

The Die Is Cast:

A dramatis personae

- 1) Three universal sighs (*Changeability, Consequences, Comprehension*)
- 2) Three demeanours (*Dour, Dire, Dice*)
- 3) Three bishops (*Ridley, Latimer, Cranmer*)
- 4) Three blind mice (*See, Speak, Do*)
- 5) Three crooked dice (*synthetic biology, assisted evolution, climate engineering*)
- 6) Three *Chelonia mydas* turtles (*Mertle, Tokolou, Turturi*)
- 7) Three volcanoes (*Panama Isthmus, Deccan Traps, Tambora*)
- 8) Three dead authors (*Mary Shelley, Phillip K. Dick, Georges Bataille*)
- 9) Two dead tyrants (*Queen Mary, Tyrell*)
- 10) Two monsters (*Frankenstein's monster, Roy Batty*)
- 11) Two asteroids (*Chicxulub, JEE203*)
- 12) Two musicians (*Mama Cass, Nina Simone*)
- 13) One band (*Radiohead*)
- 14) One cartoonist (*Gary Larson*)
- 15) One comedy (*Dr. Strangelove*)
- 16) One dinosaur (*Stegosaurus*)
- 17) One end of this world (*Melancholia*)
- 18) One World Trade Centre
- 19) One World Turtle
- 20) One earTheia

