochrane's First Flight**

When Kirk is confronted with a holographic simulation of the Borg bombardment of Cochrane's Montana complex, he reacts with confusion, as he believes these events 'never happened' (ST: P, 352). Is this because this event never occurred in his timeline, or is it because the event was never recorded by history? Based on the

reactions of the people of Cochrane's complex, such orbital bombardments had occurred in the past, s it might have been seen as a non-event.