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Turn or Else

Centuries have already passed since Baruch Spinoza presented geometrically that so long as we imagine ourselves to be incapable of doing something, we really cannot do that which we conceive that we cannot do; we cannot do what we imagine as impossible. And then it took centuries for the environment to confront us with the list of impossibilities. But even if we don't know how to do something with imagination, maybe we know how to perform something with the body. Maybe we can start from our body's gifts, from its performative capacities of breathing. Although we cannot know what the body itself can do, we surely know how to do something with the body; we know how to do a turn, for example. When we make a bad turn, we don't move from the place we occupy, instead everything spins around us. When the turn is good, it makes others dizzy. If, following the body, we make a turn in our imagination, we may see that we cannot do anything that we cannot imagine that we can do. So let's do a few more turns. Maybe we get dizzy, and maybe we can imagine that we can do what we cannot even imagine. Because if we can imagine it, we might be able to do something.

Dickinson Turn

A poet was gathered
 by Paradise in 1886
 they parted three times
 before her breath
 and her
 self with her
 narrow Hands
 full of her
 possibilities to be
 never published
 or only ten times
 not enough to know
 if her Verse was alive
 never there to know
 if there where she dwells
 is giving the possibility
 a chance
 of feigning her future
 life.

Communist Turn

A Yugoslav partisan said in 1945
 communism could come
 by the end of the year
 and so twice set foot
 in the same possibility
 yes in the same then
 it was also possible
 that communism will not happen
 in the breath of the present
 for if it were not so then
 the truth would be
 that communism must come to stand
 twice in the same river
 silted with truth
 we can dwell in Possibility
 but still are the pasts
 which the unknown turns
 into not-necessarily true
 we dwell in possibility
 you dwell in fear
 you know the possibility
 we've learned from fear

1968 Turn

my mother was expecting in 1968
 that the impossible could be achieved
 that the impossible could happen
 by the end of the protests
 if the impossible is achieved by
 the end of the protest
 the true thought that it may or may not happen
 it will turn out to be fake
 it is no longer possible
 that this will not happen
 because that "achieved" is always true
 not the poem, verse
 but the question in this turn
 is my fairer House
 equally certain and uncertain
 did it ever happen before

Deleuze Turn

In 1980 a friend wrote
 visit the Russians
 before they visit you
 once they come before you
 the possibility
 that they are already late
 (therefore impossibility)
 would be as if born of its own
 true possibility
 that thought that it is possible
 that the Russians could be late
 was possibility
 on the wall of a toilet
 more numerous of windows

History Turn

1989. relatively unknown thinker
 he announced that history was
 coming to an end
 that is, the end of great opportunities
 impregnable of eye
 it may or may not come
 it can both come and not come

it is not necessarily true
 because communism could not come
 if there was no future
 for a critique
 of the coming disaster.

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