Some Thoughts on the State of the Field

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Three Questions and One Issue

- 1. Do you view emotions to be a central aspect of wisdom, a necessary precondition of a wise judgment, or something else?
- 2. In your view, how variable are wisdom-related characteristics within and between people?
- 3. What is your perspective on the relationship of morality and wisdom?
- 4. Some Comments on the Utility of a Common Wisdom Model

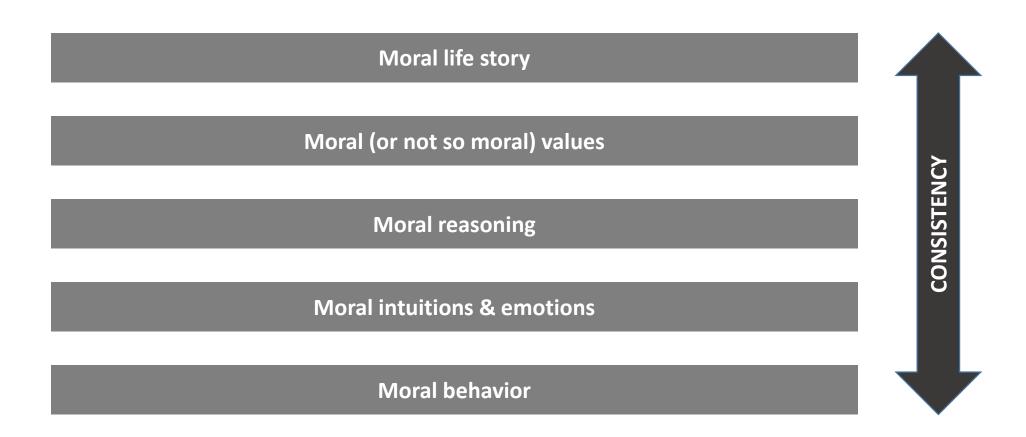
1. Do you view emotions to be a Life Knowledge, Interpersonal central aspect of wisdom, a Knowledge, and Self-Knowledge necessary precondition of a **Broad Repertoire** Metacognitive wise judgment, or something of Reasoning and Competencies (Rela-**Behavioral** tivism, Contextualism, Strategies Uncertainty) else? Wisdom-Requiring Wisdom-Fostering Situation **Emotional and Motivational State** difficult, complex, uncertain, emotionally open, caring, calm, selfchallenging, important reflective, ethical Wise Behavior Wise Reasoning collect relevant complex, contextualized, knowledge, evaluate multiperspectival, balanced, possible solutions, reflected, unbiased implement balanced solution Self-Transcendence Need for Empathetic Concern, understanding Common-Good Openness, Curiosity, Orientation Reflectivity **Emotional Balance** Equanimity, Emotional Regulation

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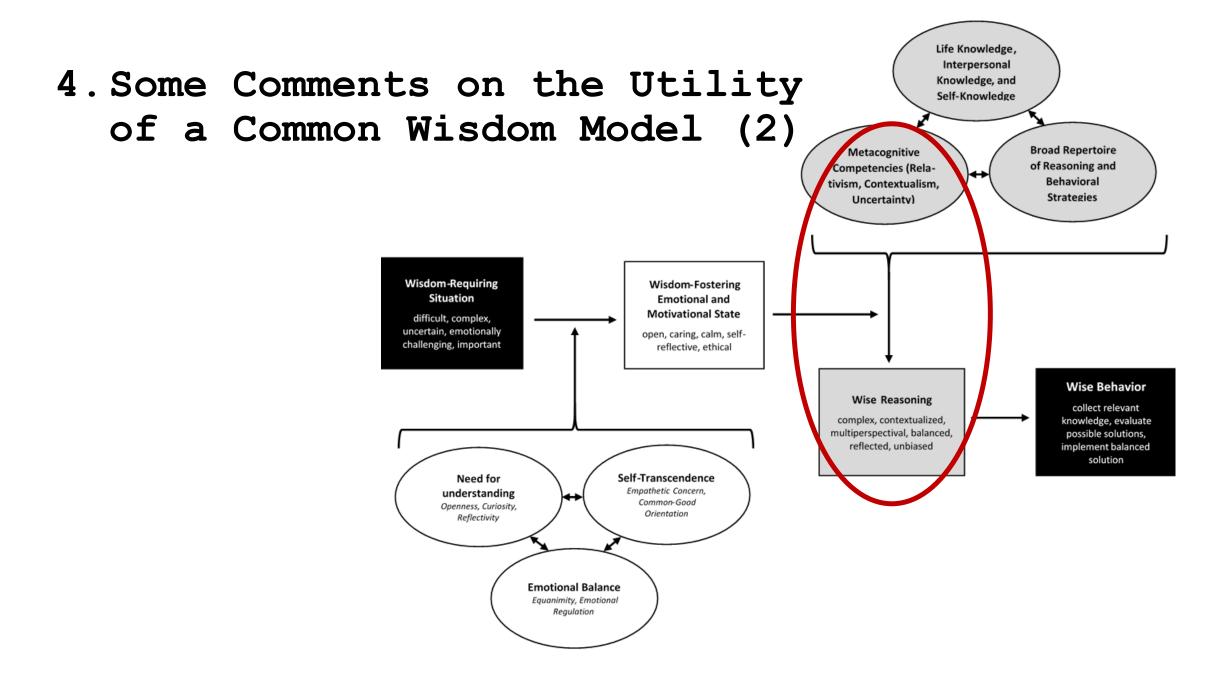
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3. What is your perspective on the relationship of morality and wisdom?



Depends on what you mean by morality...

4. Some Comments on the Utility of a Common Wisdom Model (1) **OTHER MODELS & MEASURES FOLK CONCEPTIONS** BERLIN WISDOM PARADIGM 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020 WISDOM



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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!