Existential

Is every act an act of meaning making. What is it then to witness the artificiality of such an act, to be a party to, or the end of nothing.

In the spirit of his enquiry, the artist wishes to add or subtract nothing from the existing historical material. He just wishes to associate himself with the idea with the artifacts on display.

Act 1: the in-node-out dumb-bell

“The important thing is that at a given moment one arrives at illusion. Around it one finds a sensitive spot, a lesion, a locus of pain, a point of reversal of the whole of history, insofar as it is the history of art and insofar as we are implicated in it; that point concerns the notion that the illusion of space is different from the creation of emptiness.”  
Jacques Lacan, Ethics

What is the event of expression of emptiness and how does an artist mark nothing as a territory, specifically when every artistic attempt is an attempt to claim a territory, to mark a space and call it one’s own, to find a philosophical position in junction with an aesthetic position.

Act 2: random sound well- existential machine 1

The purposefulness of being is the cause of a machine. It exists to be productive, to be optimized, to produce with perfection and accuracy. Machines work in tandom with people. And very very slowly, they start becoming one being, working in similar principles, man often aspiring for machineness and machine learning and borrowing from human intelligence.

What if the machine had no purpose but to while away its time. To seek no defined objective in its actions. Machine being what it is, will act. So there will be a defined action. But what if its maker leaves no defined purpose for it to replicate.

Random sound well is a machine that takes inputs from a random function generating mathematical random numbers. This is then processed to mathematically define a range of movements for a stepper motor which has a sound column similar to a sound box. This rotates randomly brushing aside the bushes on the wall, generating sounds of randomness.

Useful proto links

<http://learn.adafruit.com/adafruit-arduino-lesson-16-stepper-motors/arduino-code>

<http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/Stepper?from=Tutorial.Stepper>

<http://arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/MotorKnob>