

A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divines. With consistency a great soul has simply **nothing to do**. He may as well concern himself with his shadow on the wall.

—Emerson

Conclusion

- Three (tensor-valued) variables ought to be enough for everyone: stuff we know, stuff we do, stuff that happens.
- If we are careful to experiment with what we do, we only need very straightforward “causal inference” to learn everything we need to know.
- DAGs are better tools for humans to understand things than for helping us determine what to do from among a set of options.