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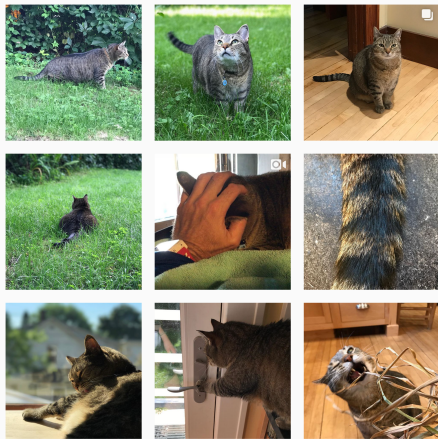
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What we learned in PoCS Vols. 1 and 2:

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-  The statistics of surprise.
-  The everywhere-ness of the rich-getting-richer mechanism.
-  How systems expectedly unexpectedly fall apart.
-  Non-universal universality.
-  How things spread.
-  Why COVID-19 was predictably unpredictable.
-  Why COVID-19 really was a conspiracy.
-  Fate does not exist, only the story of fate.
-  How to become famous.
-  How to measure happiness with lexical calculus.
-  Groups, groups, groups, groups. And pyramids.
-  How it's all about stories: Characters and plots.
-  The true compass of essential meaning.



Some things claimed:

-  The advent of life is the advent of algorithms.
-  The advent of meaning making leads to complexification.
-  Large majorities of people in groups of all sizes can be harmoniously wrong.
-  Large social groups are
 1. pyramid schemes
 - or
 2. fandoms
 - or
 3. both

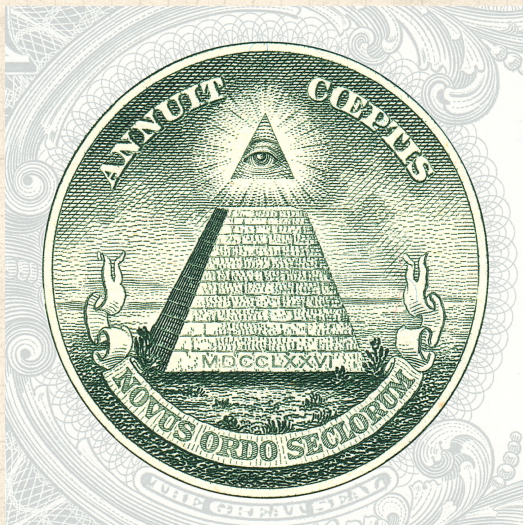


The Pyramid knows what you did.

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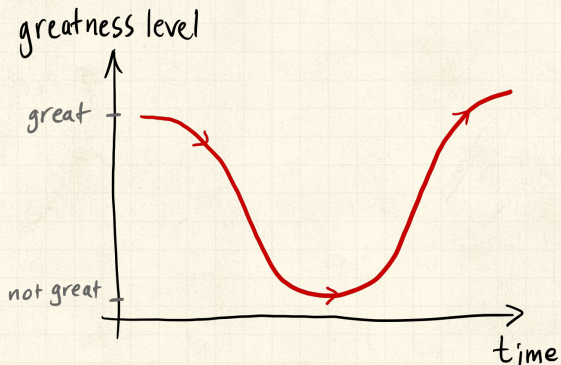
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Mass surveillance by story.



Stories really matter:



How we got here: It's going to be tropes all the way down¹  



¹Three weeks earlier ...  [1]

The complex dynamics of course reviews:



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