

# Paramount: Perceptions, Ideas, And Goals, And World-Space

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I suspect that the following is paramount, in a very real way, for many of us in society:

Perceptions, ideas, and goals

World-space

Yet, psych unit psychiatry omits this entire set.

It has a limited view of behavior (sometimes useful things may be noted, but in a pathetic context, and other times, it's used simply to back up a one-sided and limited status quo), and does not really consider 'action' – in terms of a reason for or philosophy of action, nor a discussion of merit.

Just my observations.

But the above set, along with a consideration of real action, a real act[1] in the real world[2], can be useful, I think.

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## Footnotes

1. Nagarjuna discusses this, in a most useful way. Nishijima, who translated Nagarjuna's "Fundamental Wisdom Of The Middle Way", says that Buddhist philosophy is really a philosophy of action. And Dogen speaks of all functions, or 'the total function'. See Dogen's essay titled "Zenki" ("All Functions") in "Shobogenzo" translated by Nishijima, Book 2.
2. In FWOTMW Nagarjuna says that when we see the fusion of the abstract and the concrete, we see the real world, before us. This is a tremendously useful and dimension statement, and can lead in any of a number of directions; and, just this real world, before us.

## **Endnote – Ideas And Goals**

Marvin Minsky provides useful and insightful observations and ideas on ideas and goals, in his books “The Society Of Mind” and “The Emotion Machine: Common Sense Reasoning, Artificial Intelligence, And The Future Of The Human Mind”. These might be particularly suited for the Western mind, but for most points he’s so agile, that it’s instructive in any case. I think this is significant. He wants us to be un-stuck, and to be able to deal with being stuck, to find paths around and through that. Diane Musho Hamilton provides some thoughts that might be relevant in her book “The Zen Of You And Me: The Art Of Getting Along With Just About Anyone”. I have yet to finish this book, and will have more later. But there are all sorts of ancient and modern thought, and the philosophical, the spiritual, the religious, the psychological, the dialogic, and the everyday, that might apply. For example, Buddhism is also concerned with our own state, the world-space, our perceptions of it, and how we-and-the-world function.