

"Backs to the future"

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James Machin — 13 Jun 2006, 11:02

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Jeff Wilson — 15 Jun 2006, 04:33 · in reply to James Machin

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Transient — 15 Jun 2006, 13:11 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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I think this is more in Skinner's area, myself. Certainly Greeks and Romans were conditioned to see the past as a place of glory and names forever remembered, with the future a mysterious, unseen place from which fate and misfortune could strike unforeseen, as if stabbing from behind.

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brunians at brunians.org — 06 Jul 2006, 15:44 · in reply to James Machin

It makes perfect sense once you think of it.

We can see the past, and we cannot see the future. Might as well have our backs to it.

josh

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