

# THE NEED TO BE RULED

John Huckel

8 Aug 10

I really need to be ruled! You have no idea how panicked I can get just thinking about not being ruled. Everyone knows that not being ruled is synonymous with chaos. And merely looking at that word, *Chaos*, makes me nervous – it looks so foreign and foreboding. I'd rather be dead than just left alone to drift undirected in the sea of life!

But since I don't seem to be being ruled at present, I've had the free time to research all the ways there are to be ruled, so I can remedy my terrible situation. There are a dizzying number of choices I have to pick from. They include being ruled by Individuals, Groups, Spirits, Institutions and in one case by Monsters! (Maybe I'd rather be free than be ruled by Monsters – but I don't know.) So, please help me out here. Let's look at my selection:

anarchy—rule by none	paparchy—rule by a pope
andrarchy—rule by men	parsonarchy, hierarchy—rule by priests
cryptarchy—secret rule	patriarchy—rule by fathers or men
ecclesiarchy—rule by a church	phylarchy—rule by a class or tribe
exarchy—rule by a bishop or bishops	plutarchy—rule by the wealthy
gynarchy—rule by women	polyarchy—rule by many
kritarchy—rule by a judge or judges	prima-digitarchy—rule of thumb
matriarchy—rule by mothers or women	terarchy—rule by a monster or monsters
monarchy, autarchy—rule by one	tetrarchy—rule of four
oligarchy—rule by a few	theacrachy—rule by God or gods
pantarchy—rule by all	

See: <http://www.answers.com/-archy> (I wish they hadn't put these in alphabetical order – that *Anarchy* is staring me right in the face!)

I am intimidated by the sheer number of options – there are so many different ways to give up my freedom. I wonder if there might be an Omni-archy-archy – some way I could experience them all on a rotating basis. In that way I might make a more educated decision on which -archy best suits me. “Designerarchy?” “Archy-du-jour?”

Is there somewhere to go to sign up to be ruled? How do others do it? Where did you sign up? Is it enough to just follow along in your parents footsteps, or can you get in trouble if they find out you didn't make a formal contract. I mean, this is serious business! You can't have people just showing up to be ruled without the proper paperwork, can you?

I wonder – if I were under a Cryptarchy, how would I know? I guess I could opt for Pantarchy, and just do whatever anybody close by tells me. That might work – unless of course they weren't willing to give me any orders. Then I'd be in a de facto state of what... Unarchy? It's quite obvious that I am incapable of deciding what to do on my own. Yet here I am in the unnaturally free state of having to decide for myself. Oh dear, oh dear! Please – maybe *you* could tell me what I should do?