Sources of Organization (Philosopher Karl Popper wrote about sources of knowledge and of ignorance.)

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A project is organized effort/ actions towards a goal.

A disorganized, chaotic project will fail.

There must be organization. Random or arbitrary actions aren't connected to the goal, so they won't result in the goal.

Who or what is organizing your project?

Is there a leader/organizer? Are you the leader?

If your boss is the organizer, and you know it, maybe that's fine.

What if you don't know what person, group or force is organizing your project?



There's usually still something organizing it. If it works at all – if it's a little bit effective – then organization is coming from somewhere.

Hidden sources of organization are bad news.

If you don't know the organizer, it's not you.

Similar: If you don't know who the sucker at the poker table is, you're the sucker.



Similar: If you don't know who the annoying friend in your group is, it's you.

In that case, you're not the protagonist, hero, leader, or author of your own destiny.

Something else is controlling your life.

You're the sucker, pawn, puppet or follower.

You're likely being controlled by static memes.

Static memes are explained in David Deutsch's book, The Beginning of Infinity.

You won't do better than convention unless you get lucky.

What about going by intuition, or making it up as you go along?

Using intuition means you don't know the source of organization.

Where did your intuition come from? You don't remember where you learned it or why.

It could be from childhood or from your society today.

Don't trust your intuition. View it as conventional and mediocre at best.

Want to do anything great? Want more control over your life?

Stop and think about the sources of organization for your projects.



What is going to organize the project and make it work?

Where is the organization or knowledge coming from that will guide and control the project?

More broadly, what is organizing or controlling your life? If you don't know, with clarity and details, you're in trouble.

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