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

Ricky 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 error be equivalent to difference between what was observed and what was wanted.

Let disturbance be error that can be traced to possible causes.

Let convitae noise be an unknown, unexpected, unwanted, or unnoticed input signal that is being considered as possibly causing disturbed system behavior.

Observe that the disturbance of a system’s behavior is a difference between what was observed and what was expected.

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