

Some Thoughts on the State of the Field

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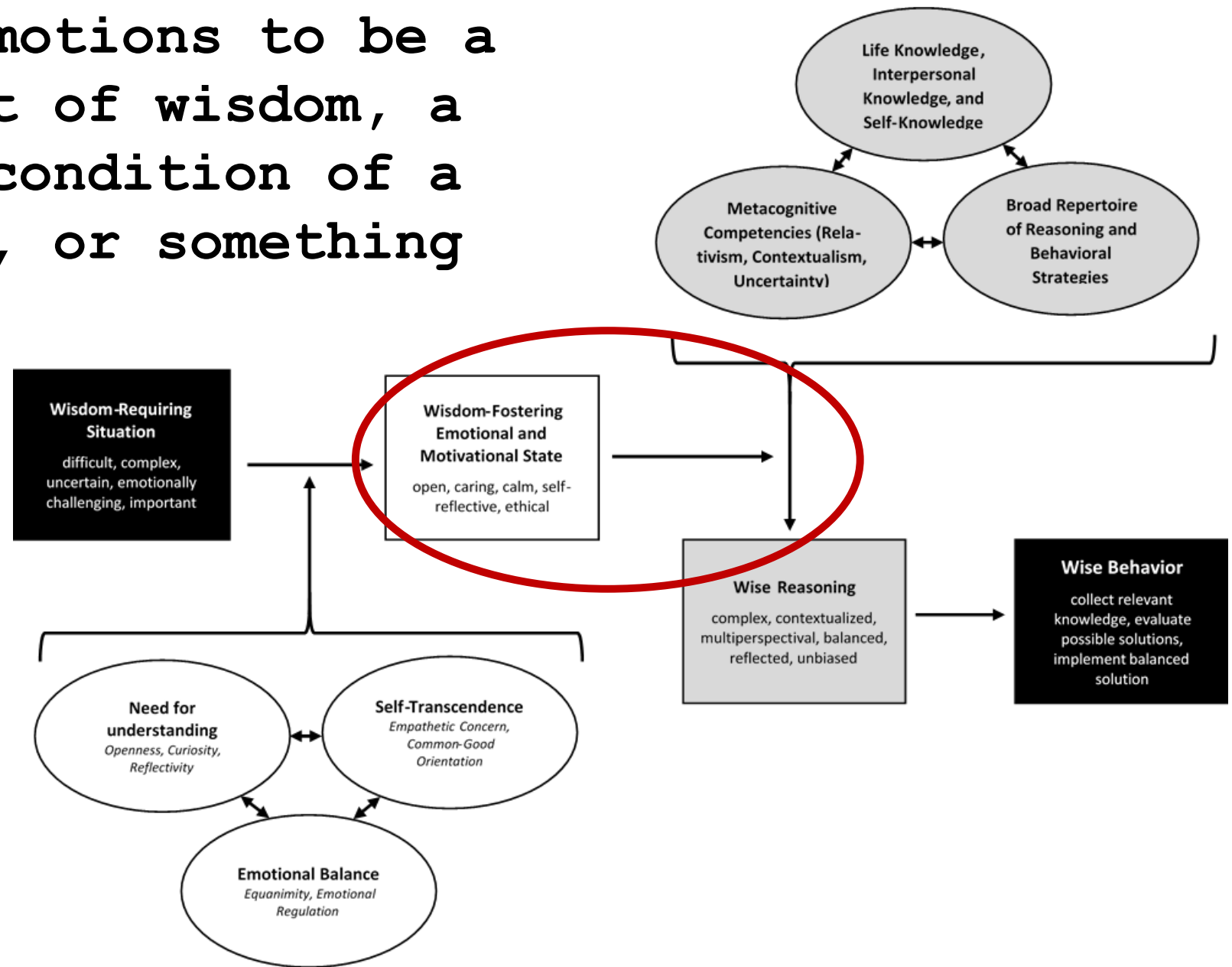
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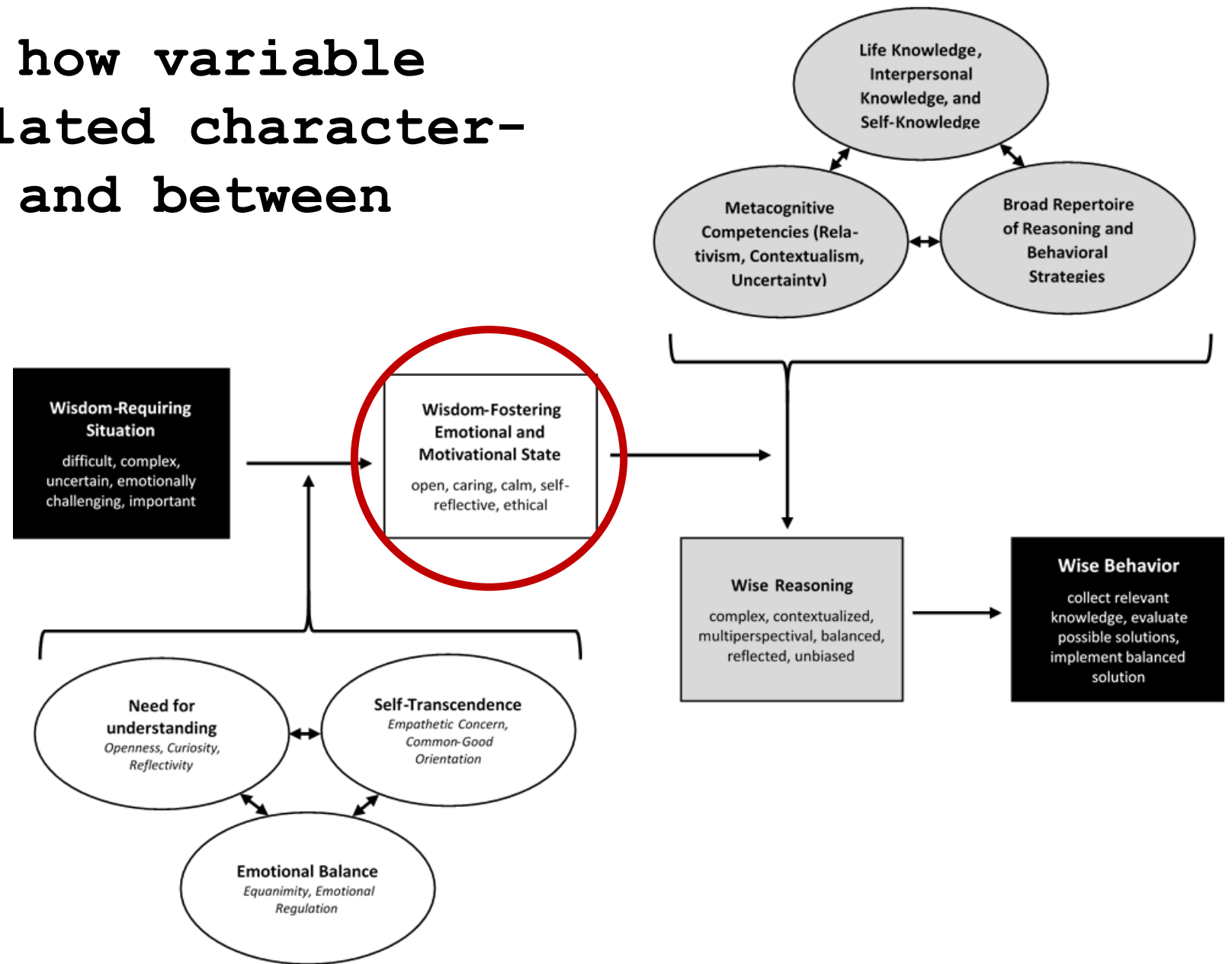
Three Questions and One Issue

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3. What is your perspective on the relationship of morality and wisdom?
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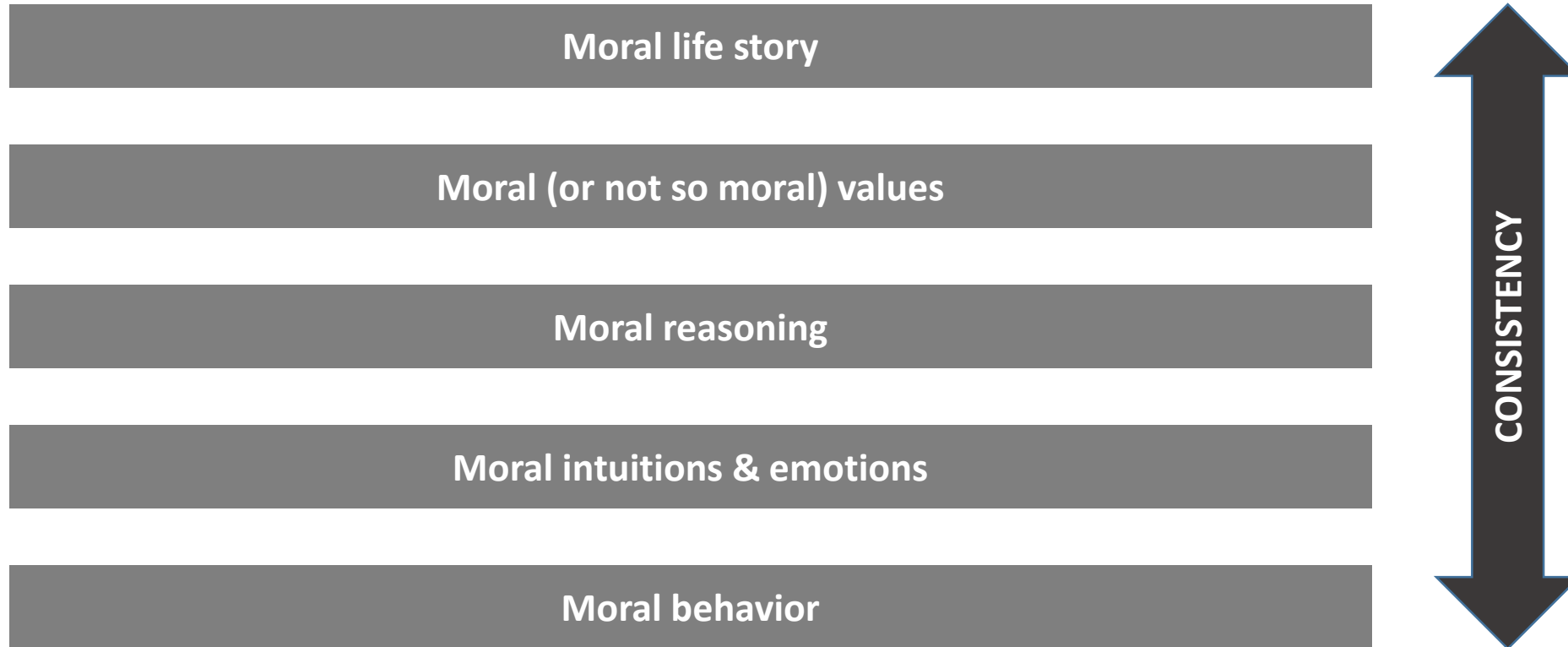
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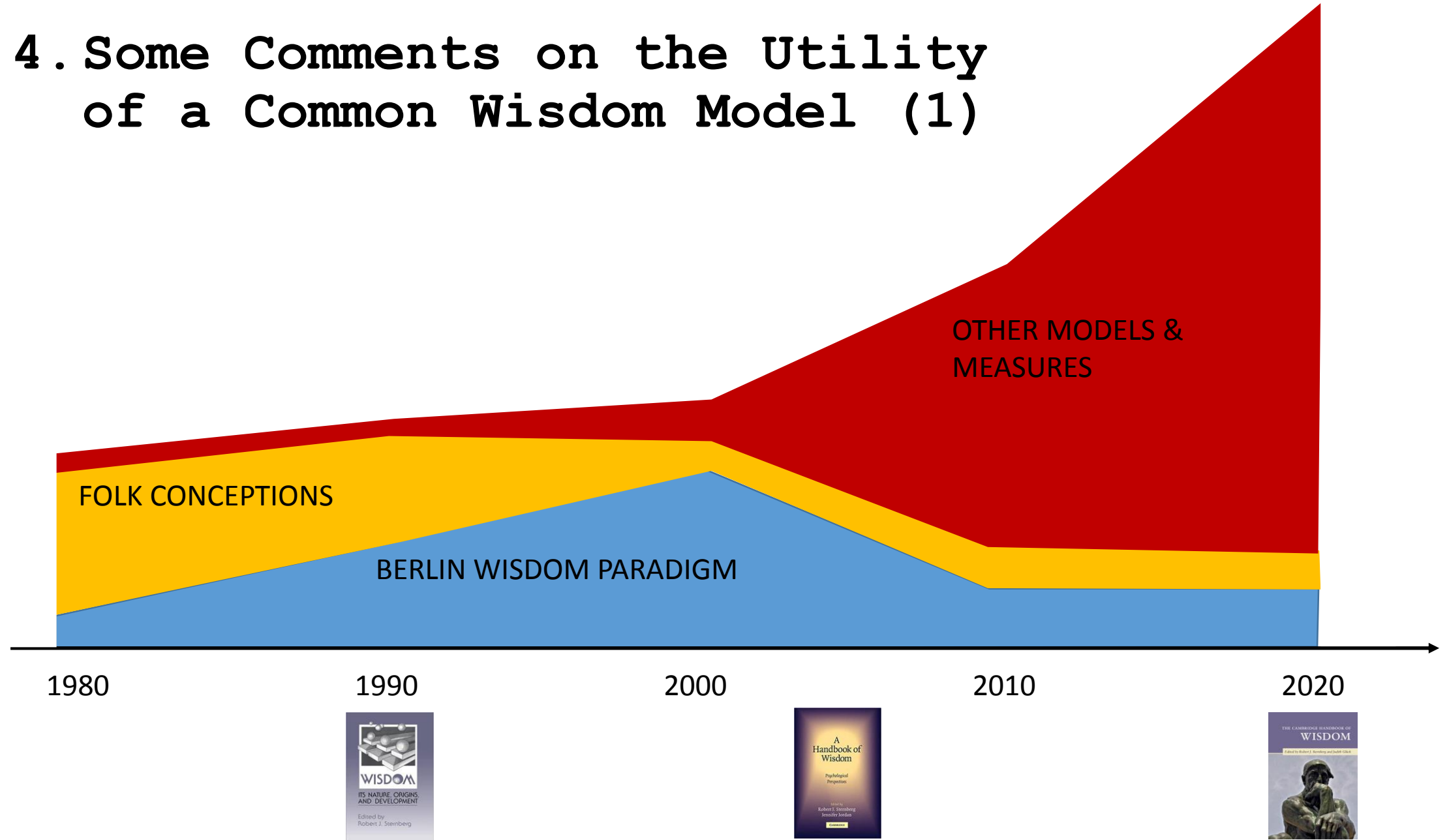


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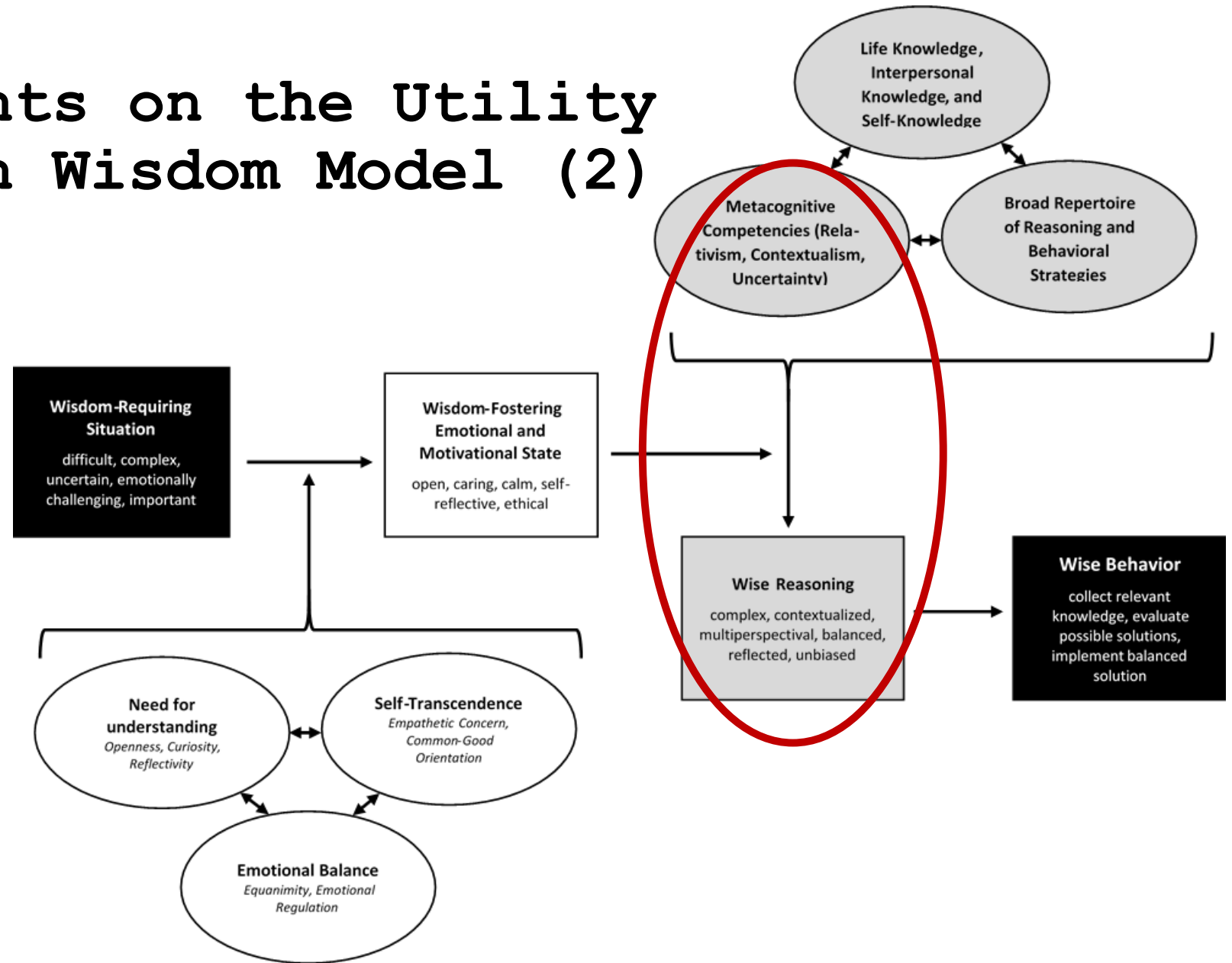


Depends on what you mean by morality...

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4. Some Comments on the Utility of a Common Wisdom Model (2)



4. Some Comments on the Utility of a Common Wisdom Model (3)



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“The development of the field of intelligence, I believe, has been extremely delayed by the premature acceptance of a theoretical approach and paradigm for studying intelligence. Spearman proposed the theoretical approach in 1904 and Binet proposed a test in 1905. In 2021, well over a century later, the field for the most part has not adequately challenged either Spearman's theory or Binet's measurement approach.” (Robert J. Sternberg, personal communication, May 31, 2021)

To summarize...

1. I view a certain emotional and motivational state as a necessary precondition of wise reasoning and wise behavior in challenging real-life situations.
2. I believe that wisdom characteristics vary considerably both between and within individuals.
3. Several aspects of morality are likely to be related to wisdom – an important field for future research!
4. I (personally) want our field to remain diverse in backgrounds, conceptions, and approaches. The concept of wisdom is too complex to capture in any one model.

Thank you!