

David,

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Does the following dialogue make any sense in terms of that calculus of possibilities you were talking about?

— questions —

Does it make any more sense to 'vote' who you want to be Governor than to 'vote' what kind of a person David Kronemyer or Mike Fellows should be?

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MIKE: Does it make any difference in the long run whether A or B (candidates) becomes Governor?

HUGH: Yes.

MIKE: Why?

HUGH: Because of differences in ability.

MIKE: Does it make any more sense to 'vote' who you want to be Governor than to 'vote' what kind of person <sup>(Hugh Fellows or Mike Fellows)</sup> you want to ~~that~~ should be?

HUGH: I don't understand what you mean.

MIKE: What kind of ~~abilities~~ abilities does it take to be Governor? What kind of abilities does it take to be Hugh Fellows or Mike Fellows?

HUGH: It depends on what you're doing.

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### "Calculus of Possibilities"

— The problem is whether any significantly different possibilities can be distinguished in the process of representative politics: [representivity, individuality, there are ontological terms however you cut the cake or break the scene]

HUGH: No political system is perfect. All will have their flaws. Some are good and some are bad, China's and Russia's for example are bad. They stifle creativity.

MIKE: But isn't it funny how Russia has got a system like it used to have under the Czar, and yet it's supposed to have had a revolution. China has an enlightened dictatorship.

HUGH: It has a dictatorship, how do you mean enlightened?

MIKE: In the Classical sense. Taoism, Confucianism, the enlightened Emperors.

Does it make any difference whether Nixon or McGovern is President in the long run?

minor illustration:  
I can conceive of voting for a liberal who seems peachy-keen and then he starts ww III.

HUGH: Yes it makes a difference. If Nixon hadn't been elected there wouldn't have been all this Watergate corruption.

MIKE: But maybe it's better he was elected, we had Watergate, and he was thrown out.

Hannah Arendt talks about the crisis in the concept of Tradition. Maybe there is a crisis in the phenomenology of serial behavior (leadership/followership).



How would it be to carry the principle of voting for the best person to extremis:

- 1) Vote only for write-ins. Groucho Marx for Governor. Robert Niese for Treasurer.
- 2) Invent offices. David K. for State Philosopher. Fred for Chief of Cooks.
- 3) Vote for the dead. ~~Feasible~~ Feasible to consult and have intricate debates from the writings of Albert Einstein <sup>(President, USA)</sup> to determine his opinions on contemporary issues, state of the Union, etc.
- 4) The principle of 'voting' subsumed to the principle of communication. Reverse ballot and compose a letter to President Kennedy.

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MIKE As long as someone, anyone, becomes "governor," won't it be just as well in the long run?

HUGH I don't think so. Suppose he just does nothing. What good would it do to have a governor who just set on his hands?

MIKE I guess the question might be like 'what, if someone were elected governor and decided the job was silly and went away to the mountains?' Would that be good or bad? It might be more fun.

HUGH Well eventually he would be impeached and replaced, and the government would just not function very well for a while.

### Interlude

The Tao Te Ching ends

Do nothing, and nothing will be left undone

I think about declaring war on certain language games. One of them is the representative game. Does this make any sense? Does it make any sense to negate a language-game? Is it a self-sufficient expression to intend not-doing? Is it a process like cutting off the dead branches from a tree?

Guess who is running for Governor!?

Prince Jesus Christ Satan.

Voted for under alias, yet quite in person,  
voted for through others, I hope.

Change my vote to Prince Jesus

Change my vote to Christ Satan

If your friends call

To find out if you won

Is it OK if I voted for Albert Einstein?

Is it OK if I voted for Brown or Heathley?

Will you tell them we won?

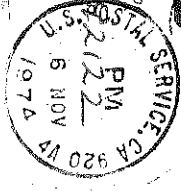
Or it doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's  
just how you play the game?

Oh, David, what do you think? Did you vote  
for anyone? Does it make any difference? Can  
these candidates be crossed out and replaced  
with schools and concepts of logic?

love,

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