NOTES FOR THE MANUAL

*[the questions here are: how to survive today? survive to what? describe a better world/human, a worst world/human? What is beauty in this new world ?*

*The manual must: redefine survival criteria, give instruction for the current/future time, instruction for the new human to be an asset instead of a burden]*

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**Advantages**

**The fundamental needs for existence are covered by the State, access is granted for all inhabitants to: housing, food and healthcare**

**or even more abstract than that, “The Benefits”**

**CG** Sustainable resources for life (expect if any of the original conditions change, reevaluate every 5 years)

**Big question: what can keep people calm on this planet ? hope, fear, drugs?**

**Time**

The State decides at what time inhabitants have to wake up and go to sleep.

This time is the same for everyone, as in prison, you don’t have any choice.

**GV**. People no longer have memories. There is only the “present state of things”, thus they lack sense of hope for anything, as they haven’t developed the concepts of “past” or “future”,trapped in the “present-limbo” If we go ahead with the collage of images/videos, maybe this would be a puzzle for the interviewee, they are

**LB** on this idea of GV: prediction is abandoned as a concept,from weather prediction to imagining the future (even in terms of art, literature, cinema, etc.). Time makes sense only during a particular day and it’s the same time as we know it (that’s for EC’s idea of simultaneous awakening time to make sense). However, the linearity of time is abandoned. Maybe this can be explained with some quantum mechanics pseudo-arguments. For example, the quantization of time with an uncertainty principle on present and future (instead of the uncertainty principle on velocity and energy of particles). If one knows the present time, one loses the sense of future and vice versa. Maybe I’m entering the realms of hardcore scifi with physics here, but can’t help it, I get attracted to it like light in a black hole (oops, did it again!).

**Social life and family**

People should pay to meet each other in the real world, as they would do for parking lot or to buy a meal. Time spent with the other person will be invoiced to the consumer.

A specific time is given for each action of your daily life. Time spans are given to avoid human contacts. You should respect the given time span for meals, work, shopping, sleep, otherwise your time-units will be decreased.

Family, in the way it might have existed before 2020, do not exist anymore. The procreation of 1 child per individual is allowed.

You are allowed to reproduce yourself exclusively during your 21st year of life. After that your sexual-organs will dry and your body will self-eliminate them.

Children are raised by the State from their first day of life.

The identity of their parents must remain undisclosed.

**Rules for social life + illicit products** *(to be developed visually)*

It is forbidden to meet more than 1 person a week.

It is forbidden to talk to other people in public.

It is forbidden to sneeze in public, you might be considered a sneezing terrorist.

Flowers and pepper are banned. **EC.** In case you detect a flower blooming, you should cut its head immediately and burn it.

**GV** I liked the idea of Giannis, flowers being used as detonators in the hands of “the sneezers”, and used for terrorist attacks

**Emotions & Love**

Feelings are considered weaknesses, so emotions are now restricted.

What about love on this new world ? Agapia vs eros ?

**JB.** Love-Eros is forbidden as an emotion. It’s not allowed to be developed due to the need of touch-contact it produces. Love-Eros is an emotion which drives an individual crazy and he/she cannot stand without his/her (it) other half and will have to disobey rules in order to feel/share the love. Some groups of people have found a pill which can help individuals feel those emotions and share their love with their half without being caught. This pill stops all the skills which the individual developed (such as measuring with the eye, the mask - mouth thing) and then he/she is able to spend time with the other half, without being detected (something like an invisible clock to everything they do). Like a drug thing, I don't know. However, if someone gets caught, the only punishment is death, and then we will use literally the quote: **they died from love**.

**EC.** Cases of a brand new phenomenon of ‘love overdose’ have been recently registered, of people taking an excessive amount of love pills. The overdose provokes temporary sight loss, according to the quote : **love makes you blind.**

**EC. Communication**

People are connected through ‘mental social networks’. Everyone has a number, like a barcode, or a phone number and can choose to send a voice message or an image. This form of communication works on the brain as a symptom of psychosis, where communication becomes hallucination, inside and outside, intimate and otherness are confused.

**Entertainment**

Entertainment is forbidden. The words music, dance and party don't exist anymore. Only a certain kind of sound is allowed *(what about Louis’s electrical noise? I miss it! LB: record it on our next call!)*

***GV*** *I created a buzz-like sound that could be the one constantly heard!! it’s in 452HZ (which is a quartertone i think), so it could be a plot-twist, the terrorists are actually controlling what the planet sounds like (just an idea)I’ve also included multiple screenshots of the wave-form.*

*CG Playgrounds are not safe so they should be destroyed and/or replaced.*

**Food for thoughts (and for the body)**

Pets are mandatory for survival: you should own a dog, or a cat, or a fish or some birds. A pet is what allows you to walk in the public space, because public space is no more public, it has become private property of the State.

Besides, you are supposed to eat your pet when it becomes too old and might convey diseases. They can be boiled, fried, grilled, dried... suggested recipes can be found on many pets' graves.

Pets bones should be preserved in case of personal transplants needs.

**Travel instructions**

It is forbidden to travel after 40 years old. At this age you should settle in a place that will be home until the end of your life.

It has become a current practice to cut his own legs at that age, mutilation is a sign of ascesis. It also prevents giving in to the temptation of going out.

In alternative you can sew your eyelids: the reality you’ve watched until the age of 40 would become your resource for the following years, you should keep it inside your body and mind by not waste any

You should choose a burial place next to your house and plant a tree on top of it, so that your body will be food for that tree after death, and you’ll become a plant for eternity.

**Resources**

The Petrol Era has officially come to an end, the new energy resource is rubbish. Several rubbish civil-wars are currently on.

**Hypothesis on art:**

-Art is rubbish: Art is useless, not needed, It becomes rubbish, so the landscapes are covered with art that no one wants

-Art is energy : Art is rubbish, so it should be burned to produce energy.

-Art is death : Art can’t be made without provoking death, art is a weapon to kill, it is a live session including killing.

**CG** (if art is banned fashion should be as well. Same clothes for everyone, change colours according to work status.

**EC** a uniform should be created !

**GV** scavengers are only collecting art that has been thrown away

Artistic expression is very limited to straight forward text that does not contain any subjective opinion on any matter. All texts have to be approved by the committee.

**Characteristics of the new human**

- Masks have become part of the body

- Superpowers :

Humans have developed the ability of measuring distance with the look, eyes measure space.

To hold their breath for 5 hours *(5minutes is too easy?)*

- Personality: you should be shy, introspective, self-sufficient, you shouldn’t smile too much, nor cry too much, not think too much

- look : electrical clothes, uniforms, shields, *(to be visually developed)*

*-* ***GV****. [Building on Lefteris’s idea on the dictatorship of happiness] People either don’t have a mouth or have developed a mask-like thing covering half their faces as an evolutionary trait. However, they constantly have to look happy, but as half their faces almost do not exist and they cannot smile, everyone has their thumbs up on the right(or left hand)all the time. Maybe they are born like this (with their thumbs up), and those who are not are instantly killed, upon birth.*

* **EC.** Senses : (theory built on covid symptoms of taste and smell loss) the only mandatory sense for humans is sight, used to develop measurement techniques. At the age of 18 years old, humans have to select only 2 senses that they keep, and renounce the other senses available (smell, hearing, touch, taste). This measure is taken to reduce contact instincts among humans.

**Rituals**

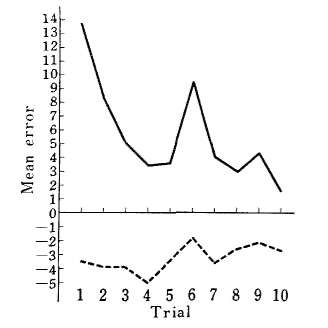
The ‘going to work ritual’ has to be performed every Sunday. You should behave as if you were physically going to work. Set the alarm, get up, get ready, eat your breakfast, measure the distance and traffic to go to your physical workplace, estimate the time needed to go there. Then do nothing, sit and wait.

Since the classical ritual monuments (churches, castles) have become useless for this purpose, they are now “memory storage centers”, they are stuffed with servers and data.

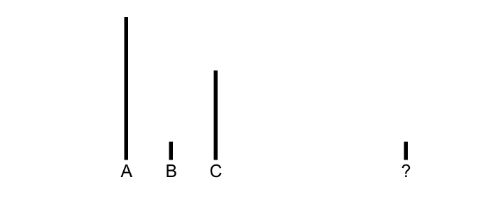
**GV** The ‘going on vacation ritual’. Every August (or whatever time frame we use, maybe we won’t have months for example)everybody is obliged to get on a ship (alone, since physical contact is not allowed) that stays at the port, sit there for ten days doing nothing, then disembark. (i have created an audio for this what if scenario, it’s in my file)

**Sense of measurement**

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(LB) Each member of society should measure accurately using only their senses. A measurement error δx = +- 0.5 cm is deemed acceptable for most real-life applications. In case of rapid authority inspection, one must prove their measuring capabilities by measuring accurately the length of a copy of the *Principal Rod[1]* ten times. A significant drop of measuring error is to be expected after the 10th measuring trial (see Figure 1).

In case of measuring dispute, during a typical authority inspection, one can submit a form of objection on the measurement. Cases of objection are significantly rare.   
 *Figure 1: Decrease of the error  
 through repetition.*  
However, if such a misfortune is to happen,disputers are to be gathered in small groups at the end of each calendar year and submitted in a blind-fold trial of measuring lengths relatively to each other (Figure 2). In case the dispute remains, a thorough investigation is to be held to identify the reason for the subject’s measuring incapability.



*Figure 2: (left) Principal Rod Whelan of Kildcare Catholic College, now part of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures. (right) An example of the lines task, where the participants (yearly gathered disputers of the measurement tests) have to identify the corresponding line.*

[1] The original Principal Rod is held at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (in French: Bureau international des poids et mesures) a State organization established by the Metre Convention long before the events of year 0.

NOTES FOR THE INTERVIEW

*[develop utopia in the interview ! absurd things]*

interview success 🡪 the person can freely choose if to :

A)die

B)enter the new world

interview failure 🡪 exile on another planet? slavery?

**CG** **Provoke emotional responses**

For example: What is the best and worst childhood memory that you can think of? or Describe your childhood in three words

Reaction to photographs of dead/abused animals

Those exposed to any kind of trauma are immediately considered unfit.

**JB** - Describe human touch

* How many friends do you want to have?

**GV** If they remember what touching someone feels like,they fail the interview

**The planet of exile**

- an horrible planet of suffering

- an utopian paradise (but the person interviewed doesn’t know it) where you have all pleasures that doesn’t exist anymore, for example a planet full of flowers

**JB** - a world full of hospitals, with COVID everywhere, and many people living on ICU all of their lives, breathing and eating through a plastic tube. The punishment will be to be a full time doctor, with no time for sleep or anything else rather than helping these people to survive.

**LB** (after discussing the gender of the interviewee) why does it have to be a human? It could be an AI. A non-human to eventually realize that this dystopian reality is inhumane. It could be a world where humans and AI coexist and are indistinguishable from each other. We have already introduced some rules and skills that in principle are not human-like (lack of emotion, measuring by senses, holding breath, masks as body-parts and so on)

**GV -**Do you know what the phrase “put a smile on your face” means? (the correct answer is no, since people or AIs in this world are born without a face)

-How fast do you have to run and at what distance if someone offers you flowers? How long will it take you?

- In what circumstances is it appropriate to use the phrase “feeling happy as an eel”?

- Why are quarter-tones banned?

- Which company would you prefer/choose if you wanted to produce your death-advertisement?

SLOGAN IDEAS BY **THE RELIEVERS**

WHY BOTHER TAKE ALL THOSE PILLS WHEN YOU CAN ENDLESSLY DRIFT INTO YOUR HAPPIEST DREAMS. WITH A CLICK OF A BUTTON.

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A LIFE AND DEATH ADVENTURE? DIE TOMORROW

WHY WORRY ABOUT DEATH WHEN YOU CAN DIE TOMORROW

WHY WORRY ABOUT DEATH IF YOU KNOW WHEN ITS COMING. DIE TODAY

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO DIE

KNOCK ON DEATH’S DOOR. HE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU. DIE TODAY

CALL US TO LEARN ALL OF YOUR OPTIONS. WE ALSO PROVIDE GROUP DISCOUNTS.

PLUTONIUM WILL MAKE YOUR SKIN GLOW AND YOUR INSIDES FLOW.

LEAD A PRODUCTIVE LIFE: KILL SOMEONE TODAY.

Sub Rosa - Lef

1.Vaccine has been created in order to erase all memories, By erasing memories, at the same time, the information provided by the vaccine is intruding indirectly the world of feelings and sentiments, transforming feelings to something new and unknown. So, people cannot recognize, for example, if they feel happy or not, because there is not a current experience on what is joy, or sadness, or even disappointment. Actually, there is no link to prior experience on expressing feelings. There is only a mess inside the brain about what to do in each case. There is also an issue with time, because people have kind of lost the sequence of the days, not entirely, because of the period changes, but still an issue in a month-scale.

2. There is a side-effect at the vaccine to some people. The state cannot realize it. After the vaccination, the being is heading to nature, to the mountains. There is still a hidden feeling, a question. Why I am here? I have to go to work. It’s late, I have to get back at home before night falls. But then, certain elements of nature, mainly flowers starting to attract the being. Pollen is getting stuck to the being’s clothes. And then the call from a protected place, a cave, a hole in the ground, some branches. Some first expressions of how it is to feel. Something. Again.

3. The consciousness comes with Bal. It is the essential substance of wild honey. There is a new big population of wild bees at the forests,after the consecutive lockdowns, carrying Bal. So, it is quite everywhere. Since the moment of tasting, body starts to move, eyelids move, nervous system is being charged and revitalized day by day. And feelings, feelings arise and there is now the need. The need to search for feelings. To react. When eating wild honey, the being is moving more and more away of the cave. And in a while the first meeting will happen. A meeting with another being, having the same side-effect. And as we understand, this is the beginning of a friendship.