

David,

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This is the 2nd or 3rd letter I've started. I'll send them all. Reading back 2 letters: I think "break" would be a better word than "crisis" — viz. the apple-tree, etc — as you say "crisis of intuition, ~~an~~ intuition there might be a crisis?" —

Can we say that what we are concerned with here is different from science?

This intuitional break occurs thoroughly imbedded in mundane praxis: one pattern of mundane activity is subscribed for another. Part of the world for another part.

subscribed: becomes notation for another. Such notation ~~is~~ ^{seems to be} powered by the catenation of uncertainties.

There may have been 3 or 4 dramatic sets. I think drama is the right word. I have recalled 2: I believe there was at least a third.

Is this the most primitive notation (language)? It also seems that the effort to establish one ever-predominant set is Monothéism. ^{relate to} Whenever you see a rainbow you may see 2 or 3. One is always brightest.

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In science, we create the notation: we set ourselves against the uncertainty: "we" have a language.

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In an intuitional break, the correspondence suddenly feels right. ~~One~~ One is awe-struck.

One is a the presence of some sort.

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I don't think the fact of language is any surer in one than the other, nor the communicability. There may be a continuum between science and poetry. If they can be separated, they can be translated?

Is it possible to engineer the catenation of uncertainties? Intuition breaks seem to intrude occasionally. ~~Can one go about~~ We can imagine going about listening for them.

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Three things on my list of future things to do:

1. bicycle around the U.S.A.
2. emigrate to Australia
3. try the Peace Corps
4. hike ⁱⁿ to Death Valley when I'm an old man.

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a person could walk on the beach imagining bottle caps to be ^(future) space ships, and gather them into a trashcan imagining this to be the computer that becomes filled with their information from other galaxies, but to put one in his pocket and take it home for some reason would be extravagant, unless he owned a useful bottle to match. A philosophy of trash would seem more appropriate here than a philosophy of ethics of galactic visitors.

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Your question is a good one: crisis of ~~an~~ intuition, or intuition there might be a crisis?

I think you are right about school. I think it would lead to rewarding intellectual speculation. I think I could tolerate it. I think it would drive me raving bananas. In fact, I know it would. I know it even with my eyes closed!

I am still not sure a political scientist is the one I ought to talk to - about the Peace Corps - I should probably talk to a gardener. Is this funny? A grungy one preferably, probably not one with an A.S. in landscaping science.

You are right about Marx & Freud & Sartre. What did they ever do anyway? Sartre: words.

I can't think what your 'change of consciousness' is. I'm still not sure what law is.

(Phe)
Change-of-consciousness: What's it like to be a rock being skipped? What sort of questions does it ask? How are those questions different from the earlier outlook?

I still haven't figured out whether pissing on the ground around trees in winter burns their roots, but I have a good idea of who to ask and will report.

Baristers are probably as much like parsons as carpenters

You are noble, David.

I liked that bit about the bottles. The whole letter was amazing & I'm sending it to Penny.

Above, that bizness about rock shipping is an acorn among barnacles.

Why the Peace Corps? I have visions of being reduced by natives.

Why Australia? Because it's the sort of place I would go if I thought it were important to look for an environmental/physical Shangri-la. Because the surf's good, the sounds are small (I've got all this information from the consulate in L.A. and my sister and I have been poring over it) there's no smog, the government system is possibly better than the American. And why not look for a Shangri-la? Independent Study Continuity is the utopia you do by yourself. It's not that I'll meet other David Kronemyers and Sara Tisser over there, but I'll always be able to carry on imaginary conversations with you, fuck Sara and the blankets if I'm ever again so inclined, etc.

How would I ever get over there? It's illegal to work for money if you're a tourist. Applying for a residence visa would be difficult with the bad discharge perhaps - it requires a personal interview. They might pay for the voyage. Otherwise I'd go by merchant marine: my economic ethics are such that I wouldn't spend \$400 for air fare there, when there's a fairly good country I'm in right now that can still be patched up.

How do you want to live? Where? Can you give tolerance limits 0-10 mi from ocean, annual mean temp 65°, etc? Are those things as irrelevant as income \$? Is community the main thing? How?

Jane, Ellen, Amy, Ann, Mary, Martha, John, Tom, Julia,

William Emerson was a deep
Jeremy, Patty, and Mark have a ^{shouter} ~~certain amount~~ ^{lot} of social consciousness. I was talking to Martha on the phone & she said Patty & Dan were trying to move to San Diego, why? Because there just isn't much happening up there; "politically, etc." - "Oh, you mean scientific research," that's what I'll say next time. I also promise to earnestly pray & just freak my parents out next time, if my sapphire ^{will}

cooperate.

It's a no-why book because it's full of how's?
and what's ~~what's~~?

Money; mankind's greatest experiment concerning
the existence of God?

Both Australia & Peace Corps have been economically
precipitated. Also considering smog, congestion, surf.

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As to grouping ethical propositions in kinds like apples
and ravens - sure! In my Total I had a page
for household, a page for economist, and so on.

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Created the most amazing loaf of bread out of grungy
spoiled yogurt / sour milk & molasses etc, chia -

Is law a primitive form of ethics?

Which is the root form of the ethical question:

1) How would you? —

2) How do you? —

3) How does one? —

Are lawyers more significant to the dialogue of the
law than anyone else? My guess is no: anyone
who desires may wrestle with the bull; such is the
nature of dialogue. Same with architecture.
Yet ... like water, one evaporates into prayer.

Have you read Ivan Illich and Everett Reimer? They are
the best critics of school right now.

I have decided to participate in a permanent imaginary seminar on everything.

Words funny.

Mike

P.S. Planning to return to America in 2031: let's plan that Sierra Trek for the summer of 2032 or 33. OK?