

## *Pennyworth philosophy*

### **FUTURES**

Any event or action in the present is due to change the shape of things in the future. Thus, countless **futures** are rooted in the present. But, there is only one **past**. This in spite of innumerable historical arguments and disputes as to what actually has happened, how, where, and when. The "Rashumon" character of human memory doesn't matter. The real truth is that the past is only one and its time span gets ever longer as it is pushing against the **present** which itself is only an immeasurable instant dividing the past from the futures. We can influence the future, shape it, to a degree, but even 1,000 historians and politicians cannot change the past, though they often try. The past is absolute. What happened - happened, whether we know, like, accept, agree, or not.

The present is the instant, running along the **time**, in which all futures branch off each other. As the past is pushing the present forwards in time along one of them, countless futures melt into nothingness, while others emerge. Thus, there is always a flock of possible futures crowding at the present.

Another way of looking at the process of turning future into past is imagining the present as a funnel which is scooping all the futures and moulding them into a single past. But, who cares?