

What is Unlimited Thought?

Baseball, Basketball and Hanger Allegory

Abstract Thought on Western and Eastern Philosophy

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You are standing in a Giant Hanger, used to build Boeing 747 Jumbo Jets, the hanger is empty and you are overwhelmed by the size. You start walking around and come to a Baseball hanging from the ceiling on a fishing line about elbow level. You walk up to it and you say why is this here?

You surmise since it is embossed with the insignia "WP" that it is indeed a representation of "All of Western Philosophy" and it occupies that much space in the potential for human thought within the mile long aircraft hangar, which is as wide as a football field. Why is it so small you think to yourself?

You come to the conclusion that since about 100 AD the boundaries of thought have been bound and constrained by religion making Western Philosophy limited scope. For nearly 2000 years it has been stifled and unable to escape the confines or expand and there it sits. It seems to move around a little bit and spins ever so slowly due to the ventilation in the hanger.

You stop and look far off in the distance and you see another ball hanging from the hanger ceiling at about the same height you think, but you cannot tell from where you are? You walk towards it still thinking about the Baseball and how small it looks in comparison to the whole hanger. And how someone could literally hit it out of the park with a baseball bat and it would barely even reach the other side of the hanger.

After about 5 minutes of walking you reach the next ball hanging from the ceiling on a bungee cord and you see it is a basketball which is just out of reach, but if you try to jump real high you might be able to touch it, as it is slightly higher off the ground than you thought from a distance.

You can read the side of the Basketball and it says "EP" on it and you assume this is Eastern Philosophy, which seems to also be limited, although much bigger than that of the baseball in size. It moves up and down a bit but not too much. You keep walking to the end of the hangar and the door opens slightly and you see the Sun has gone down now and there are only stars out.

You leave the hangar and think; I wonder if those philosophies will ever get past their barriers and join in the unlimited thought of the whole hangar or if they will ever leave that giant cave or hangar and see what awaits them out here, outside that massive hangar amongst the stars. You think that there is a whole new world waiting for them if they dare to take it.

The next day you go to the beach and pick up a handful of sand and let it sift through your hands until there is only one grain of sand remaining. You think about the basketball and baseball and wonder which one it could be? You hold the grain of sand up to the sunlight and move it around your fingers and consider it is only a spec of sand on an endless beach and you laugh to yourself.

Then you think, I wonder if this is what Lance is saying about all those Gurus of Philosophy and Academics caught inside the balls of their created belief systems. Once outside the confines of these philosophical institutions you think, I must be getting closer to Unlimited Thought.

Part II

Looking Ahead; A Plan for Modern 21st Century Philosophy

In the Philosophical review of Eastern and Western Philosophy we noted that these individual philosophies could be depicted as representing a basketball and a baseball inside a giant empty hangar where Boeing 747s are built, each hanging on a string very far apart. In Part II we take the study and critique of Modern Philosophy a step further.

The goal of this allegory is to show that in the Twenty-First Century the human mind must expand and cut through or pop the linear philosophical thoughts of the past 10,000 years in Eastern Philosophy and the past 5,500 years of Western Philosophy. In doing this we examine each of the philosophies and the small spheres of thought that they represent.

The baseball (representing Western Philosophy) is tightly wound and layered upon each consecutive historical philosopher's mindset. Thus, laying down another wrap of string around the sphere and often unwrapping a bit only to re-wrap it another way, until eventually it is completed; where a cover has been placed on the academic domain of Western Philosophy and laced shut, thus completing the confines of its definitions and categorizations of types of thought available for consideration.

The only way to expand Western Philosophy in future periods is to cut the baseball apart or start playing baseball inside the Boeing Aircraft hangar until the players hit the ball to each corner and

every possible 3D space inside. After the baseball has played inside the hangar for hundreds of more years of continuous play can we be sure it has crossed every piece of open space inside. Is this a worthy pursuit or is there another way? Can we accomplish all this now in the present period?

If we continue on the present path then once the baseball representing Western Philosophy has completed this task of exploring the hangar do we retire this worn out baseball and stick it in a closet or would we then take it into outer space and let it lose in orbit around the Earth in geo-sync so it can experience a greater realm of thought.

There is another option we can cut the baseball apart and separate the layers of string and free the philosophy from its own belief systems and lines of thought. But in doing so the debris be left on the ground only to be cleaned up and trashed by the janitorial teams the next evening. Upon entering the dump these cut strings would become one with the Earth again to be decomposed and recycled in yet another form, perhaps a hundred years later. This does not seem to be an option worthy of pursuit either.

The Eastern Philosophy which is represented as a Basket Ball that hangs on a bungee cord in the hangar needs to be set free also. It could be taken and used to play basketball, but could never see all the corners or heights of the hangar no matter how long the game was played.

We could take the Basketball to outer space on a Shuttle, but once we set it free into open space it would pop. Eastern Philosophy would be one with the Universe but never be able to come back into the box or hangar to experience the reality of this realm or the happenings in the hangar, where great things are built perhaps to deliver the next philosophical theories into space or where rocket ships are made for off world colonies for the human race?

If we try to combine Eastern and Western Philosophies we either get a bump on the basketball making it difficult to play with and unable to bounce (ying and yang) correctly, as it would veer off on weird tangents, eventually the basket ball would become flat and ruined and the air would seep out to visit the hangar's ventilation system, yet still be stuck within the system unable to escape the hangar.

If we pick the best of both philosophies by deconstructing them and re-constructing them into one, we end up with a different sized, which is not hollow (representing external thought) or thick inside (representing Western Philosophy), but rather spongy. We can use this to play both baseball and basketball, as it would be bigger than a baseball and smaller than the basketball, but in the end we could play neither sport very well. Would we design a new sport; to what avail?

Thus, if we are to expand human thought into the 21st Century then we need to embark on a new line of thinking based on unlimited thinking, not the confines of culture or religion of the past. A philosophy not limited to dead white men, men of faith or 10,000 years of ancient traditions or customs. It is time to expand the human mind and break down the barriers of thought, which are encapsulated in tiny spheres or the brains of men.

The Modern 21st Century Philosophers must go beyond all of this and discover thought that is not bordered by time, energy, light or space and one which can work in any dimension where it is placed or in all simultaneously when necessary. Indeed the new philosophy will need to satisfy a theory of everything. We must focus to achieve these leaps in human thought. Think on it.