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New beginnings begin by ways of teaching.

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A little philosophy goes a long way by Rob Van Kranenburg

In the philosophy of Aristoteles there were three domains of knowledge
with three corresponding states of knowing that were deigned equally important: Theoria, Techné and Praxis.

Theoria with its domain of knowledge epistéme, was for the Greek gods, mortals could never reach this state of knowing. But they could try to strive for it. In Theoria and epistéme we immediately recognize our concepts of theory and epistemology.

In Techné with its domain of knowledge poèsis we can retrieve the concepts technology and poetry.

Related, for example, as follows: the poetics of Aristotle can be seen as a catalogue of literary techniques.

The original meaning of the word 'technology' was concerned with know-how or method, and it was only with the Great Exhibition of 1851 that the word became overly associated with machines.

It is therefore all the more interesting that the domain of knowledge which belonged to Praxis: phronesis has dropped out completely, not only in our language but also in our thought and ways of thinking.

Phronesis, that knowledge that any one of us uses daily in the practice of living his everyday existence, is no longer recognized as an important
domain of knowledge with a modern linguistic equivalent.

In reevaluating phronesis we revitalize and make political once more structures of feeling that have capacities to bridge dichotomies.

In doing so we inevitably have to confront our praxis of teaching and even more our praxis of being teachers, of being bound to a domain of the real that has no current grounding in cultural theory.

Walking

It took me five years to figure out, to grasp, - understand - let me use the word resonate - these lines of Heraclite: and I rephrase them in my own lines - "of all that which is dispersed haphazardly, the order is most beautiful."

In the Fragments you read that these lines are incomprehensible as far as the Heraclite scholars are concerned.

They can not link it as a line of verse with other words in other lines in verse.

I read it and reading I knew it to be true. Knowing that as experience is not very productive in a society that has no non-iconic medium for
transmitting this kind of experience.

In order to make this experience productive; read: make it politically viable and socially constructive - in order to find ways of transmitting,
ways of teaching experiences like this - we textualise.

We find analogies, we read initial lines as metaphor, as metonomy.

I went for a walk one day in the woods near Felenne, in the Belgian Ardennes. A beautiful walk it was, steep down, hued autumn colours, leaves fading into black. In the quiet meadow that we passed I saw autumn leaves, small twigs, pebbles a few - hurdled into the most elegant of patterns by the strenght of water moving.

I looked hard and did agree realizing; there was indeed no other way of arranging all that.

Recognizing data as data

I recognized data as data, the very beginning of any educational process:
deciding what is data and what is not. As data form the keys to information and information informs the process of creating
intersubjective knowledge communities, it is vital that the tactics and strategies for laying bare the decisions data/not data are at the forefront of educational issues today.

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What does data do?:

1- A next generation configurable circuit architecture is being proposed by a group of designers at startup Cell Matrix Corp.

The architecture goes beyond basic FPGAs by building arrays of "cells" rather than simply reconfigurable gates. Each cell has a small amount of logic
and local memory and communicates with its nearest neighbor.

The novel aspect of the approach is the ability of cells to modify the operation of their neighbors during run-time.

That has allowed Cell Matrix engineers to define an entire circuit by initially configuring two or three cells on the boundary of an array and then allowing the cells to program their neighbors. The process resembles software bootstrapping in conventional computers, but it leads to a
hardwired circuit.

2- "The assembly shall be considered constituted when at least 20 neighbors are present. All who live in the neighborhood may participate with voice and vote" reads a woman, aided by a brand-new megaphone, on a street corner where more than a hundred residents have gathered.
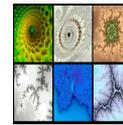
"The executive committee shall meet 15 minutes prior to the assembly to draft the agenda with the proposals provided by the neighbors," she says, handing the word - and the megaphone - over to the "moderator". It is clarified repeatedly that "here, no one is in charge, we are going to take turns."

One of the proposals made during the assembly was to set aside 15 minutes each week on a neighborhood radio program to provide updates about the movement. The proposal was readily accepted.

But when the moderate announced that a television news program has sent a reporter and a camera operator, thereaction is one of absolute rejection, with the neighbors shouting for the media representatives to leave.

The reporter is from a program whose host has supported the government's economic reforms in the past few years and who now is seen as inciting protest with a right-wing discourse.

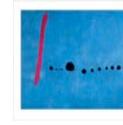The neighbors make it clear they do not want anyone to use them to advance a cause they do not agree with.

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In fact, in the assemblies and in mass e-mails, Argentines are calling not only for the removal of the career politicians and entrenched union leaders, but also for the rejection of the privatized entities entrusted with public services and of the news media which, they say, are not
accurately portraying the population's suffering.

"I am very surprised because there are people participating who otherwise never left their homes. My 70-year-old neighbor had never taken part in anything, but now she has such an extremist stance that it is truly astonishing" said Palermo neighborhood assembly participant Fernández.

She said one of the slogans repeated in her neighborhood is "the politicians must go because they do not understand a thing." Fernández
explained that this reflects the sentiment that political leaders no longer comprehend, nor can they express, the citizenry's problems because they are too far removed from that reality.

What this data does is making very clear that our categories that once were sufficient, descriptive and productive: power as a concept,
influence as a concept has been outwitted by a process we might call: resonance. Ideas resonate. Action is no longer directed from above, under, it is in between. In between the spaces :

Each cell has a small amount of logic and local memory and communicates with its nearest neighbor.

Each person has a small amount of logic and local memory and communicates with its nearest neighbor.

So what can a teacher do?

The teacher

Well. Teachers can be.

That is, in being they can occupy spaces that are not in between, that are nodes that are linked in a network. In being nodes their first and
foremost duty is to lay bare the code that decides which functions as data and which does not function as data in creating nodes that inform the
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This means that teachers have to make a thoroughly technologically informed stand, a stand that is first and foremost moral in nature.

Not moral in terms of good or bad, we are beyond good and evil, but moral in terms of protecting, guiding and make way for the learning process
itself:

In Mobile Vulgus Christian Nold reveals the "potential force a crowd of people hold when they act as a cohesive whole."

"Music is not dangerous, it[1]s the people. Music can be as loud as you like, ok you get blast

effects but they can[1]t be worse than explosions,
and buildings are designed to withstand explosions. No, its the actual effect that people would be able to cause.

By standing still an average person weighing around 65 kilograms exerts a force of 650 newtons straight down onto the floor. Once mobilised into jumping with both feet that force is multiplied almost seven times. If fifty people jump simultaneously, this force produces 23 tonnes of
pressure which is the same weight as thirty-three cars stacked one on top of the other. With every drum beat, these tonnes of pressure piledrive into the ground at the resonant frequency. Seeing, hearing or feeling even
the slightest response from the structure initiates a feedback loop between the building and its occupants which increases the feeling of communal action. The amount of force required to cause a full structural collapse is between ten to one hundred timesgreater than that needed to see the first surface cracking. These warning signs are sufficient for our
purposes since they force the authorities to close down the structure. Used in this way the tactic should pose no danger to anyone."

Used in this way the tactic should pose no danger to anyone. But we have
learned, we have learned along the way.

We learn along the way.

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