

Breadth and Sens of Prospective: Four-Dimensional Broad-Mindedness (Open-Ended) Use of Professor Paul Ricoeur's Heritage

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Dimensions in breadth (to be or not to be): presence or absence.

Dimensions of being (to be and to have): essential sens of existence.

Dimensions of prospective (inspiration and reason): needs and wishes.

Dimensions of facts (minute and, or, assembled): irrefutable reasoning and logic.

Dimensions of deeds (track record and recognition): proof and ease.

Dimensions of values (precise and or wide): religious convictions and truths.

Multicultural appreciation: life experience, knowledge, and awareness.

Single or Multiple: individual freedom, or multiplied treasons.

Mono-voiced and scope (melody and harmony).

Vertical, lateral, and open-ended (toward the future): for work afield, in spirit and Time.

Broad market returns [hedge-funds (markets are slower than finances, hence manageable)].

Today's philosophy [Paul Ricoeur (1913-2005) (Theologian and Philosopher)]: might primarily be adapted and worked to a Western civilization!

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Fly on, then! And so will it be!!! Given time (the "predominant").

Europe is gratified by having a "one-civilization" common ground. And this common ground can lead to a cartesian and philosophical base for understandings (historical and shared references to Christianity, method and logic for mature exchanges, even despite this founding faith, due to history-charged existence). Such an example in real conditions is an occasion for testing and proving philosophical measures (with Time on the leaders' side, allowing the "political" movement to be adjusted through comments and corrections). Extension to the world is very tempting given the progress that it would procure.

Obviously, non-cartesian bases, require flexibilities, adaptations, and knowledge of the others' ways, until mutual confidence is attained. But here again, understandings can be achieved by other means; like expression through arts and crafts (music, paintings, sculptures etc.), community identities, and of course, survival, which

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would refine the debates and exchanges!!!

In addition, experiences in the world's ways, enable more social, academic, and official awareness, and thereon clear leadership, with regards to acceptance of foresight and skills in management and dialog.

Also, different dimensions, including that of Time (the valuable 4th dimension), enable global reckoning, basis of trade and development. This would present the leeway for adaptation and adjustment.

In this paper, then, it is suggested a presentation of ideas of substance for furthering our multiple exchanges and apprehensions. It is also here that is presented an awareness linked to the differences of international cultures which are to be "woven" together in view of a "patchwork for peace." If so, this only takes Time!!! But it would be an achievement by itself!

1. Dimensions in Breadth (to Be or Not to Be): Absence and Presence

What pleasure is there in absence, when Time goes by without influence!?! But then again, why mention it? In fact, Time has its influence; obviously, why deny it? Is it just duty to draw up lines of rationale for the ignorants? So prospective has all its place in our reflections and lines of thought!

And then what of presence? An idea of pride for the pleasure of others? A pleasure to compare and "measure?" Or is it pure hypothetical reasoning? Taking one own's Time for reflection?

The billions of individuals on earth have their own timetables of activities!

In fact, as such, the teacher with his voice, addresses to individuals who are invited, by comparison, to measure their own knowledge in the same configuration, setting up a path for their own motion toward the healthier!

Indeed, a place for each is better than no place at all! But then again, safety in the wretched existence requires space for all, and for every one!

Philosophically, each one's perception is to be taken into account for (ultimately) PEACE, at least in theory.

When dealing with international (ex. European) concerns, this appears to mind naturally and gives justification to debate!

2. Dimensions of Being (to Be and to Have): Essential Sens of Existence

The past cannot be changed! It will remain in the books as it is and has been. But the future is in the making, whichever way one looks and wishes. Therefore, there is an urgent need of preparation for the future where ever it is (i.e., everywhere). The idea is not in panic behavior, but more in the resolve to anticipate through foresight and moderation. Both attitudes are requested to progress orderly through the unknowns of the coming and passing future. Current existence and possessions already give bases for the making up of the immediate future.

In addition, logical wariness present limits to this immediate future, keenly traced by intentions and material possibilities. It is possible to adjust the orientations (given these actual limits and the timing involved). Such are the "strides" between "generations" or civilizations, whose distances can be measured in Geographies and in Times, and in awareness of what is to be done.

Philosophically, Time is somewhat elastic. But this elasticity can be breached if not managed with wisdom! If not regular, Time surprises in these cases!

3. Dimensions of Prospective (Inspiration and Reason): Needs and Wishes

Guessing and betting are only two methods of displaying foresights. They are not reasonable methods based on clear-sightedness. Without constructive ways and alternatives, these methods rely on illusions and approximations, and bring out sometimes revealing needs and wishes.

Farsightedness is not based on such measures, but more based on convictions, apprehensions, and experience. This is then even more-so when applied to knowledge and certainties accumulated during one's lifetime.

Philosophically, previous knowledge can produce more precise revelations to ongoing works.

Study and criticism are, then, the two sides of a triangle in favor of construction.

4. Dimensions of Facts (Separated, Minute, or Assembled)

Counting, (a child-level reasoning) of fact or logic is learnt at young age. Yet, this learning easily accounts for a life-time way of progress and of self-conduct (see historians' procedures of presentations). Organization and respect are the products (often called "well-dressed") of awareness from this learning. It is furthermore a basis for education in general.

Even the most simple or minute of differences allow their assembly toward structured or coherent ensembles. This is called-for in times of "agreement" and then "federation!"

Philosophically, such simple or minute definitions of differences can (for clarity) enable precision in irrefutable logic and argumentation. Indeed, pursuing plural ideas needs corresponding precisions and forward looking reasoning! This fact is enough for accepting the multitudes! There is also need to find an issue (by searching a way out, in the future, of troubled situations).

Beyond awareness, learning obviously is also included in youth teaching by using culturally adapted means [ex. history (including genealogy), music (rhythm, metaphore, and musicology), personal experience and travel (discovery)].

5. Dimensions of Deeds (Track Record and Recognition)

Duty and wariness are the elements for self-sustainability of posture throughout Time's open-ended progress. Such enables constant attitudes, but also, constant appreciations. Beginning with a broad-minded approach, this dimension indebts the opposition into an obligatory position of self-defense. This "military" approach appears when individuals are rightly concerned and convicted. The approach brings about settlements and rewards, engaging parties involved for a Time of service. There can also be an exercise of political awareness.

Philosophically, Justice (see below) is given only at this point!

Broadmindedness is required here to "make room" for the self-convicted in their revealed search for a way out!

And "forgiveness" is only part of the message! The remaining (major) parts are the inspired lessons put forward and engaged. Such are the "mechanics" of "parent to child" relationships.

6. Dimensions of Values (Precise and Wide)

Justice and global evaluation of conditions (seemingly accepted by all), determine the nature of values appreciated by each. This could imply social or moral parameters, existing, and retained in one or more cultures.

Sometimes, this search requires Time and can be found in the resemblance between cultures where mutual understandings exist with corresponding ease of sharing.

It is also the common reference to a shared belief [ex. religious (monotheist convictions and truths)] that could allow common references. Monotheism allows similar references in terms of respect for each other (all and everyone).

Philosophically, an idea of precision and width could give room to an evaluation of sens (the answers to the questions “why,” “when,” and “which direction”) with the Timing in individuals’ estimates. Also, equal and mutual respect are the foundations of french “laïcité,” to be established, here, everywhere as a source of an appeal to peace!

Here again, beyond local (European) references, an imaginary appreciation of size and Time would indeed be a help to measure progress and relevant opportunity: for reasoning in view of pertinent action and evaluation.

7. Multicultural Appreciation: Life Experience, Knowledge, and Awareness

Erroneous and different references of each and others are not seldom when travelling. This is particularly true when distances widen the “cultural gap.” Here, life experiences take on all sens and use. Because each possesses one’s own appreciation, errors can be either marginalized and irrelevant, and their awareness all together secondary, or may bring about unexpected outcomes. Due respect becomes of primary importance and living conditions request necessary wariness.

Knowledge of the language and manners allow ease of interaction and exchange.

Philosophically, establishment of positive acceptance and recognition of the other allows furthering of procedures and ways for acquaintance and common progress.

The beyond, here, frightens the unaware, lost, ill-trained and the ill-willed because of lack of clear knowledge, confidence, and foresight. Also, wholly unjustified pride can block a proceedings of goodwill if it isn’t soothed by trust and/or diplomacy or both at the same time.

8. Single or Multiple: Individual Freedom, or Multiplied Treasons

Simple logic and cross-cutting reasoning allow positive and constructive issues of “tight” exchanges, on the condition that these exchanges be straight-forward and presentable to others (free thinkers). A public debate is at times the best way around difficulties of understanding! Otherwise, inability to progress onward, and head-strong obstinacy to lead to the following steps lead to offensif and unacceptable lies and unforgivable treasons, or to troubles of consciousness between those that dialog. Instead of illogic and useless postures of pride, attitudes of simple reasoning clear the grounds for useful and credible creativity!

Philosophically, clear concrete notions are to be presented in a clear dialog of goodwill!

Here again, ways and openings toward others reveal the necessity to be broadminded!

9. Monoiced and Scope (Melody and Harmony)

Entire societies can be led to an approach toward the future together, whether they are among the first, or among the followers of such a movement. Whatever, Time will have the last say! And clear leadership will be needed to indicate the road to be taken!

The approach (of public analysis) will calm and bring abreast competing contenders (the leaders and the individuals). This transforms the melodious message (Monochord) to global engagement (scope) in a harmonic choir.

Similar to composed fugual appearances in music, there will be the beginning and the end in harmony while moving on to the ending of the music.

Societies will engage and disengage along the road of Time, according to their will! Not against it, as these individuals are free, contrary to a composer's limiting construction of harmony.

Differences will then only be in directions of will (opposition!?), not of height of point of view!

Also, it is to be noted the concern of survival, giving natural sens to evolutions.

10. Vertical, Lateral, and Open-Ended (toward the Future): For Work Afield, in Spirit and Time (a Fourth Dimension in the Interest of All)

Height and breadth give an idea of a volume in real time! But, as it is, Time is a never-ending dimension! Also, although history keeps track of the past, the future is always in the making, Time passing! It is just this continual "making" that prospectivists use as a beginning for the perception of the future! Analyses, graphs (tendencies), and their extensions allowing to further curves by hand, sight or statistics, enable precise and logical furthering of actions and possibilities. This open-ended foresight can therefore be used in establishing forecasts and strategies, based on up-till-then figures, applied logics and tendencies.

Philosophically, impregnation of the immediate local past allows to fit the future to this! Also, knowledge of global parameters (ex. religious and traditions) allows appreciation of current and local elements to be followed for furthering the strategy in the making!

Finally, time devoted to the spirit of understanding may lead, if shared, to an unexpected turn-out of results. Adapted measures will equally be associated toward the researched end!

11. Broad Market Returns [Hedge-Funds (Markets Are Slower than Finances, Hence Manageable)]

Efforts to bring about desired outcomes may take time to appear and be reached. These, then, are manageable and adjustable by precise operations on financial parameters, more specific instruments. Furthermore, the global markets (in their variety) are slow, in expected and steady, for seeable response. These global markets, therefore, need corrections and refinements to their parameters. It is particularly the case for hedge-fund markets where reactions to adjustments can be either volatile or slumpy! The heaviness linked to the characteristic financial influences is an example for human action.

Philosophically, this "elastic" control of the human Hedge funds are examples of time-consuming performance of parameters, but is clearly to be compared to human behavior, and hence to the necessity to slow and prudent progress!

In this view and in other cultures, fanaticism and extremisms need to be put aside in favor of calm progress of the global society.

12. Today's Philosophy [Paul Ricoeur (1913-2005) (Theologian and Philosopher)] Might Primarily Be Adapted, and Used, by Work to a Western Civilization (ex. Europe)!

But Its Application of ways, in Time, would clearly unite the previsions of the World! His heritage would find its own justification in solving troubles and in promoting peace.

In his “will to understand” how to unite the English and the French, Professor Paul Ricoeur identified a number of common points and ways stretching from clear vocabulary [and its underlying ideas (revealed)] to common sens of sharing between the two cultures [having the dominant civilizational characteristics (Christian monotheism)].

Even if difficulties arise in settling differences in the approach to misunderstandings, the sole idea, that an effort is undertaken to appease, is an encouragement in the procedure to engage in Time and redeeming foresight! As such the dogmatic “overwhelming” presence of God takes all its place in this philosophy.

“His” presence among each and everyone is also a truth determining an acceptable way out! Finally, if “He” is among the Europeans (28 cultures), then why not among others!? To be appreciated in Time and open-mindedness!

Fly on, then (the individuals will follow, as volunteers), in onward progression, through projected work and thought (for stealth and steady, prospection, with forward and farsighted philosophical outlook)!

This (in public analysis) will calm and bring abreast competing contenders (chords of music from voice (the leader) and the choir (the individuals)).

Differences will then only be in directions of will (opposition!?), not height (out of time!?).

And so will it be!!! Given time (the “predominant”).

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