



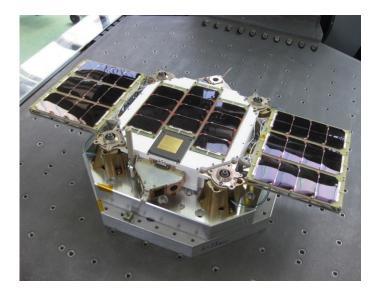
## HOW TO WIN THE GAME in chess and politics Strategy and Tactics

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## **NEW HORIZONS**





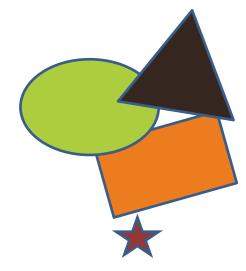




#### **CENTRAL POINT**



Give me a **lever** and a place to stand and I will move the earth



## **ARTS, SPORTS, SCIENCE?**

## politics

Aristototle: Πολιτικά (politics) State affairs

## šahs

*Chaturanga,* strategic game Less bloody way of conflict solving



Life is too short to play chess.~ Henry James Byron Chess is Life.~ Bobby Fischer

## **TALENT OR WORK?**



## Caissa is a jealous, but faithfull lady

If you do not devote 100% of yourself to her, she will punish you [Caissa is not with you!] BUT If you do your maximum, you deserve «the help from above»

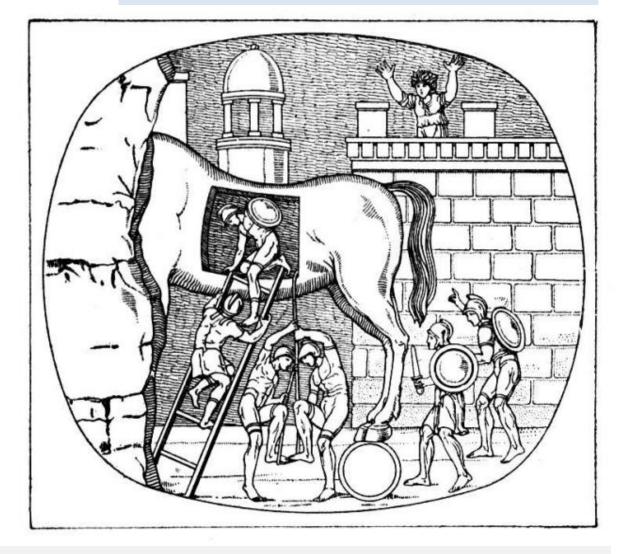
One has to deserve their good luck

#### PREPARATION

Target the «Achilleus heal» of your opponent

When cannot find one,

Build your «Troyan horse»: avoid your weaknesses



Strong isn't about having million strengths, it's about finding and dealing your weaknesses

## RITUAL



when an idea of the win is born in your head, your eyes migh kill

Ritual, motivation, superstition: talk to your pieces, look at your country's flag, do not change your winning cloth, etc.

## **DECISION-MAKING**



10..20..60..100..decisive choices while time is running Analyse, calculate, lean on general principles and your intuition → make a decision →

> AND Sit on your hands!



Think fast, think slowly!

### **SMART USE OF RESOURCES**

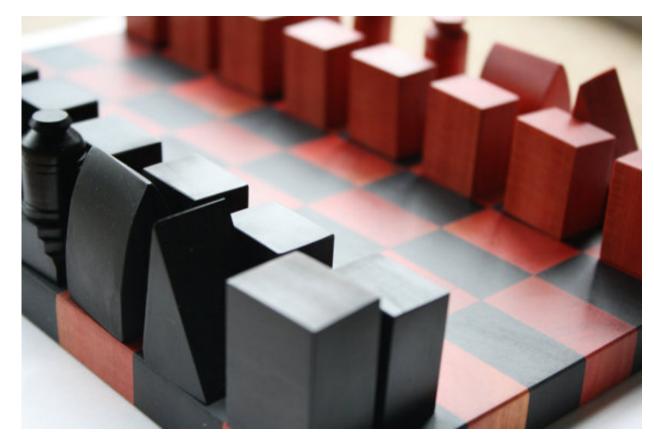


No king is smart who orders his general to turn into a seagull.

## **STRATEGY AND TACTICS**

Play with a draw in your pocket BUT Forget about it against a much stronger opponent

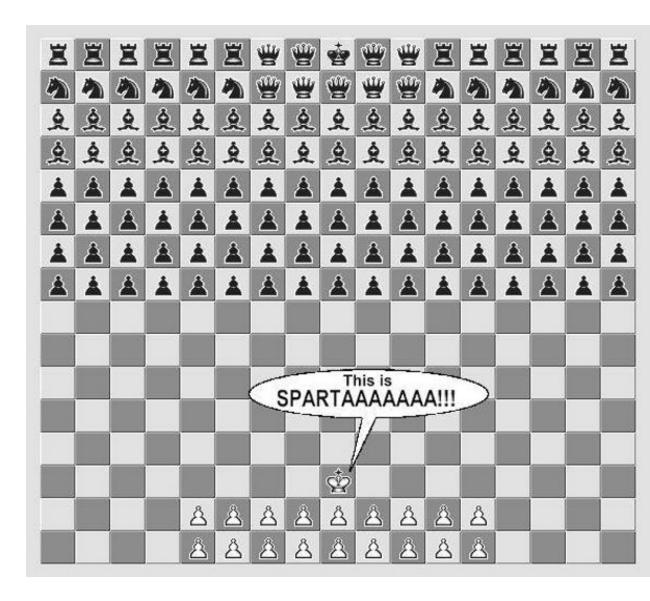
Everybody learns from their mistakes. Only the champions are looking for mistakes in their victory.



## **BE BRAVE**

Swimming against the stream might be better than following the stream, but is not too original.

Do what others have not thought about, are afraid of or lack confidence in = make your own stream.



## **EMOTIONS**

emotions make the difference



The human element, the human flaw and the human nobility - those are the reasons that chess matches are won or lost. ~Viktor Korchnoi

## **NO LIMITS**



#### Create your own unique fuel mix

Reach the goals others just dream about

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