Noise in a Convitae System

# Introduction

Convitae is a word I made up to better think about emotional systems. Ricky Gervais has a joke about insurance companies refusing to pay for losses that result from “acts of God”. In the joke, it appears that Gervais is thinking about a convitae system where the controlling portion of the system (i.e. the insurance company) is identifying the cause of failure (i.e. volcano) as a noise signal that they did not account for (i.e. acts of God). It seems like Gervais is observing emotional stress related to noise signals in a convitae system.

# Pieces of the Puzzle

Gervais’ joke has these elements:

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| **#** | **ITEM NAME** | **DESCRIPTION OF ITEM** |
| 1 | INSURANCE COMPANIES | Calculate probability of loss and provide responsible coverage. |
| 2 | TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES | Implement task of transportation. |
| 3 | TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMERS | Provide resources for transportation. |
| 4 | TRANSPORTATION CAPABILITY | Must exist for transportation to occur. |
| 5 | TRANSPORTATION NEEDS | Existence is implied when transportation is observed. |
| 6 | TRANSPORTABILITY FACTORS | Variables that affect the endeavor of transportation. |

# Theory

Let observance be a process, function, action, or concept performed by an observing system.

Let the output of the observance function be an observation.

Let unexpected be equivalent to difference between what was observed and what was expected.

Let disturbance be unexpected behavior that can be traced to possible causes.

~~Let disturbances where the most probably cause is “God” be known as Gervaissian terms.~~

~~Let the ratio of all Gervaissian terms per all disturbance terms be known as the Gervais.~~

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