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Discourse is Primarily Secular																																			
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Examples: Philosophy, Theology, Religion																																			
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But there is a Price																																			
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BUDDHIST COLLEAGUES / MONASTIC DIALOGUE																																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try to Harmonize Too Much Will Say Buddhism IS Science "Explain Away" Elements of Buddhism That Cannot Be Explained Rationally Cynics & Skeptics Don't Want to See Any Area of Convergence Sees Science as a Reason that Religion has Become Marginalized Strong Opposition to ???? Ignore Scientific Elements of Buddhism 																																			
SCIENTIFIC DIALOGUE																																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific Dialogue Enthusiasts - "Human Secularists" Some Buddhist Concepts (Like Rebirth) Are Late Inventions Not Required to be Buddhist (Book: Buddhism Without Beliefs) Cynics and Skeptics Metaphor: Shrinking Aura of the Buddha Mystical/Spiritual (Non-Scientific) Aspects will Become Marginalized Buddha becomes "Just a Nice Person" These Become Big Issues for Traditional Buddhist 																																			
POSSIBLE RESOLUTION: 21st CENTURY BUDDHISTS																																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible Resolution Tension Is Not Necessarily Bad HHDL: 21st Century Buddhists Need to Include Science in Framing Buddhist Concepts 																																			

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POSSIBLE RESOLUTION: 21st CENTURY BUDDHISTS			Re-Inforce Faith with Scientific Reasoning	
FAITH	TRUST / REASON		<p>Tibetan Phrase</p> <p>Generate Faith Based on Understanding</p> <p>Tibetan Faith</p> <p>Trust in Efficacy of the Path</p> <p>TJ: Path is not Solely Rational</p> <p>Tibetan Word</p> <p>HEPA????</p> <p>Sanskrit Word</p> <p>Shruda???</p> <p>Better Translation = Trust (Not Faith)</p> <p>Faith</p> <p>Western Context: Implies an Object</p> <p>(Proposition/Statement) That is True or False</p> <p>(In a Literal Sense)</p> <p>Eastern Context</p> <p>Faith in Guru</p> <p>Faith in Guru</p> <p>Faith in 3 Jewels: Buddha, Dharma, Sangha</p> <p>Fluid & Experiential Concept</p> <p>Feeling of Affinity, Connection & Trust</p> <p>English: I have Faith in My Parents</p> <p>That They Have My Ultimate</p> <p>Well-Being at Heart</p>	
GURU	DISCIPLE RELATIONSHIP		<p>Guru/Disciple Relationship</p> <p>Special Meaning</p> <p>Rarely Abused in East</p>	

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GURU / DISCIPLE RELATIONSHIP			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared Understanding of Roles & Responsibilities Some Fractured Relationships in West Can't Say Buddhism has no Place for Faith (This Kind of Emotive (?) Trust) Denies 2500 Years of Buddhist History Western Buddhists Learn from Modern Teachers One Person Does Not Have Final Word 	
	THUPTEN JINPA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thupten Jinpa Prefers to Interpret for His Holiness Rather than Speak in His Own Voice More Comfortable in Academic Setting Think Aloud Play with Concepts Thupten Jinpa Background Monastic Background Western Education Thupten Jinpa Dharma To Serve as Medium of Great Masters To Write in His Own Voice Feels Arrogant Comment about the "Thick" Books he Translates Contemporary Western Thought Benefit Greatly from Study of Classics Socrates, Plato, Aristotle 	
WHEN READING BOOKS ON BUDDHISM				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When Reading Books on Buddhism Not Bad to Have Skeptical Voice in Head Monastic Education Spent Hours Debating in Yard Recommends Reading Translations of Key Texts

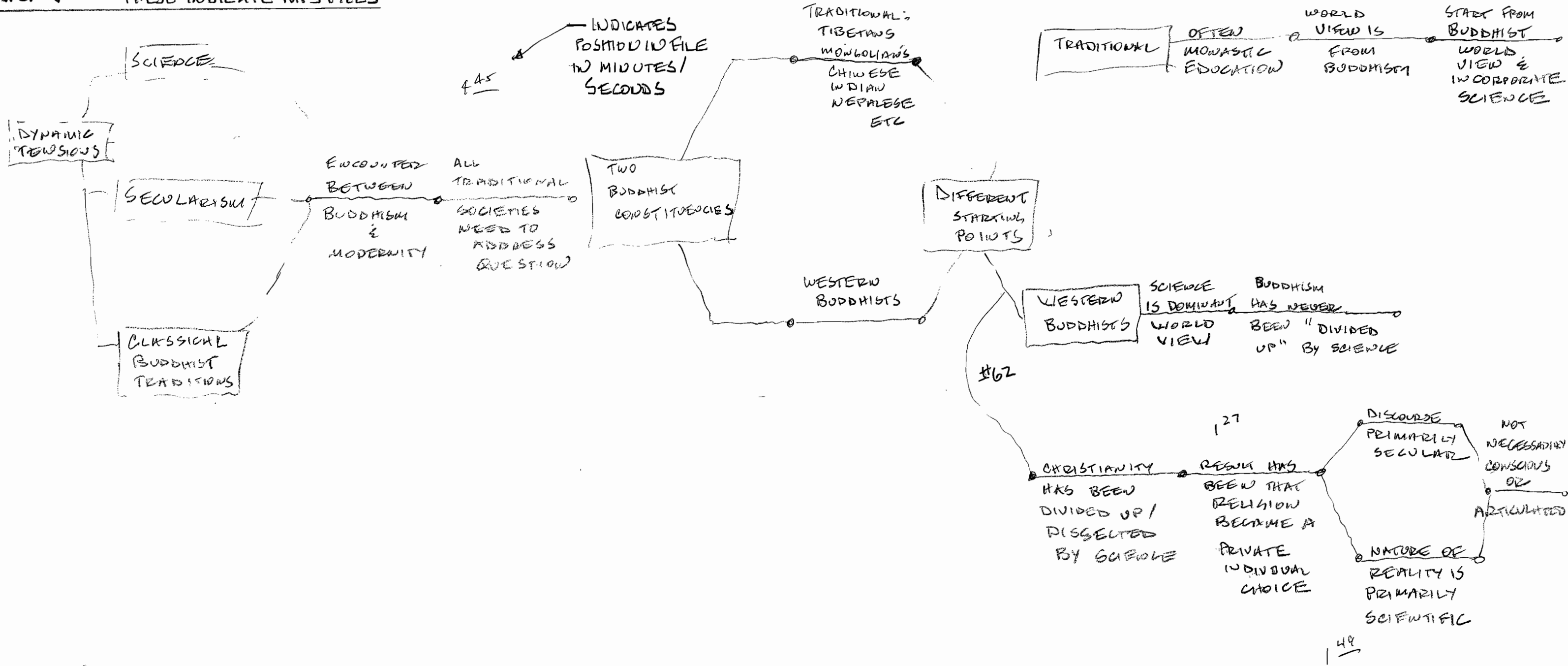
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TIBETAN TRADITION																								<p>Tibetan Tradition</p> <p>Would Benefit Greatly from Studying Tibetan Classics</p> <p>Dzogchen Teachings (Books by Chodon)</p> <p>She Brings Essence to These Teachings (Explains Them)</p> <p>Tremendous Benefit by Going back to the Sources</p> <p>More Treasure to be Mined</p> <p>Out of the Sources by Study</p>											
BUDDHISM'S PATH TO LIBERATION THRU UNDERSTANDING																								<p>Buddhism</p> <p>Not for the Faint of Heart</p> <p>Asks Much on the Part of the Individual</p> <p>Difficult to See Buddhism Spread as a Major World Religion</p> <p>Devotional Element Hard to Grow in a New Societal Environment</p> <p>To Be Massive & Widespread Requires Faith & Devotional Element that</p>											

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BUDDHISM'S PATH TO LIBERATION THRU UNDERSTANDING																								<p>Resonates with the People</p> <p>Primary Approach is Thru a 21st Century</p> <p>Buddhist Approach</p> <p>No "God" Exists Outside the Nexus</p> <p>Of Cause and Effect</p> <p>To Make Up the Messy World We Live In</p> <p>This World of Cause & Effect</p> <p>No Eternal Unchanging Prncipal</p> <p>(Atman) That is True Being</p> <p>Buddha Said:</p> <p>You Are Your Own Enemy</p> <p>You Are your Own Savior</p> <p>Emphasis is on Self Relience & Self Discovery</p> <p>Liberation Through the Understanding</p> <p>Of One's Own Nature</p> <p>This is Language of the Dharma</p> <p>Traditional Buddhist Society Allows</p> <p>Faith & Devotional Path</p> <p>Tough to Reproduce-Grows Out of Many Generations</p>											
DALAI LAMA: 21st CENTURY BUDDHISM																								<p>Dalai Lama</p> <p>Be a 21st Centruy Buddhist</p> <p>Devotion & Faith Grounded in Understanding</p> <p>Process of Arriving at Conclusion Most Important</p> <p>Personal Understanding is Derived</p> <p>From Personal Hard Work</p>											

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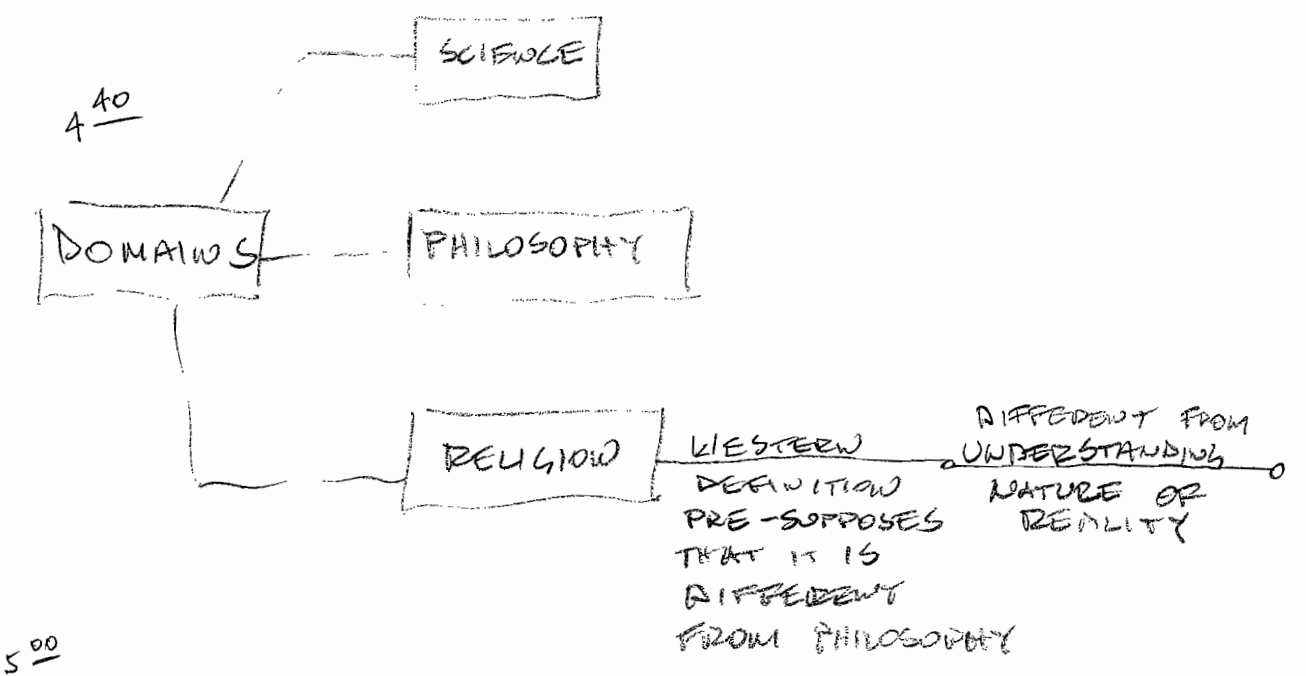
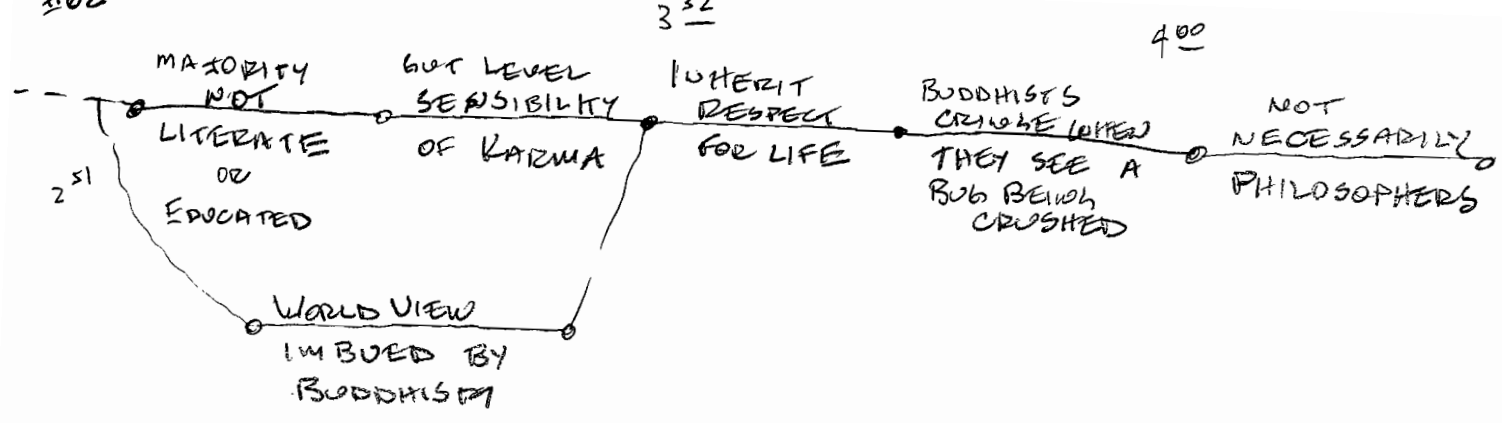
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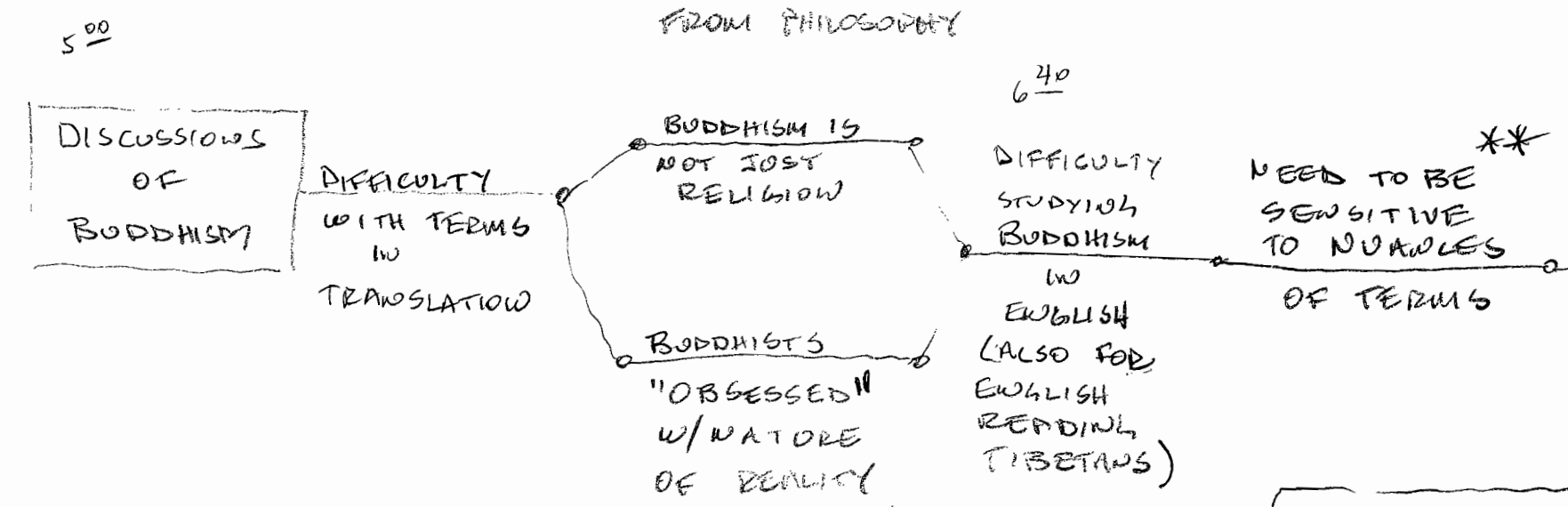
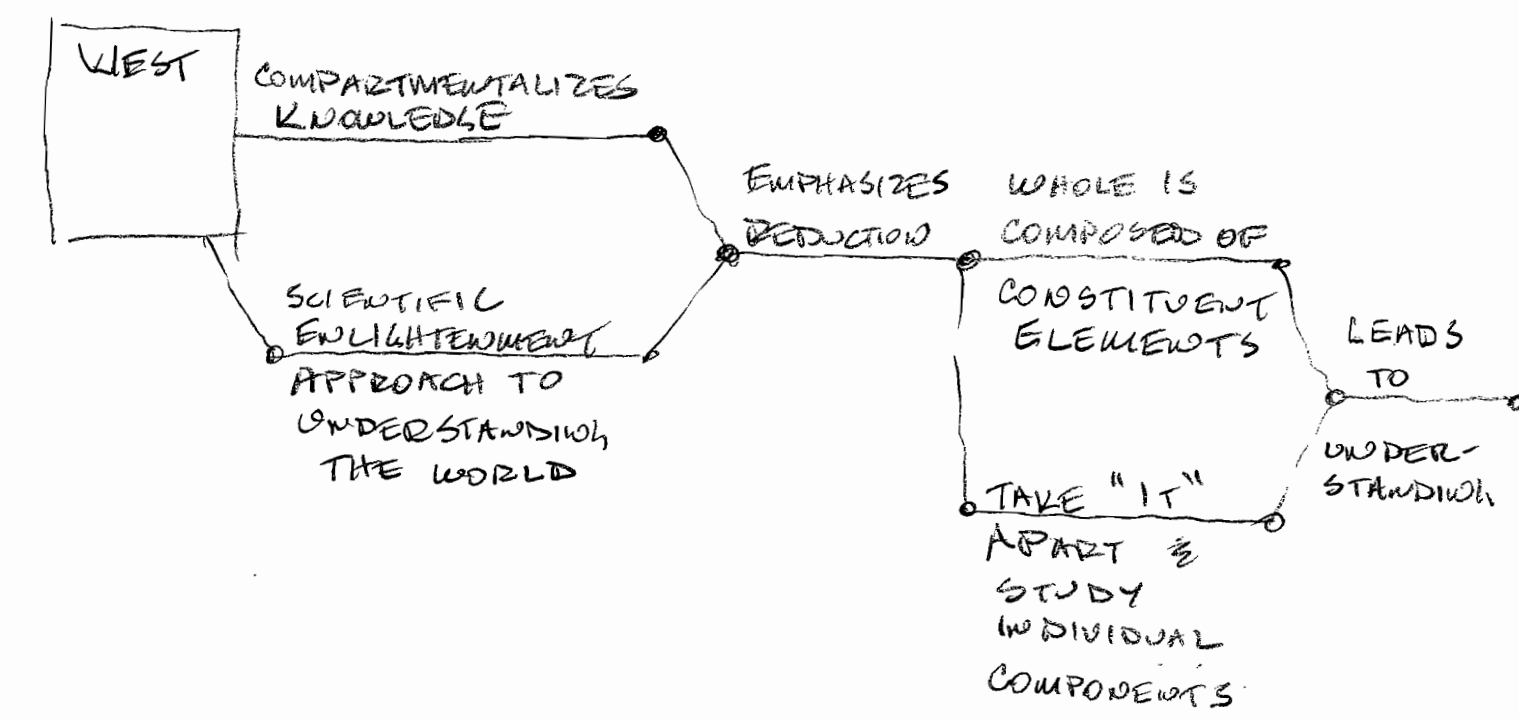
UNDER THE BUDDHIST UMBRELLA:
DO SCIENCE, SECULARISM AND
RELIGION ALL FIT?

BY THUPTEW JIIPA

JULY 9, 2011 KALACHAKRA 2011



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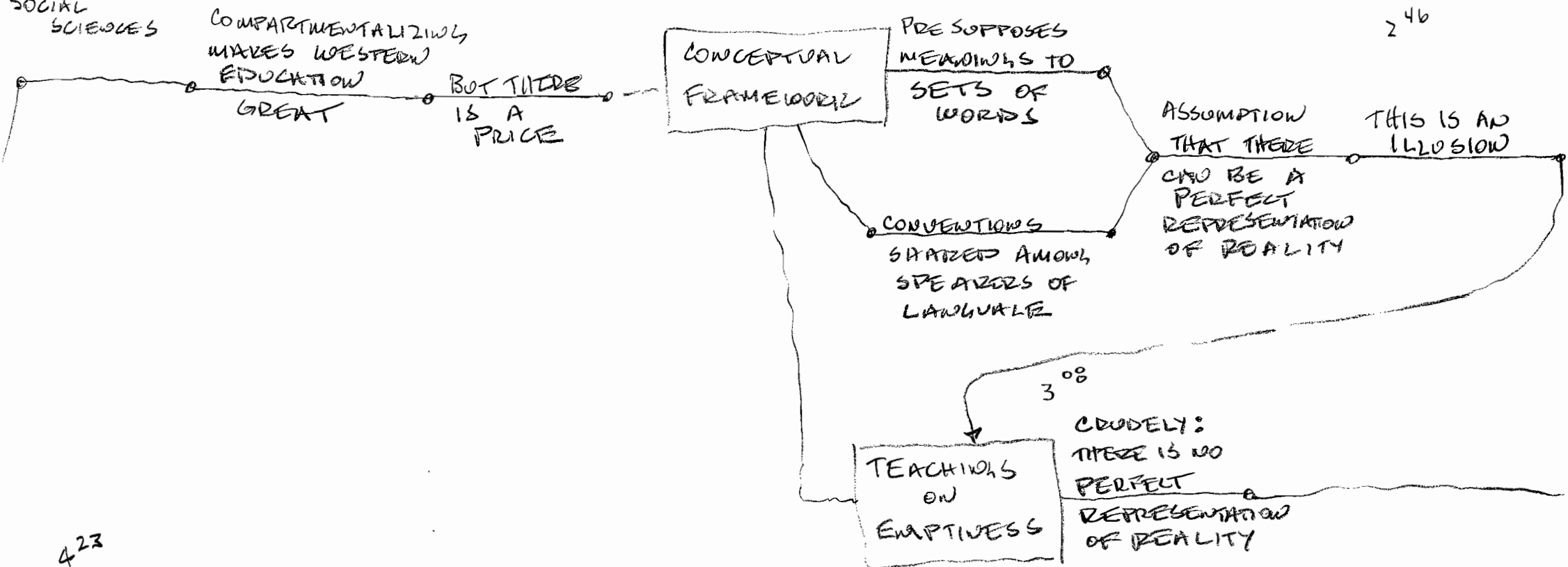
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EXAMPLES:
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 THEOLOGY
 RELIGION
 SOCIAL SCIENCES

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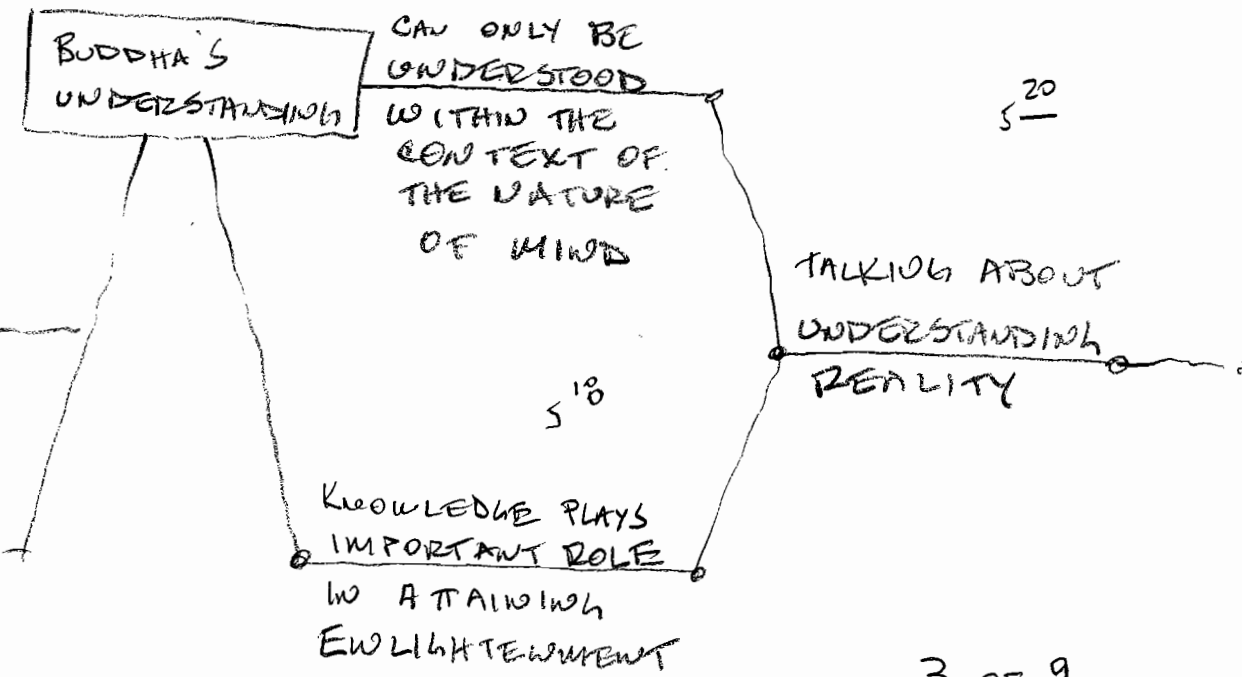
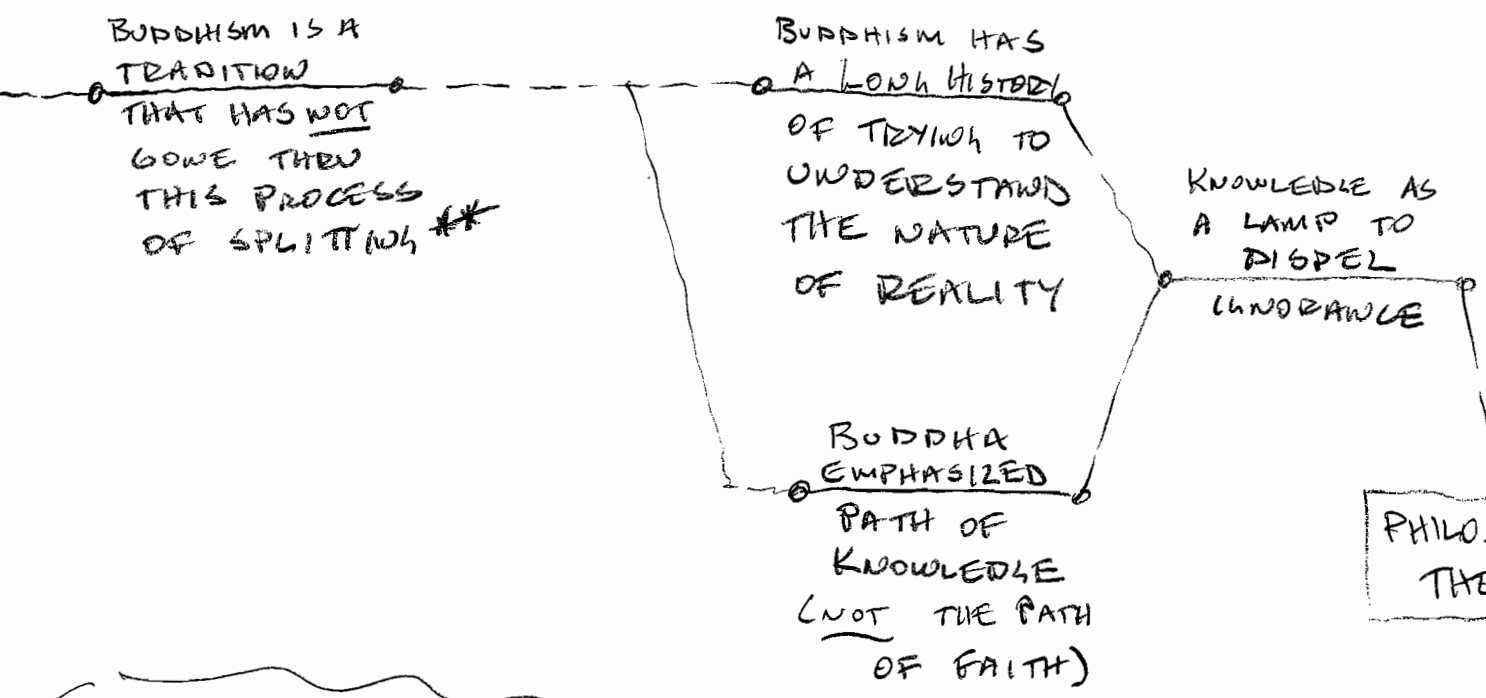
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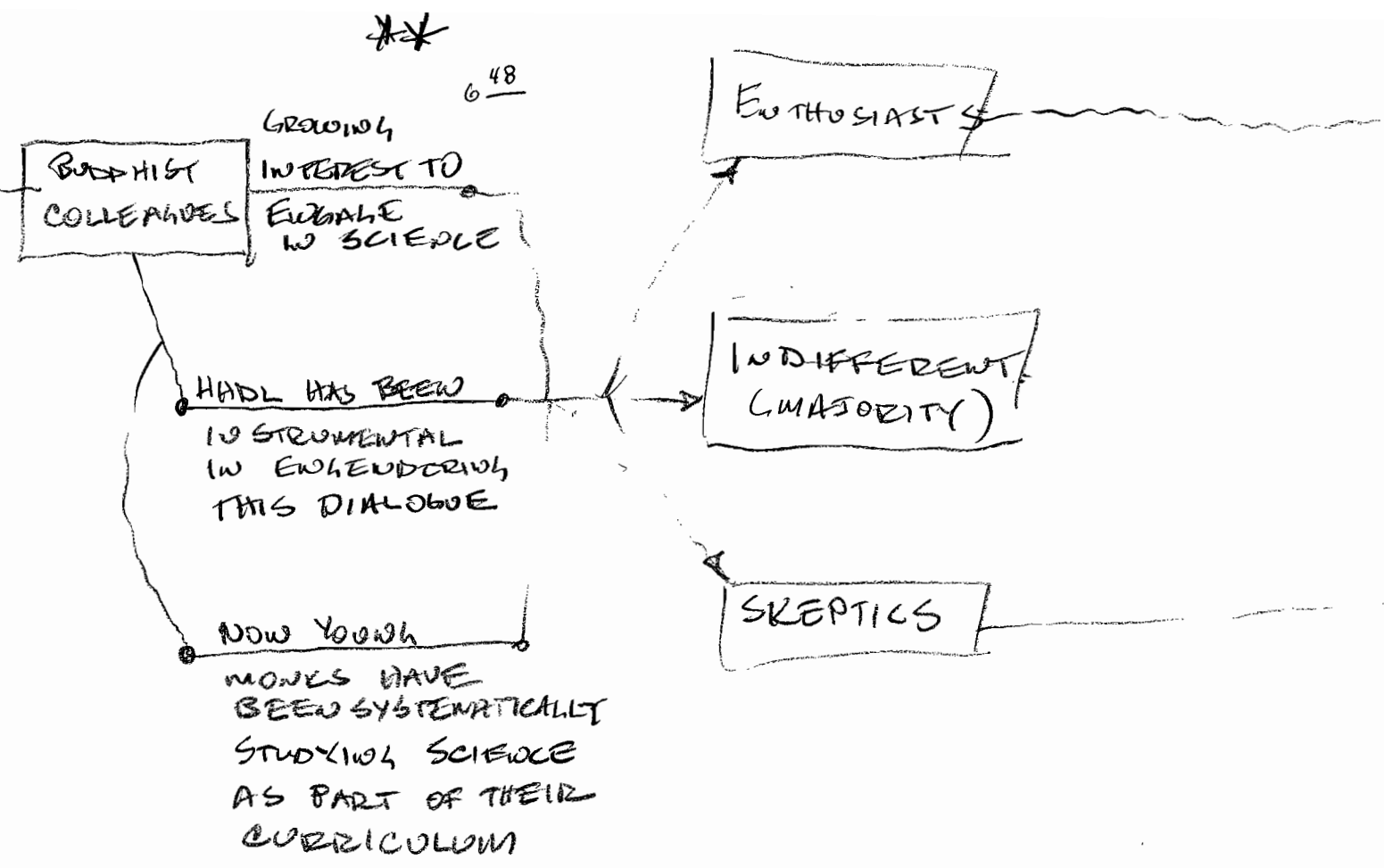
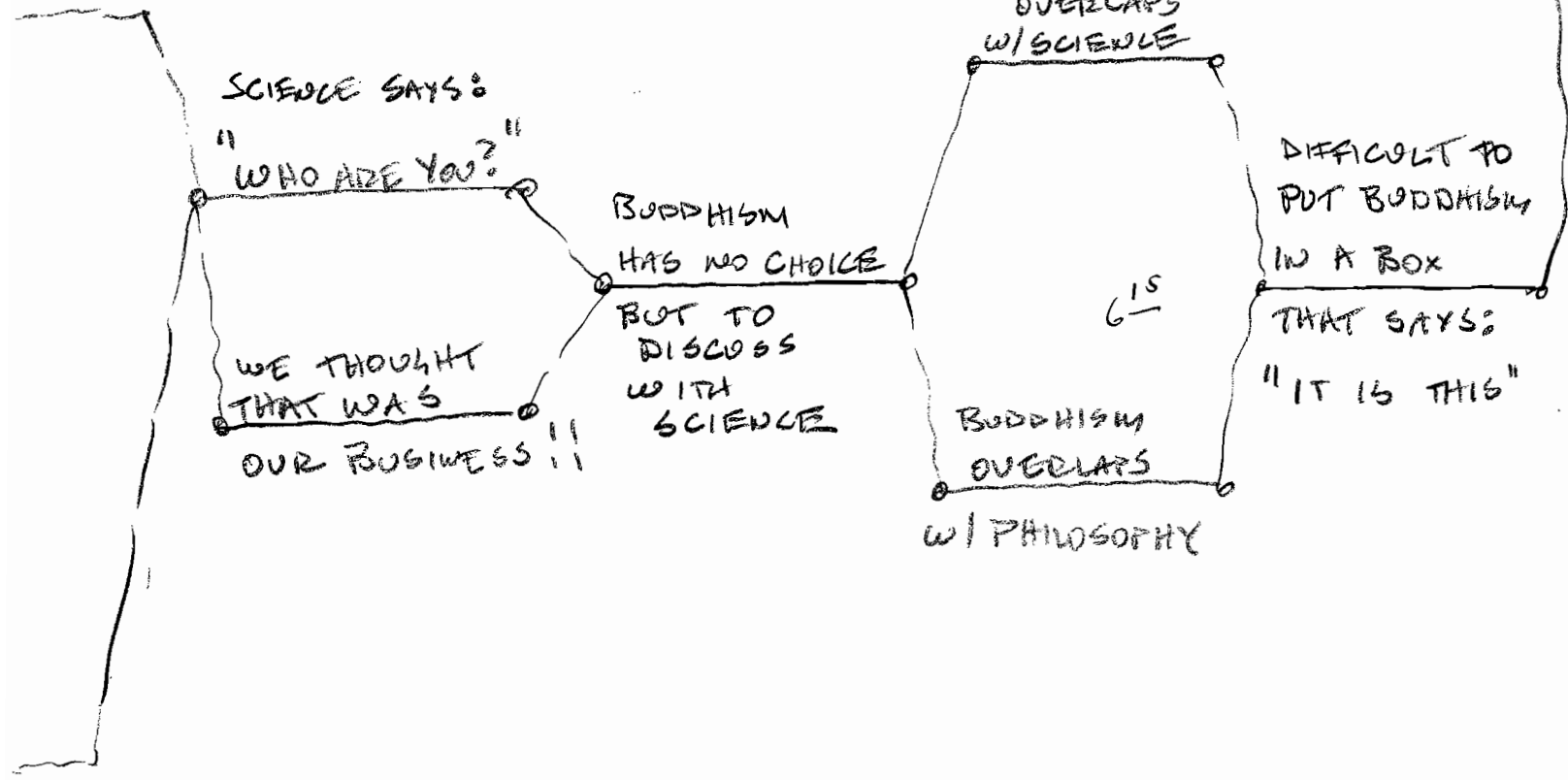
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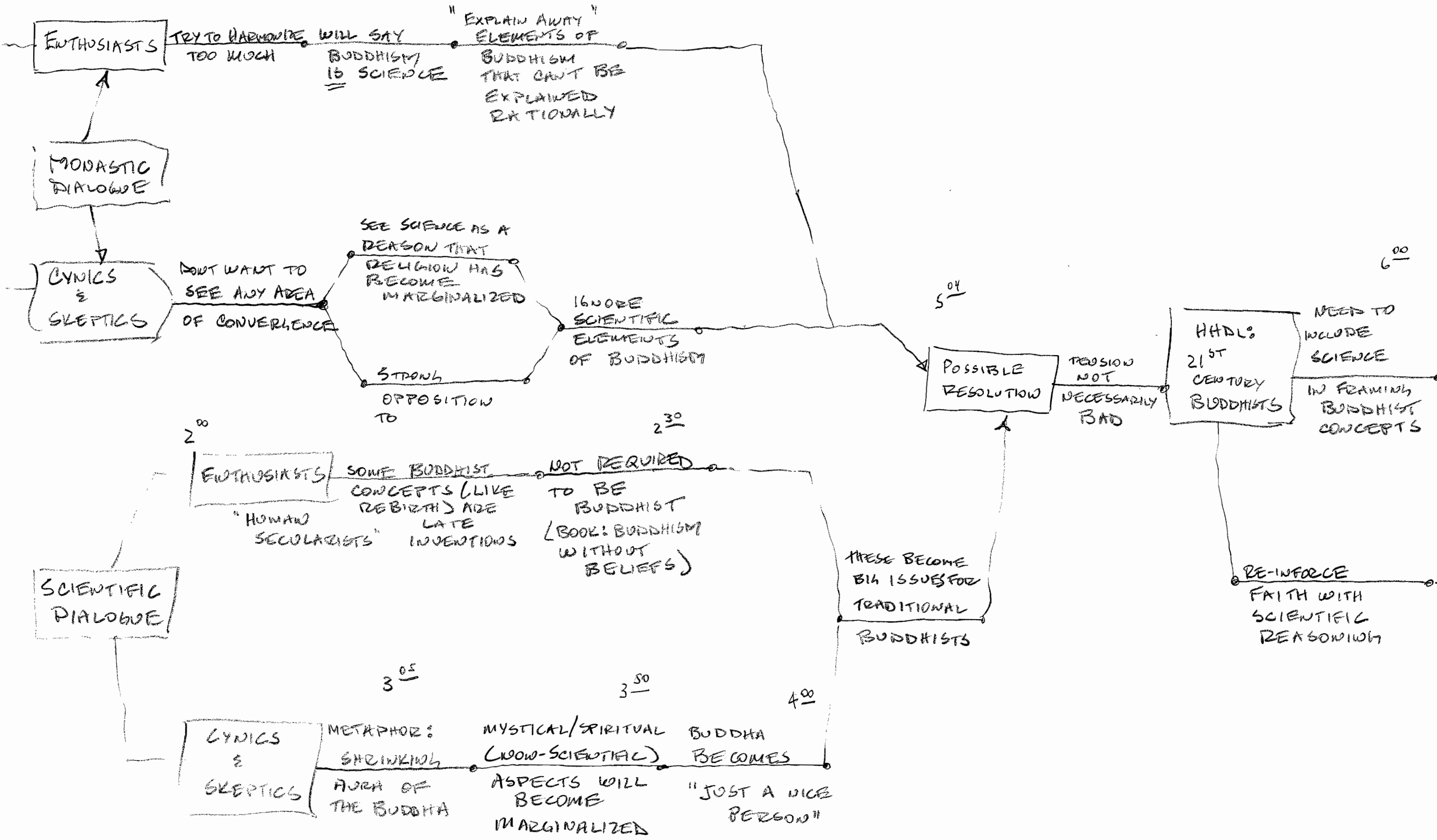
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→ ANY REVIEW, OBSERVATIONS & HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED !!

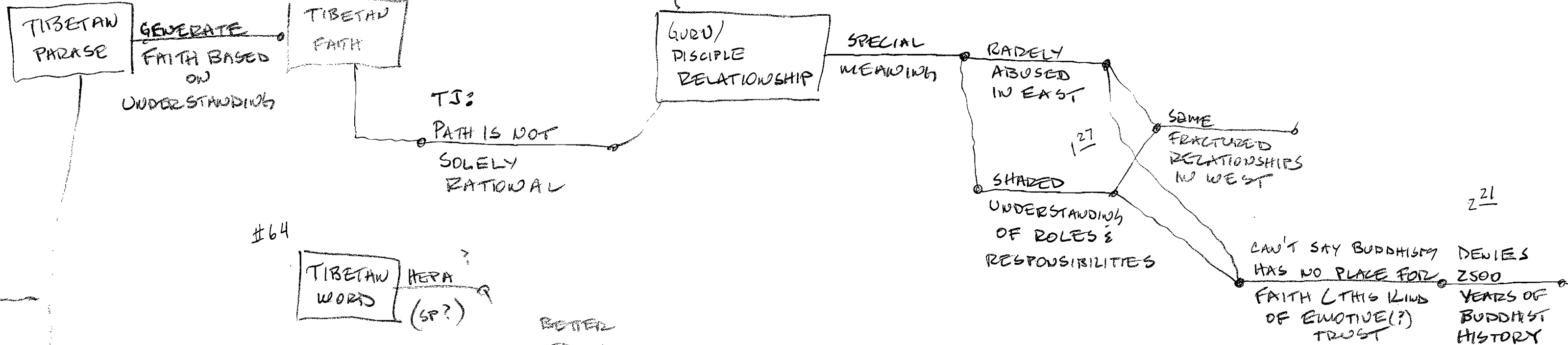


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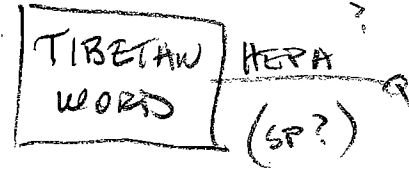
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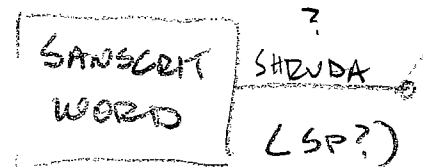
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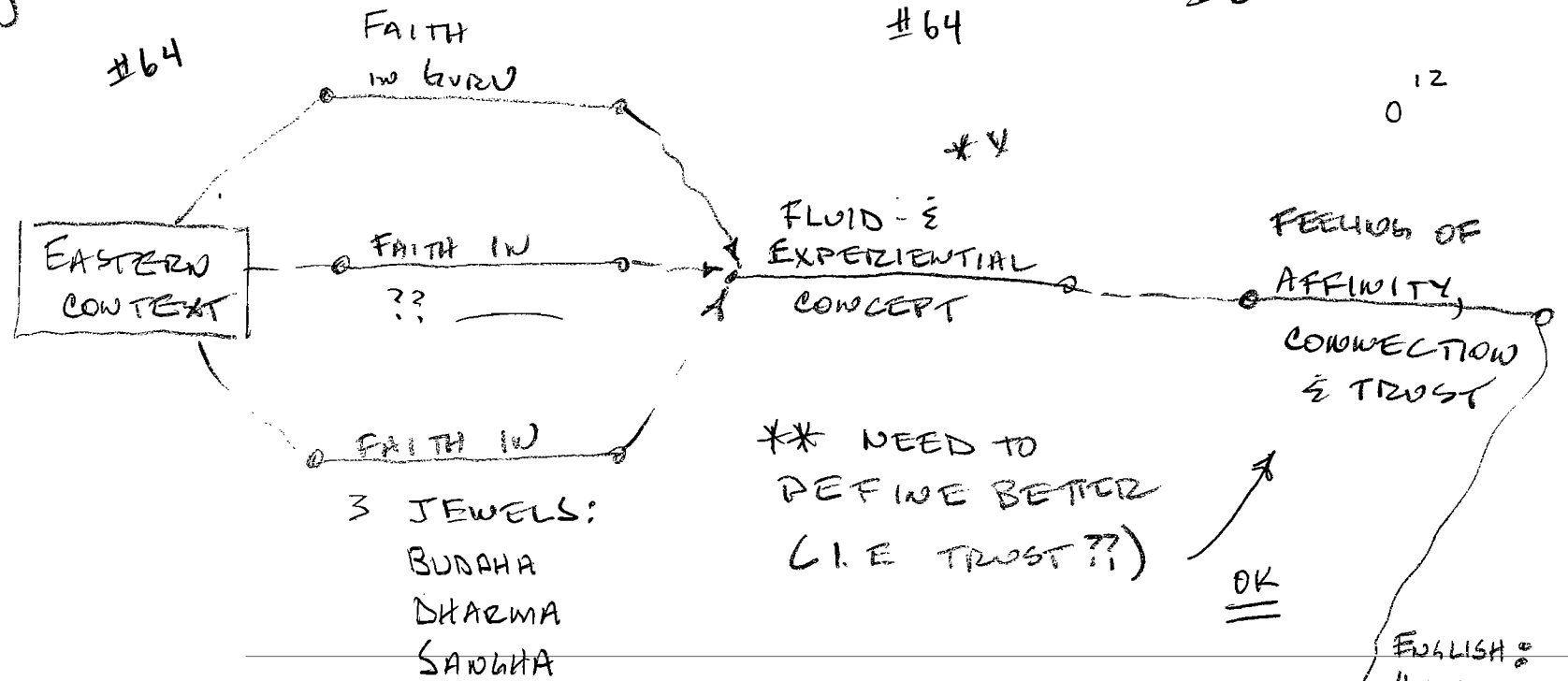


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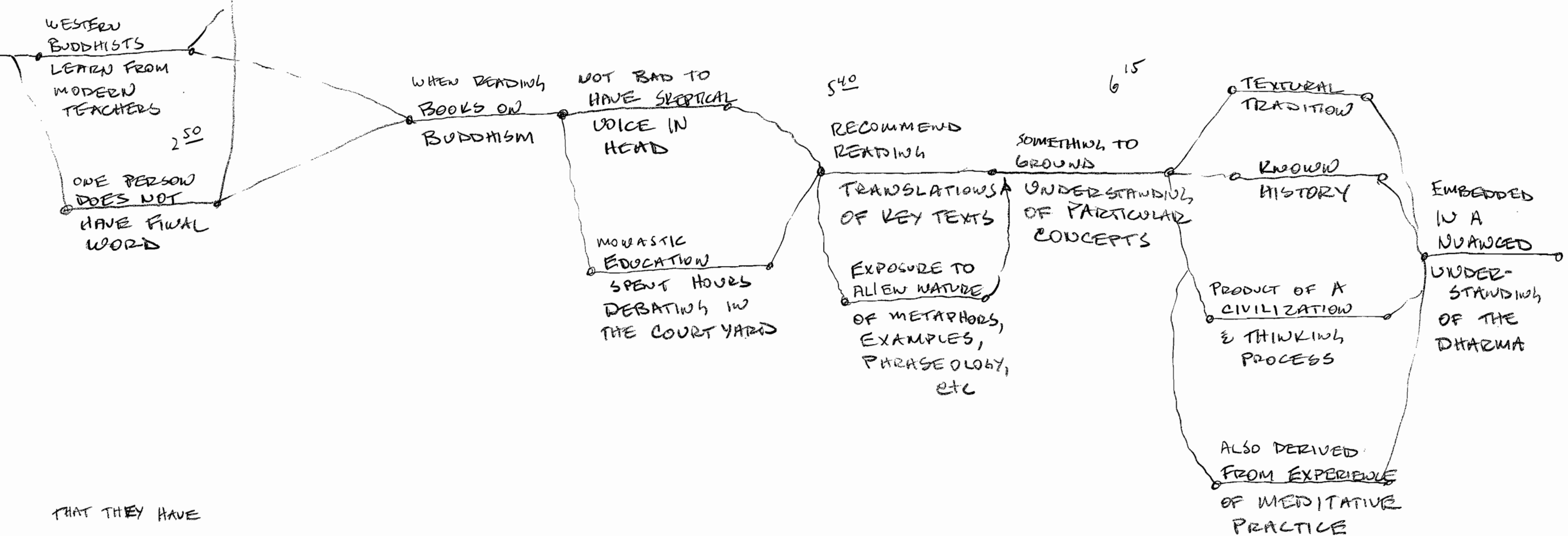
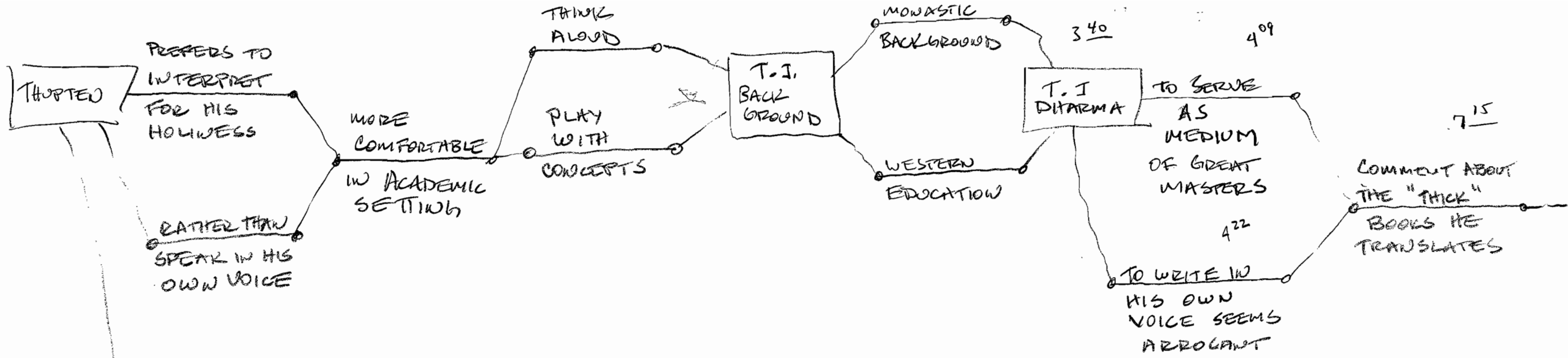
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WESTERN CONTEXT:
FAITH IMPLIES AN OBJECT
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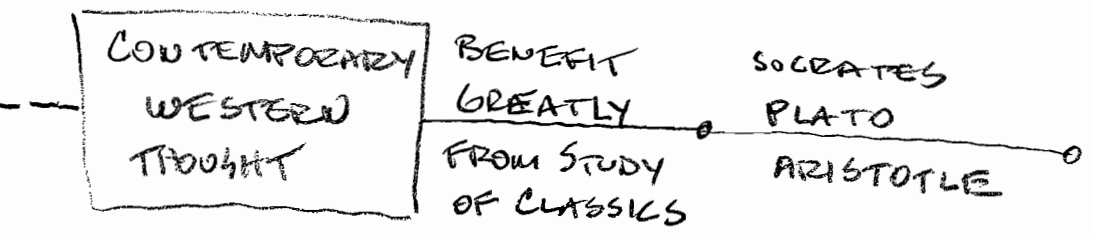
ENGLISH:
"I HAVE FAITH
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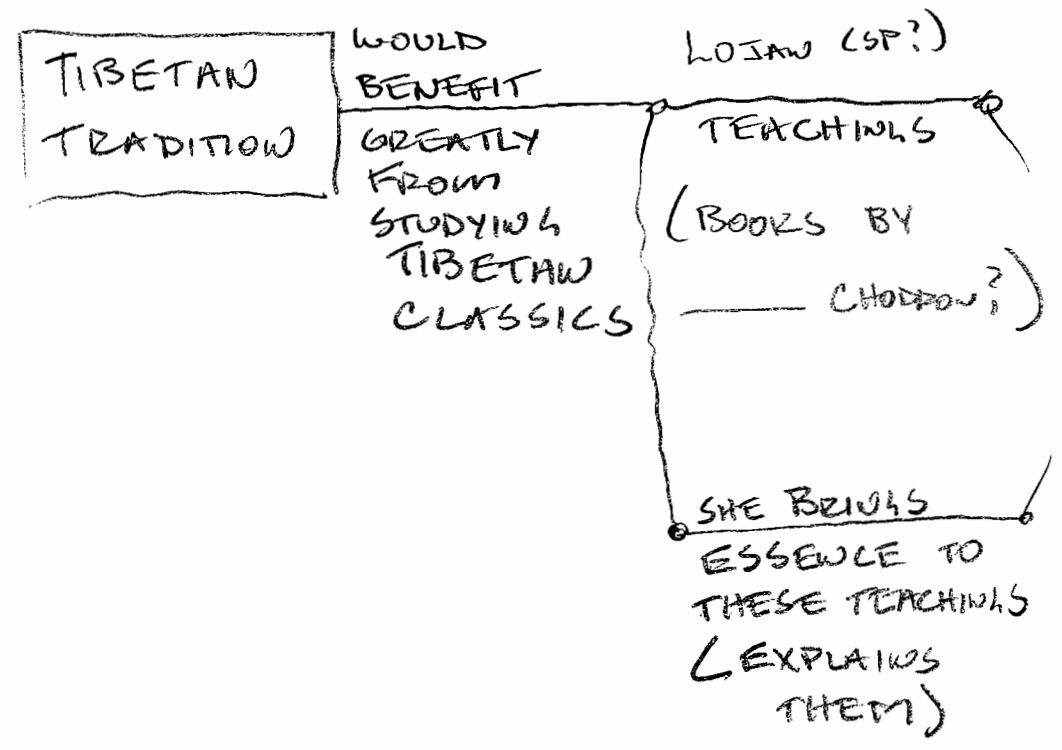


THAT THEY HAVE MY ULTIMATE WELL-BEING AT HEART

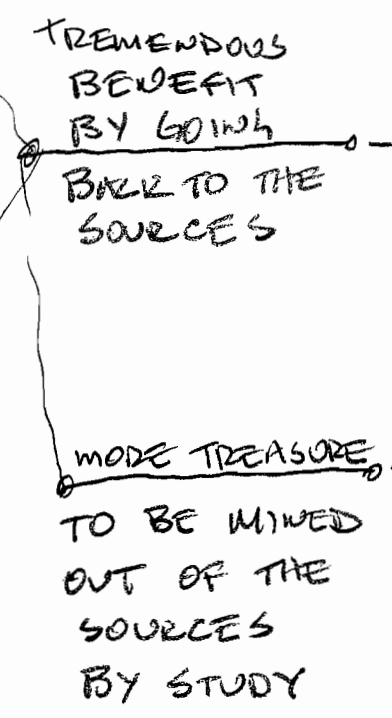
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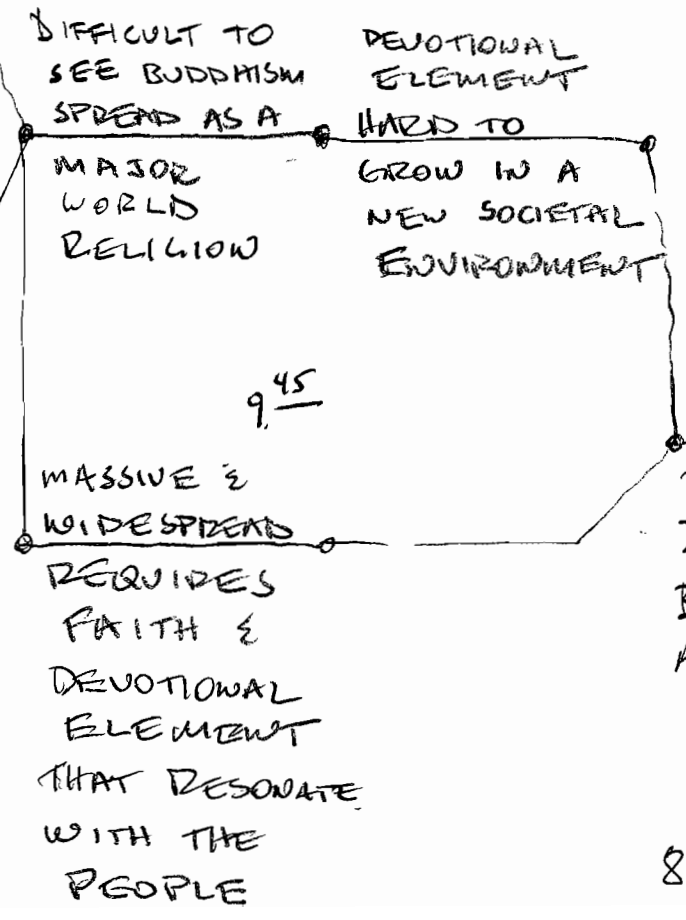
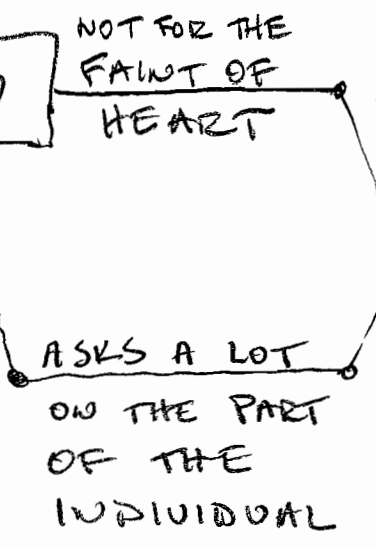


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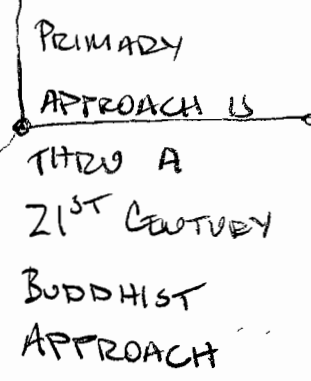


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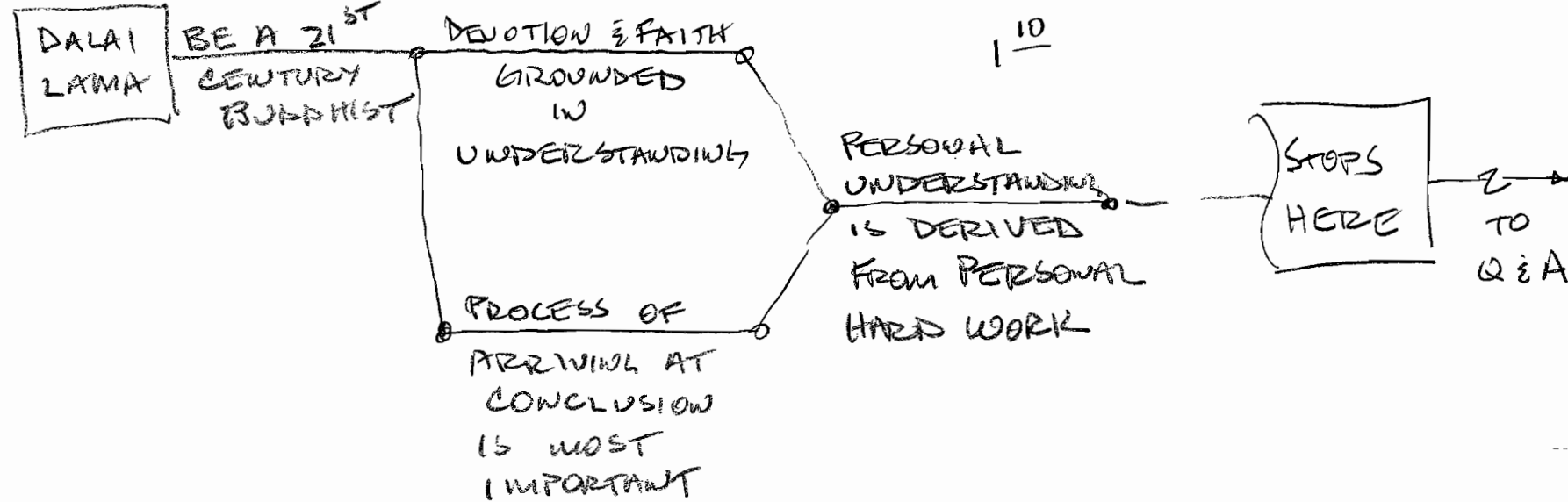
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What is a 21st Century Buddhist?

THURSDAY - HOPE YOU ENJOYED READING THIS CHART! I ENJOYING REVIEWING YOUR TALK & PREPARING IT (ON THE FLIGHT BACK TO S.F.) I HAVE BEEN (& WILL CONTINUE) PREPARING SIMILAR CHARTS ON BUDDHISM, I BELIEVE THEY CAN BE OF VALUE FOR PEOPLE STUDYING BUDDHISM. I THINK IT IS SIMILAR TO YOUR POINT ABOUT READING INTERPRETATIONS & THEN GOING TO THE SOURCE. I'M WELL AWARE THAT THE UNDERSTANDING I DERIVE EXCEEDS WHAT SOMEBODY ELSE WOULD GET FROM READING THEM. BUT STILL A GOOD INTRODUCTORY TOOL, I BELIEVE.

WHEN YOU RETURN, TIME PERMITTING, & IF YOU AGREE AS TO VALUE, I'D APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS & PERHAPS SOME HELP WITH ESTABLISHING AN OVER-VIEW PERSPECTIVE.

THANKS!!

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