

What is a PhD?

A VISUAL GUIDE

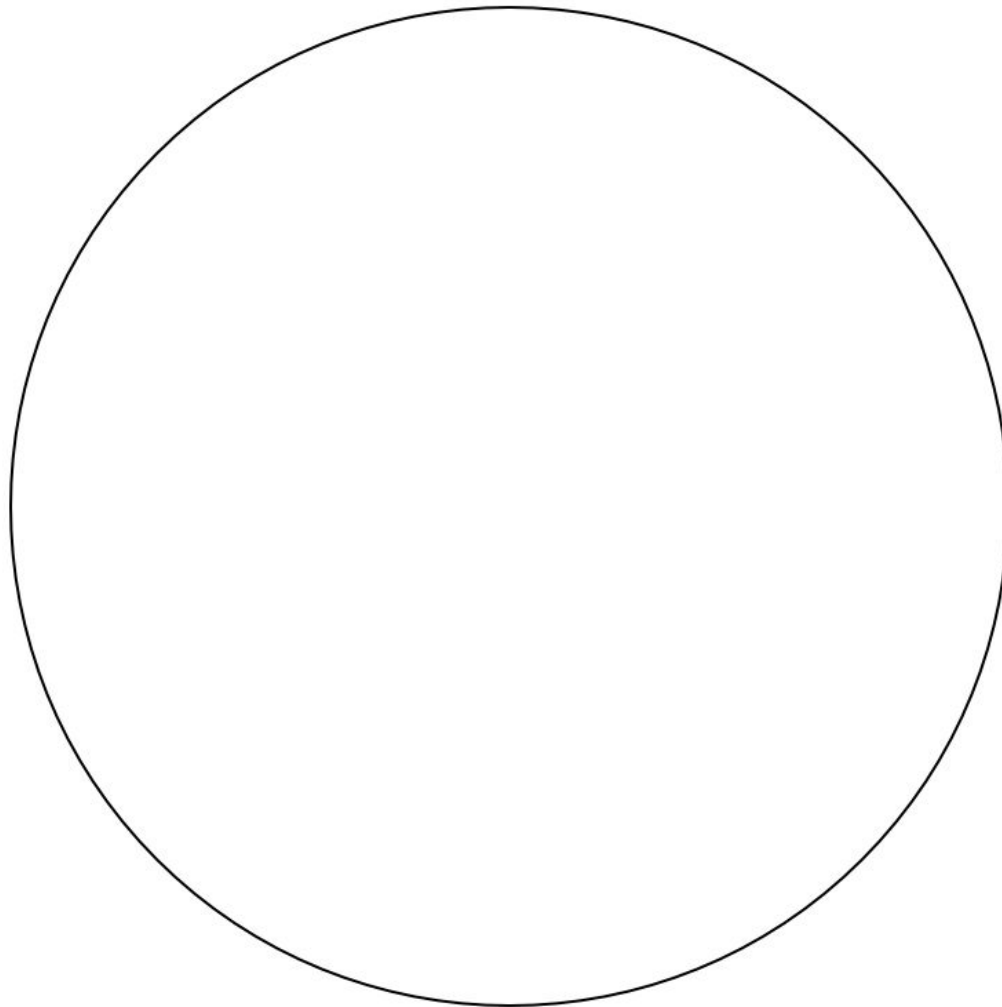
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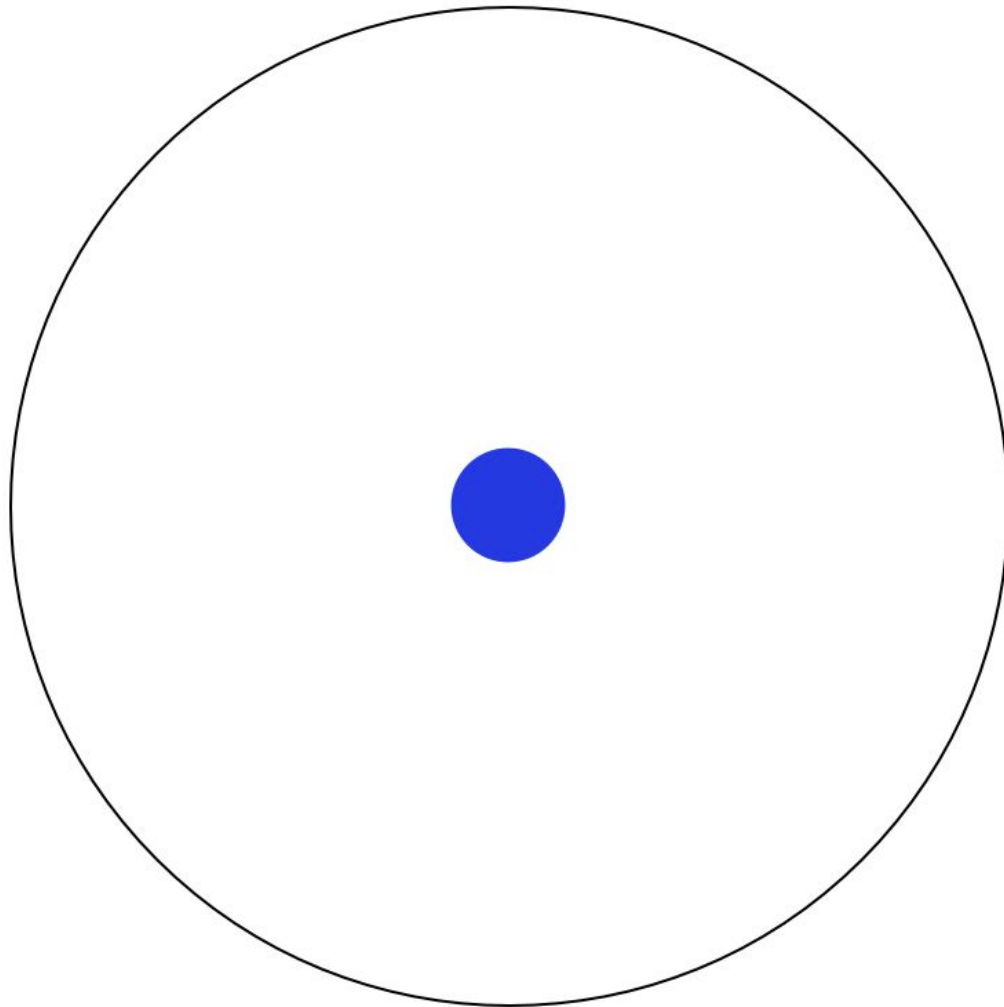


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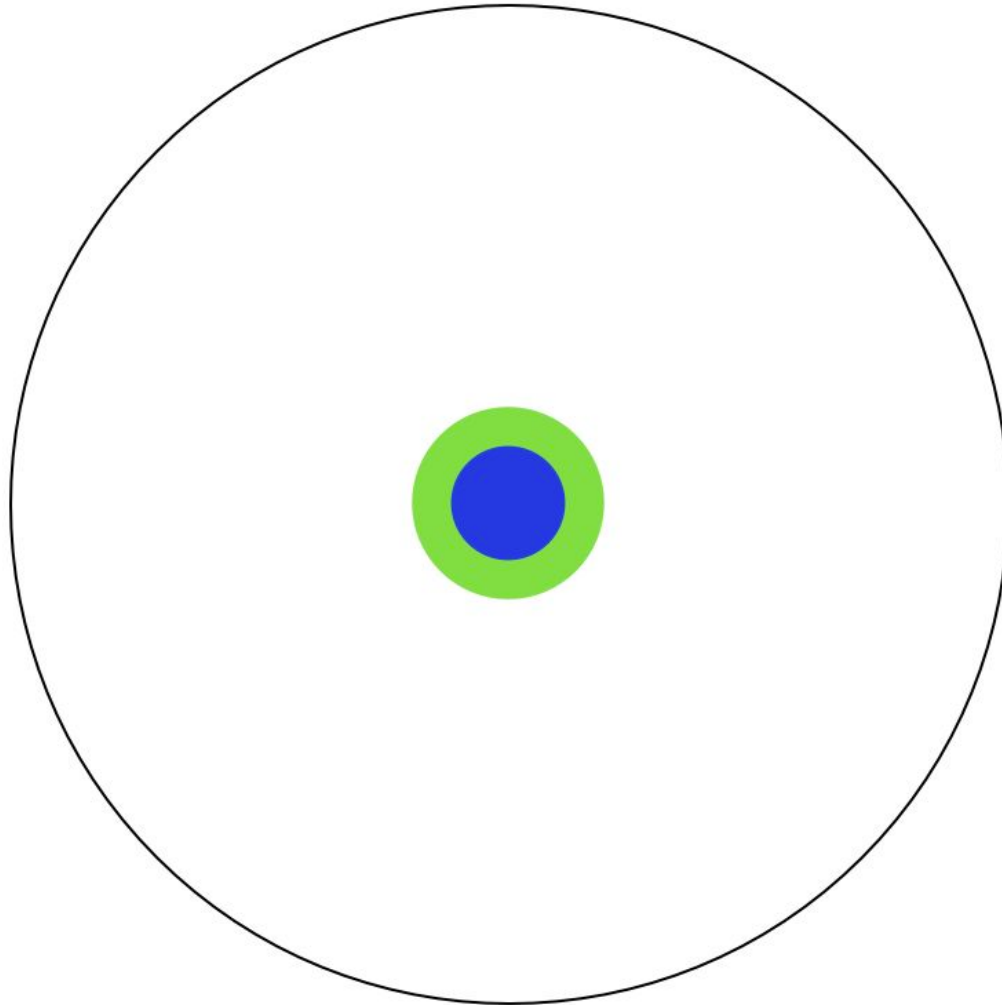
**Imagine a circle that contains all
of human knowledge:**



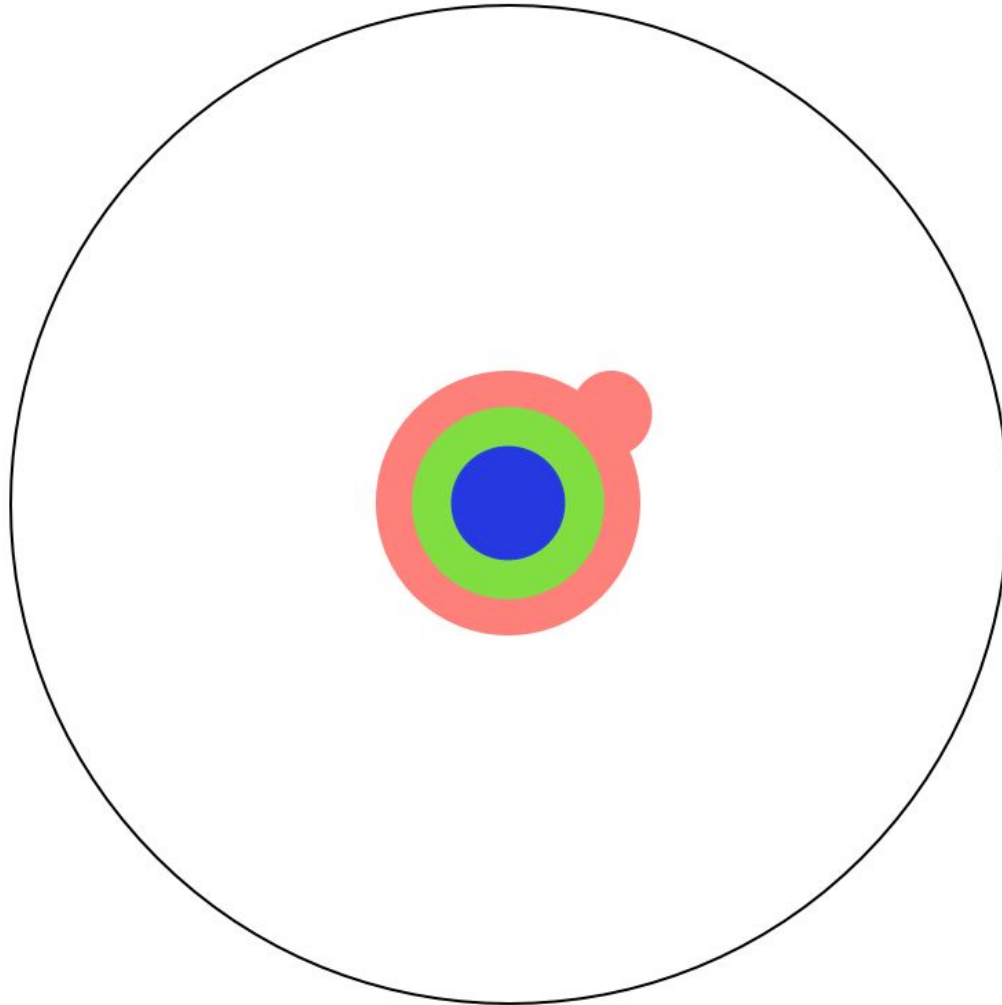
**By the time you finish elementary
school, you know a little:**



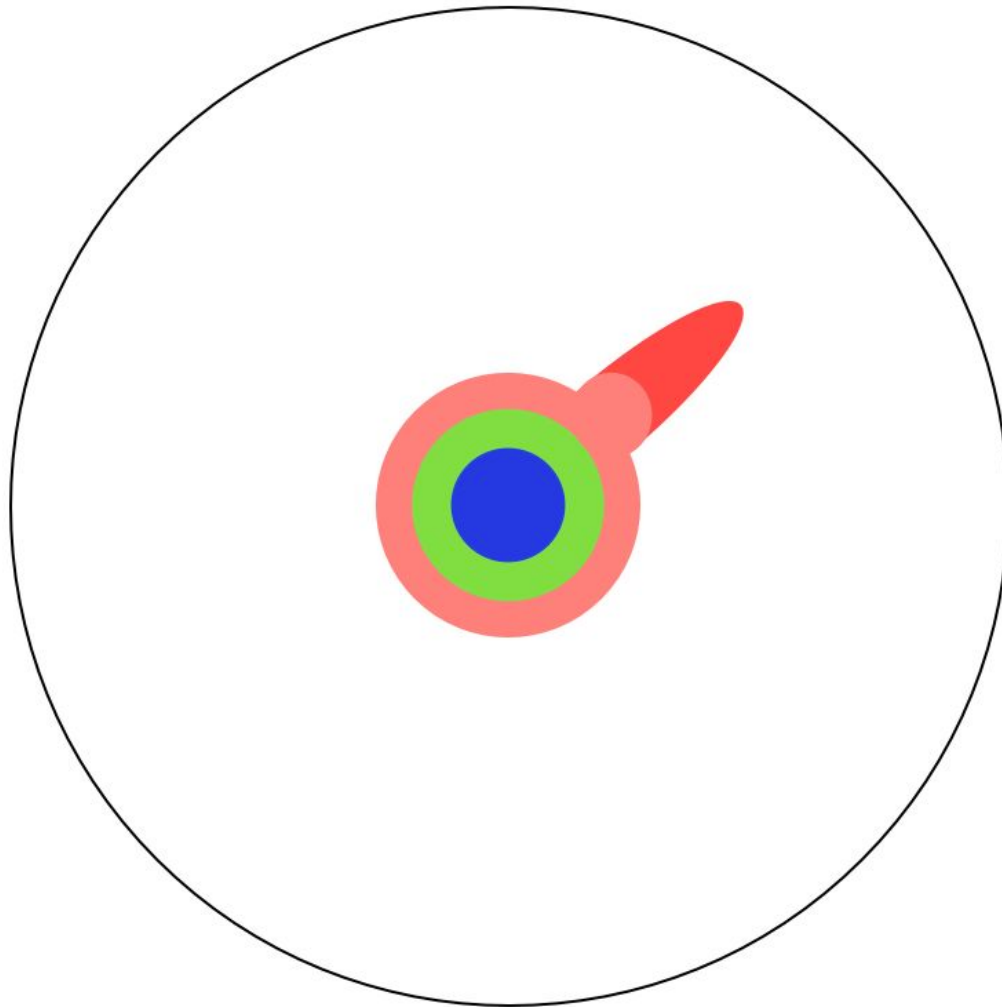
By the time you finish high school, you know a bit more:



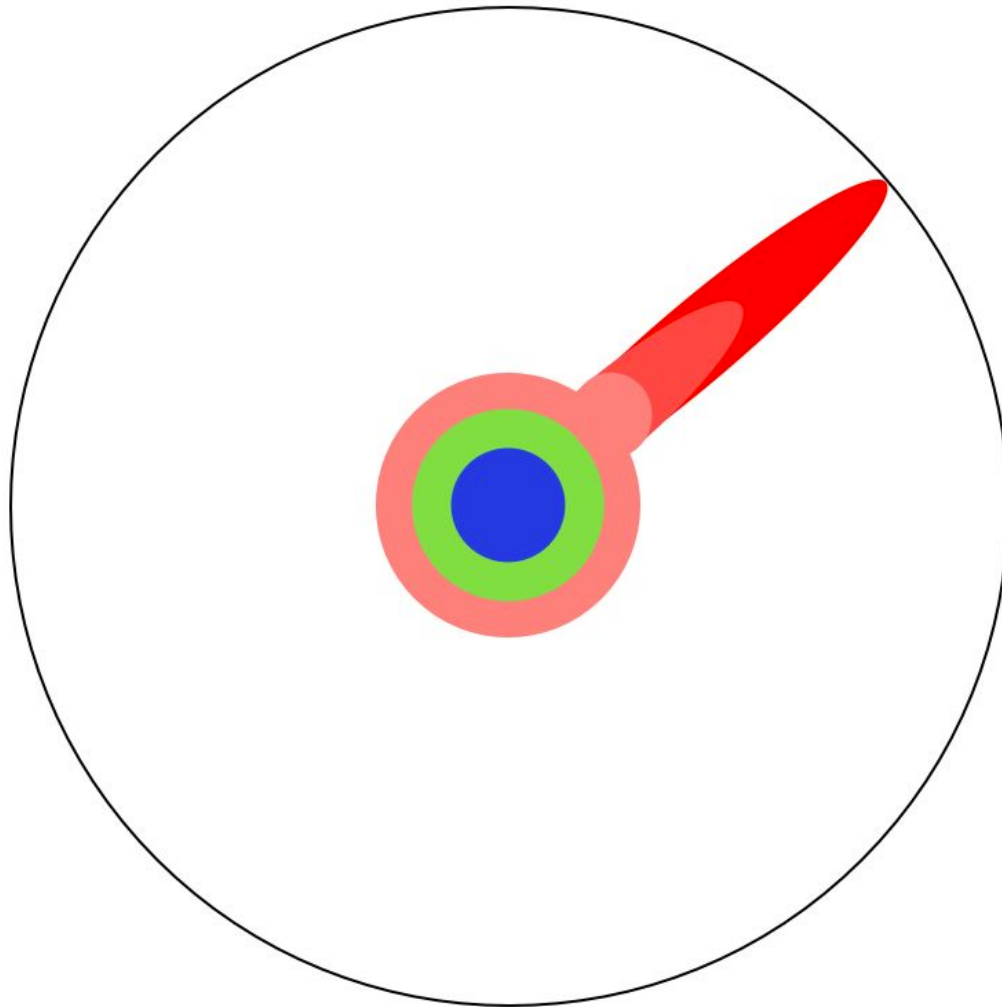
**With a bachelor's degree, you
gain a specialty:**



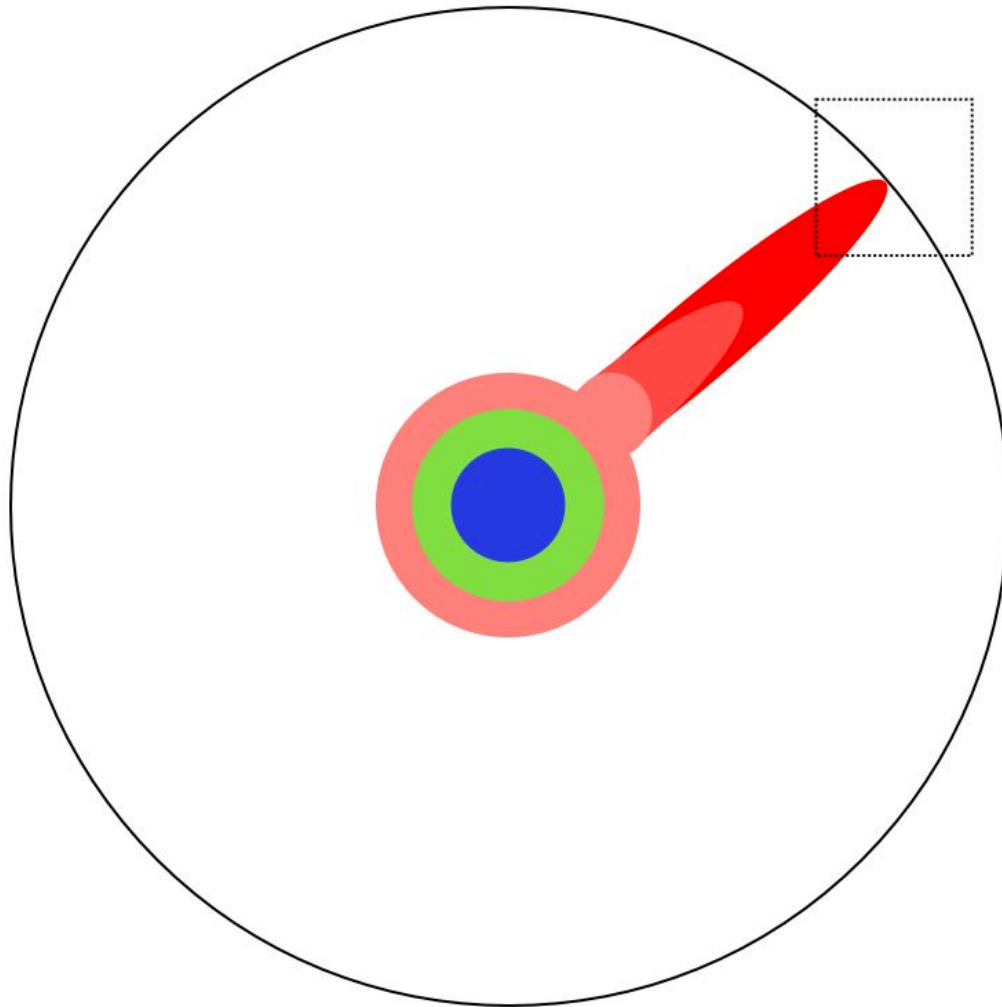
**A master's degree deepens that
specialty:**



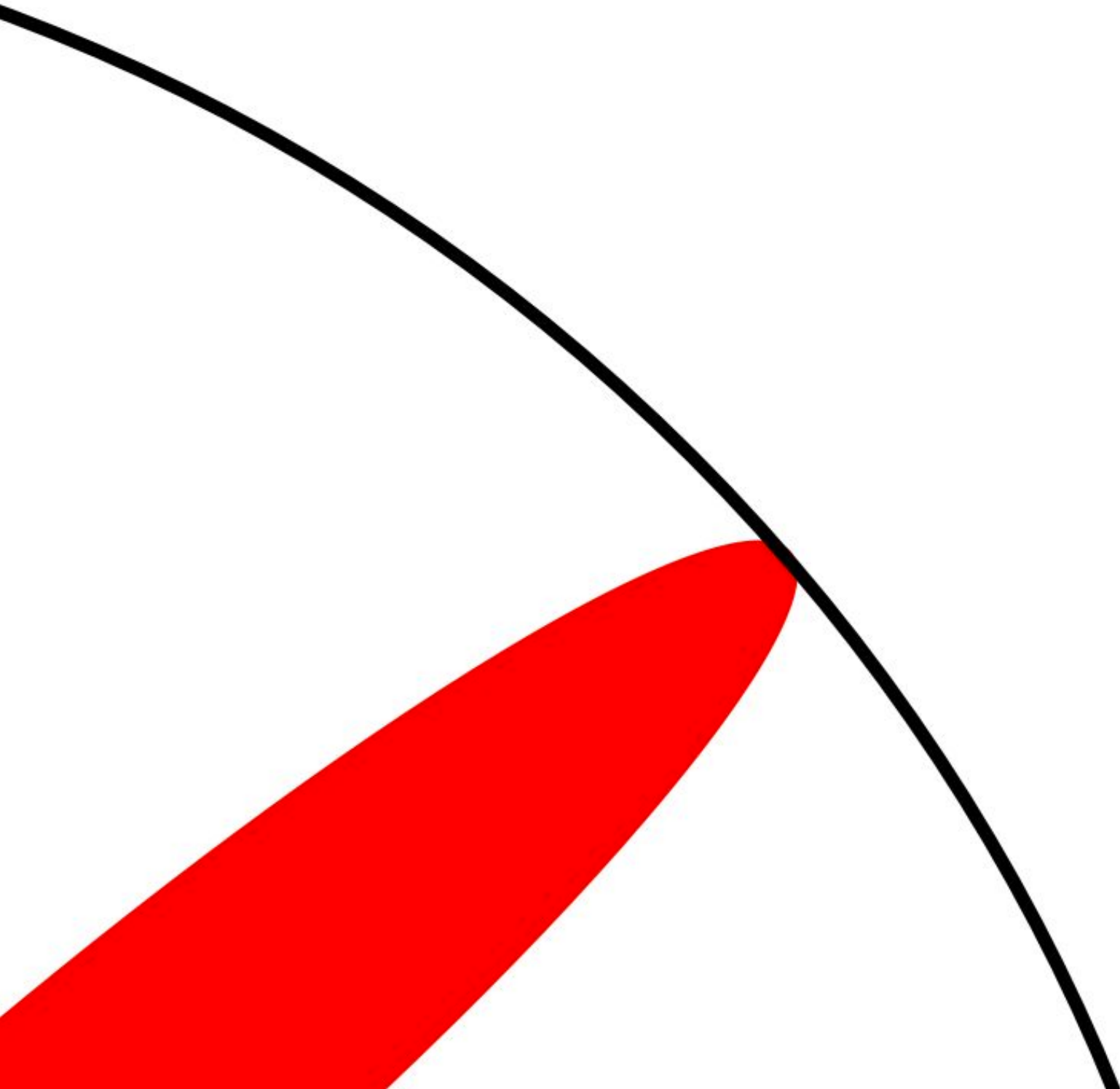
**Reading research papers takes
you to the edge of human
knowledge:**



**Once you're at the boundary, you
focus:**

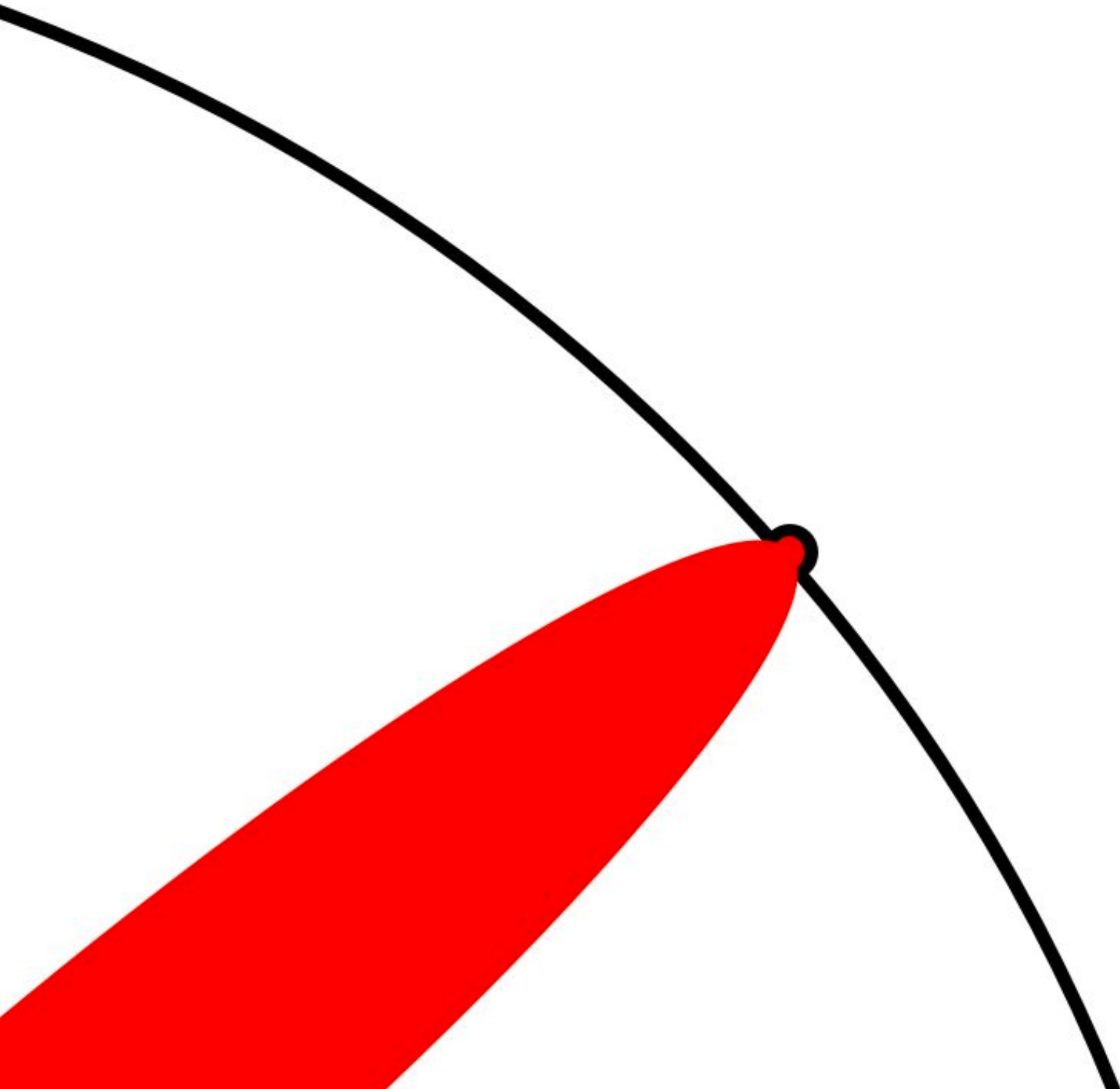


**You push at the boundary for a
few years:**

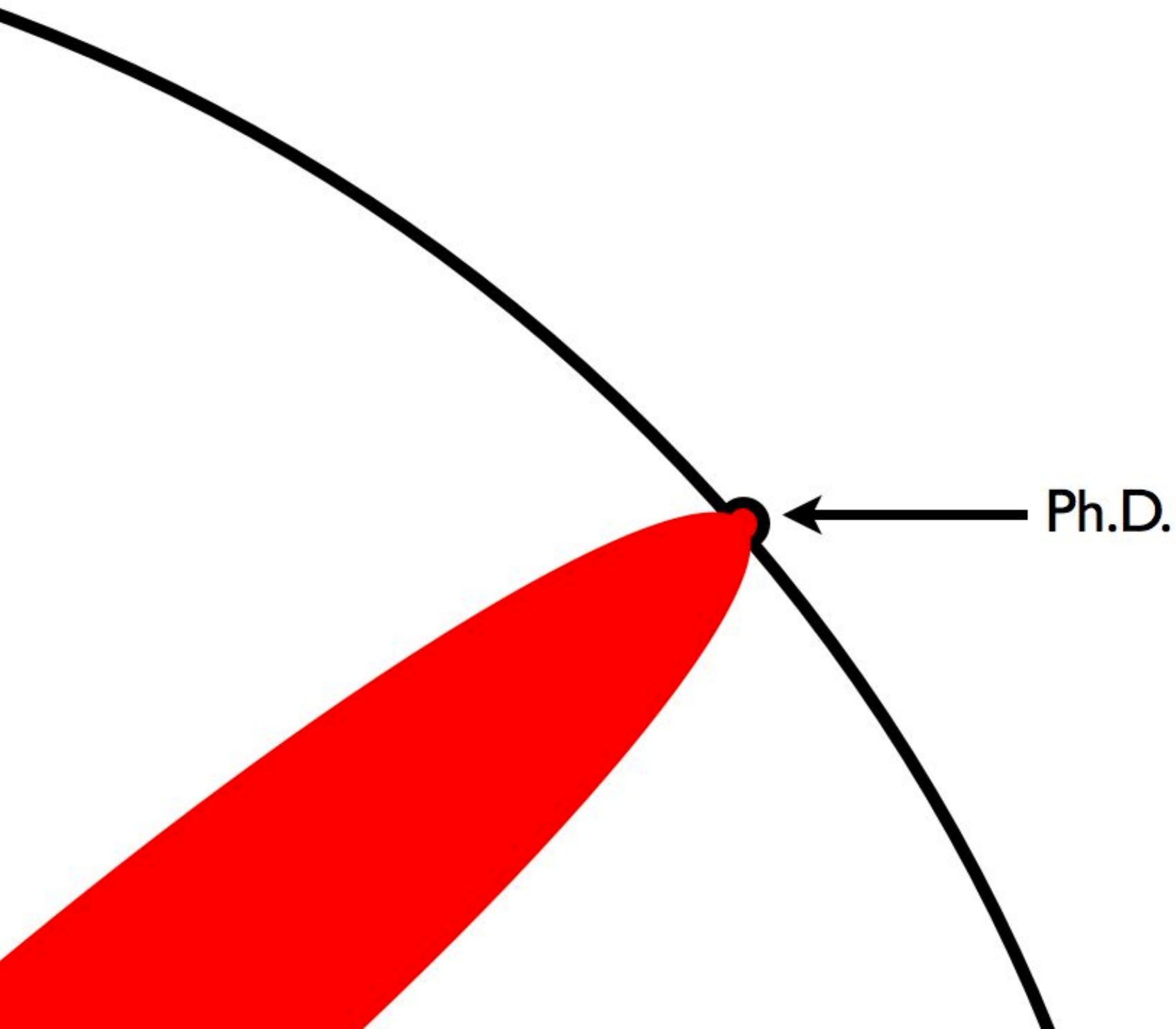


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**Until one day, the boundary gives
way:**



**And, that dent you've made is
called a Ph.D.:**

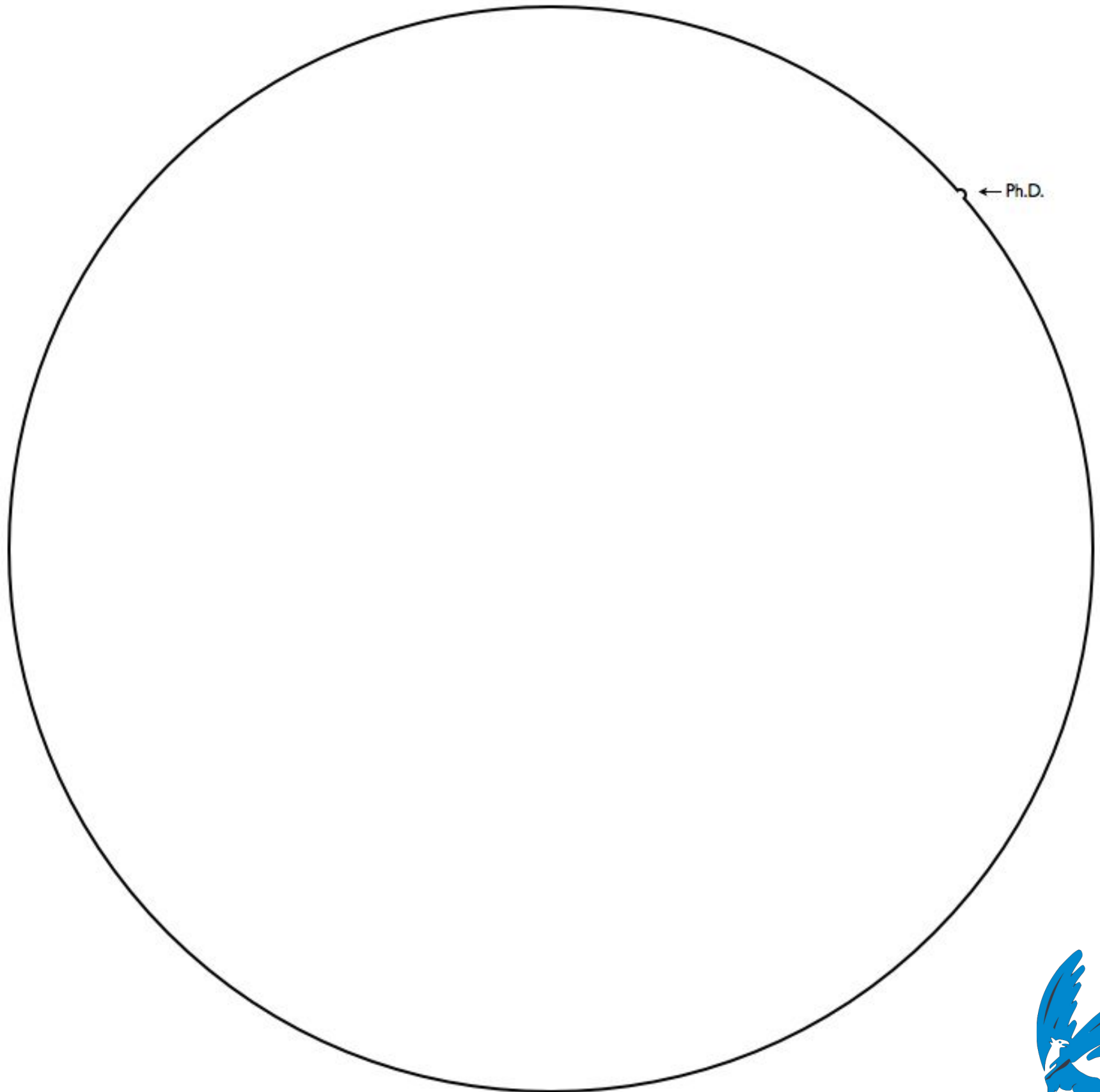


**Of course, the world looks
different to you now:**



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So, don't forget the bigger picture:



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