

## White-board Notes

(Potential markers, In ranked order)

**1. Taxonomies.** It all starts with taxonomies created by those specialists working at the functional specialty of *Research*. This is the critical strata for any further development, for once we have a classification system in place we can move on to the functional specialty of *Interpretation*--and so forth. Such systems are collective maps of the world that bound our interests and concerns.

**2. Self-critical.** This stands in contrast to any authoritarian or totalitarians regime, where the people at the top are never at fault but are “in fact” victims of the mechanizations of others (a relentless drive toward decline). Self-critical individuals and societies are open to the realm of interiority, tend to focus on authenticity and genuineness, and ultimately open to intellectual, moral, and/or religious conversion. This attitude actualizes the transcendental precepts as a self-corrective mechanism promoting progress rather than decline.

**3. Collaboration.** Key to evaluating the good of order in any unique time-and-space-specific socio-political situation is the degree of trust that allows for easy collaboration among a diverse individuals and groups. Collaboration also depends on the degree to which members share a common appreciative system, both in terms of understanding the whole but also of each person’s own particular role as part of something greater than themselves.

**4. Float.** All the happy hap-stances contribute nothing is there is not excess wealth or other renounces free to develop the idea and bring it to fruition. A society that binds all within itself is not open to innovations, for that would require drawing resources away for some and giving it to others (politics and power dynamics).

**5. Transnational organizations.** While hierarchal institutions are necessary, so too are institutions that span them, that can operate across the board. In our time, scientific institutions allow for the free flow of insights across national borders and specialized interests. Such institutions negate tribal affiliations by offering membership or citizenship based on some “universal” interest. Both Judaism and Christianity offer such membership, although Christian universality has been tainted by its leaders taking in pagan tribal modes of worship as an expedient policy for growing Christian communities.

- Theopolitics: the search for immortality in the face of one’s own death
- Nazi or Communist “science” as a hostile takeover, e.g., Lamarkian evolution?
- Group bias/egotism: “me first” syndrome, closed minds, constrained by group interests that filter plans and policies for those beneficial only to the dominate group

**6. Prepared Minds.** Chance favors the prepared mind, i.e., it is the internal state of the individual that is critical, not the actual chance event, for it takes a prepared mind to recognize its significance. Hence the need to foster an attitude of raising questions and seeking answers, something that very much depends on the individual involved.

**7. Fear.** A certain degree of fear is necessary for humans to live a productive life, otherwise there’s no tension to promote action and innovation. Yet there is a need for balance: too little tension and the person can do no work; excess tension and no work can be done. Free floating fear becomes a generalized anxiety that can cripple an individual or a society. Note that there is a connection between fear and self-reliance, as in the case of post-traumatic distress order, where it turns out that such stress is greatly enhanced when the individual feels powerless to change what is happening.

## Prepared Questions

### Chance

1. Chance favors the prepared mind (tension: need to know?)
2. Requires a wealthy society with “float”, i.e., unused or unallocated resources.
3. A “good of order” that encourages, respects, and acknowledges the need for innovations (creatives).
4. Schemes of recurrence that rewards individuals for innovations (to their field).

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## Takeaways:

1. *The functional specialty of Research is critical*, for it supplies subsequent specialties with raw material. In other words, you cannot ask questions about things you cannot perceive or recognize.
2. *What drives the functional specializes is the unrestricted desire to know*, an inner tension of a mind whose orientation to the world is enhanced through intellectual, moral, and religious conversion.

## *The Emergent Cosmopolis Project*

*Brainstorming markers for progress/decline*

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*Connections<sup>2</sup>: The Big Spin (1994), 22:03*

*[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVQGsK4M4bI&list=PLo1Jq23H\\_s5X-VxAseMKYJA4aH3cOI07si&index=1&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVQGsK4M4bI&list=PLo1Jq23H_s5X-VxAseMKYJA4aH3cOI07si&index=1&t=0s)*