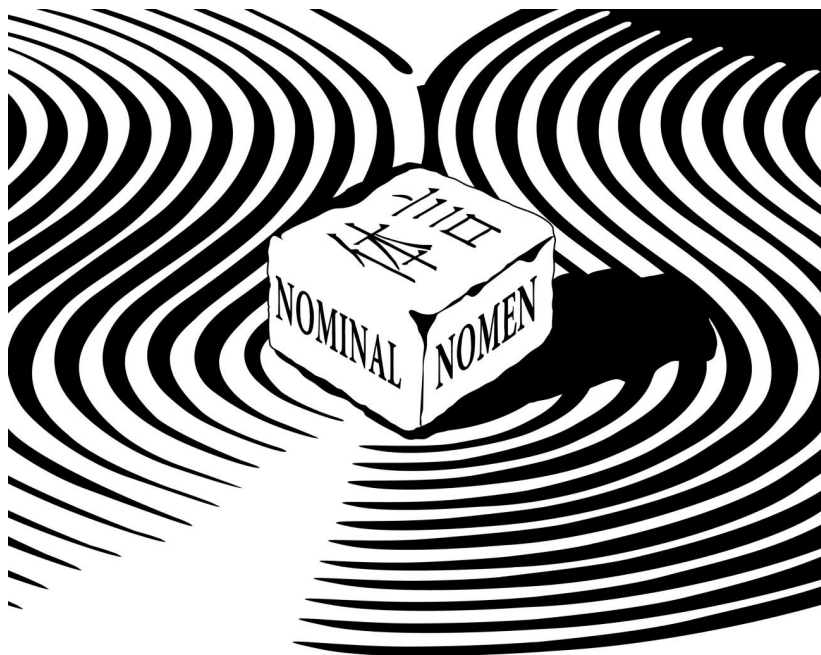


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*When all think alike, no one is thinking.*

Attributed to Walter Lippmann

*If there is a wrong way to do something,  
then someone will do it that way.*

Attributed to Murphy

*Faith is very important –  
but it may not substitute for reason (paraphrased)*

Attributed to Józef Tischner



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