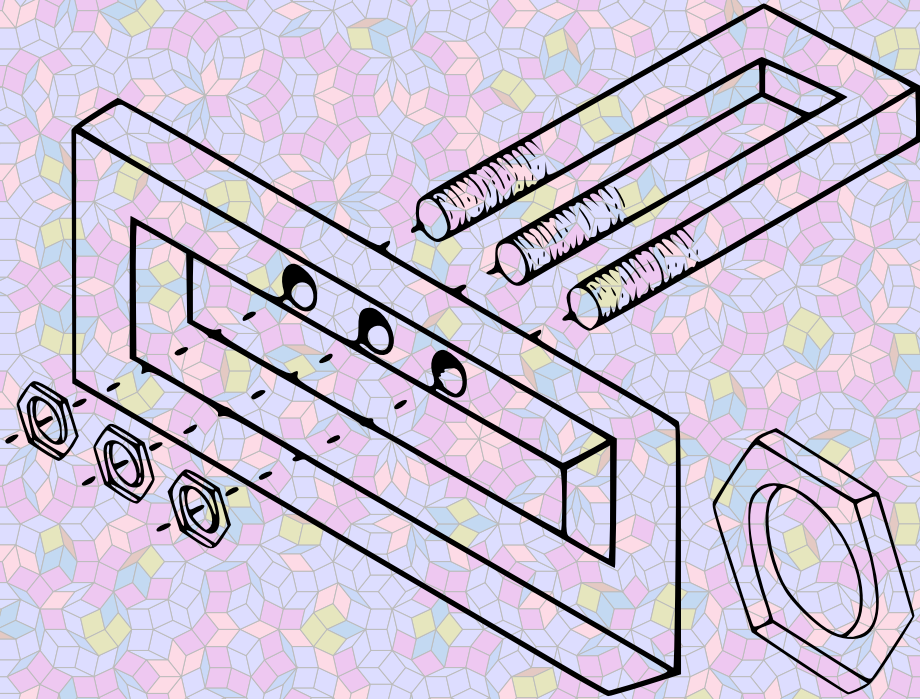


# The Puzzling Paradoxes of Modern Physics



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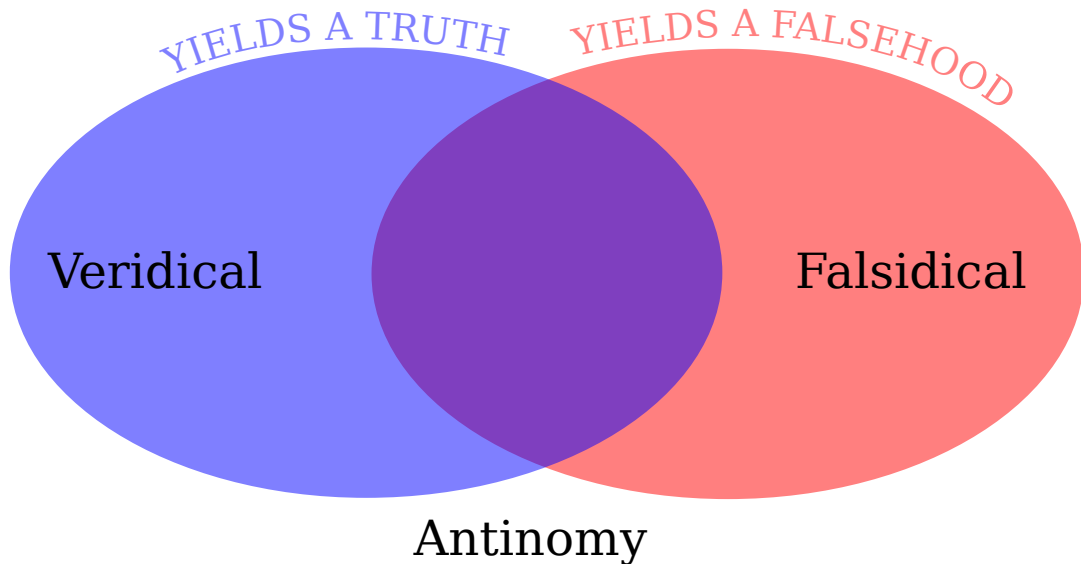


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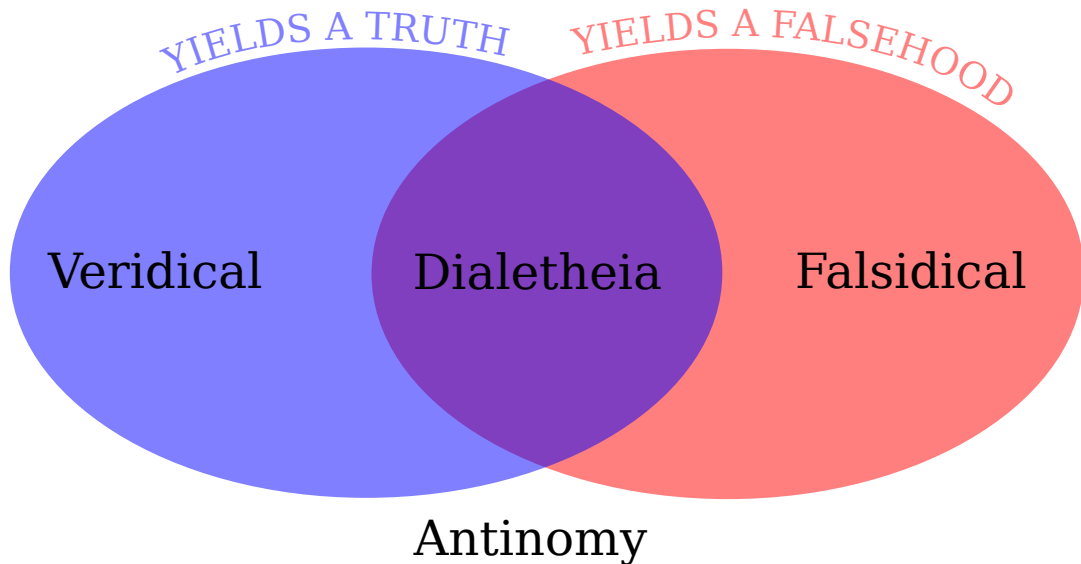
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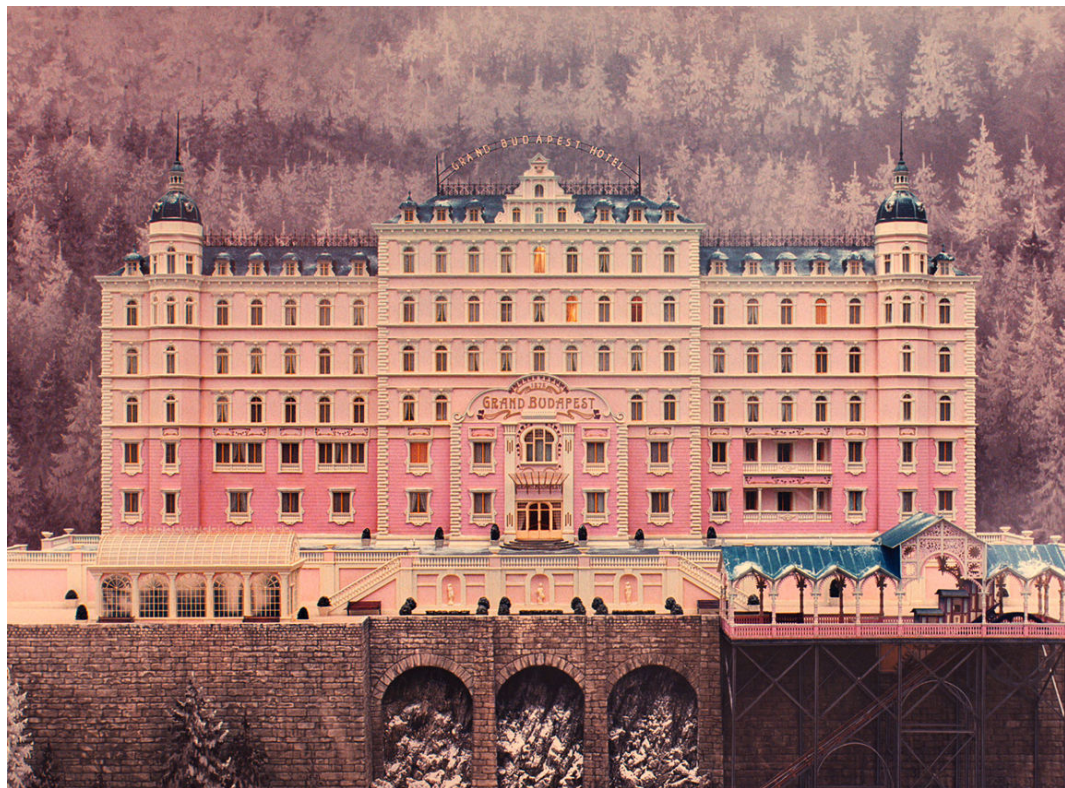
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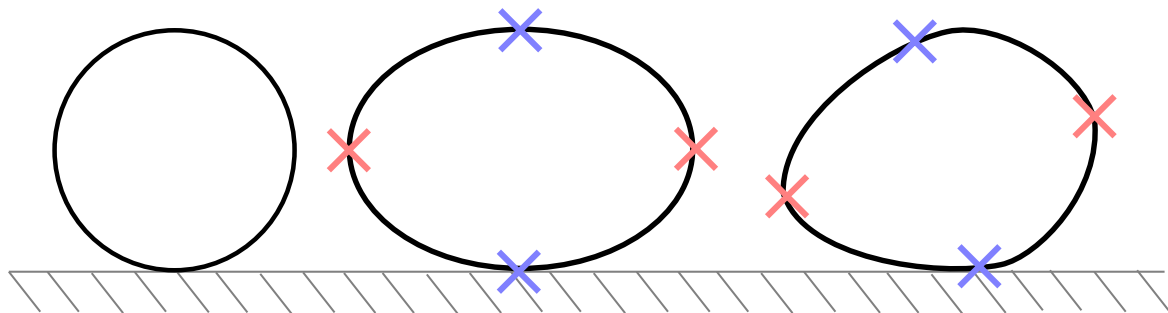


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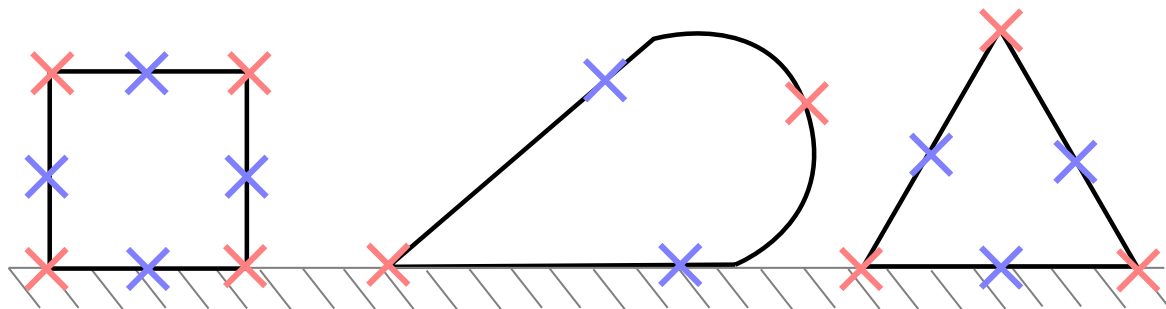
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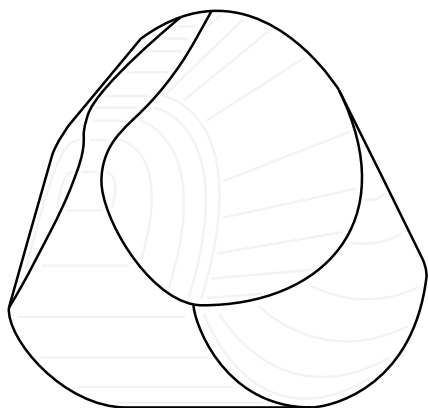




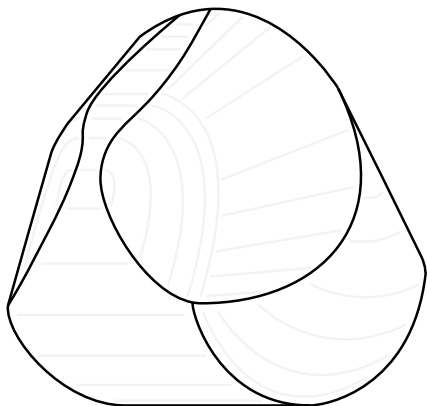
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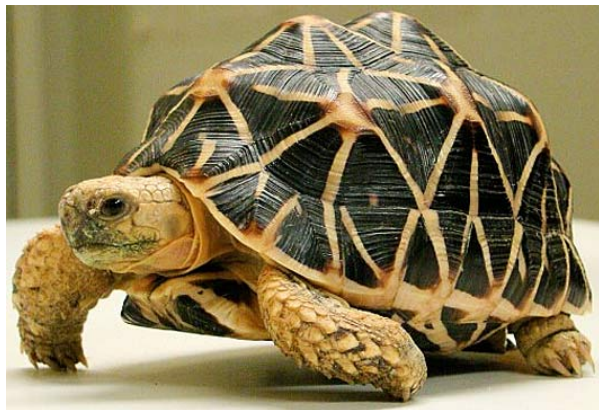




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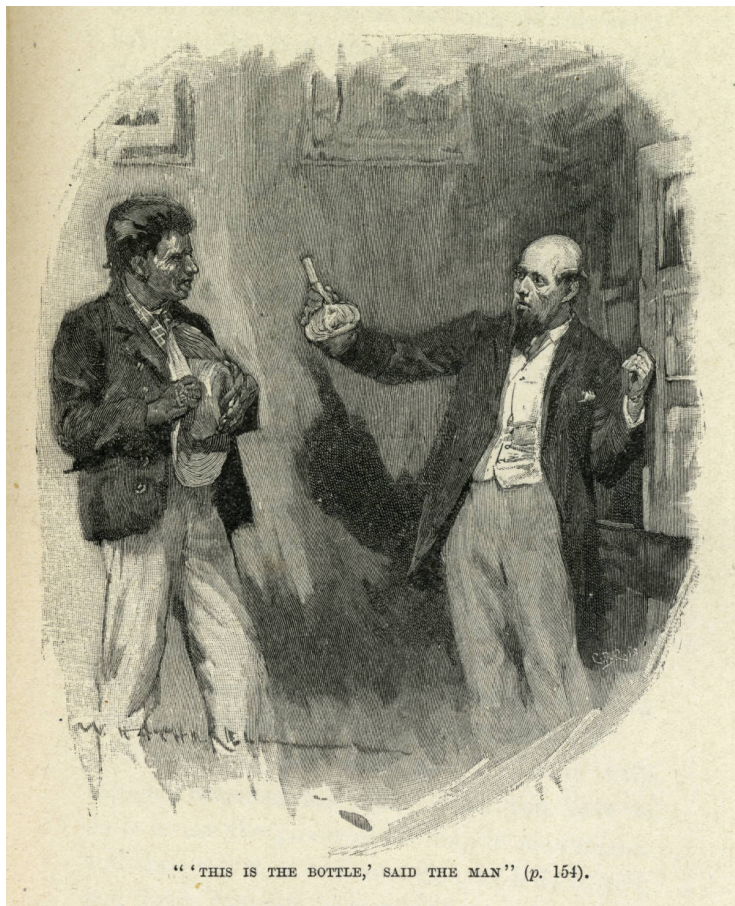


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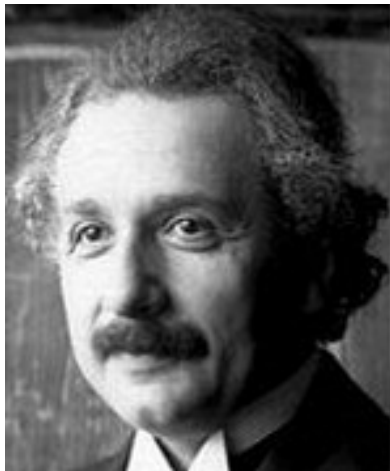
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# Falsidical Paradoxes



“ ‘THIS IS THE BOTTLE,’ SAID THE MAN” (p. 154).





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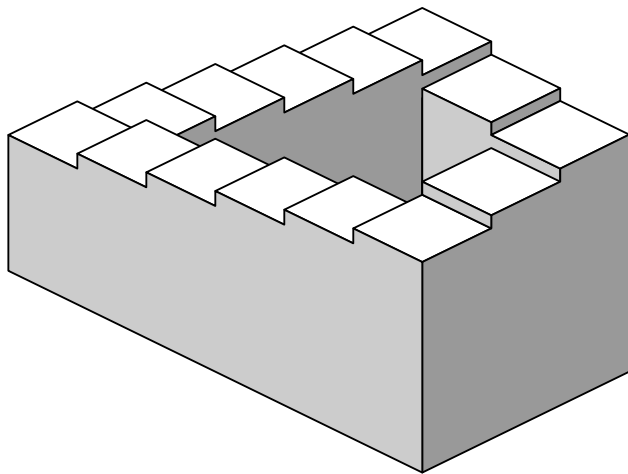


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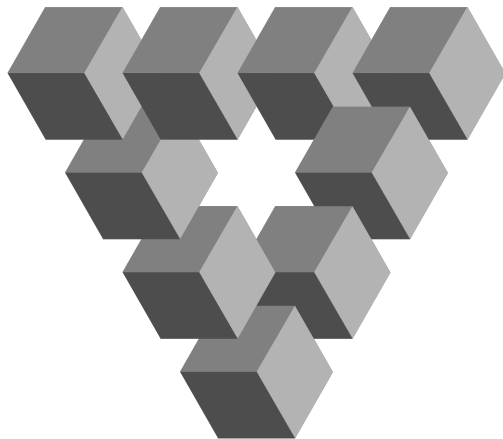


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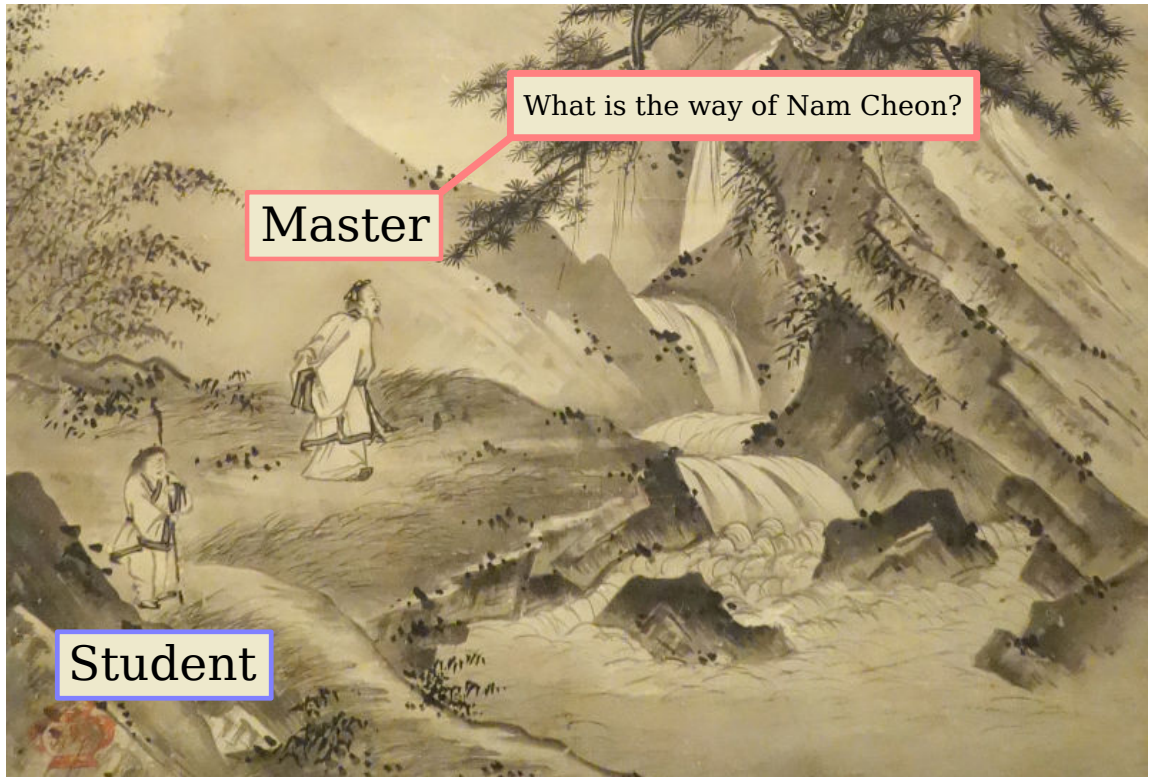
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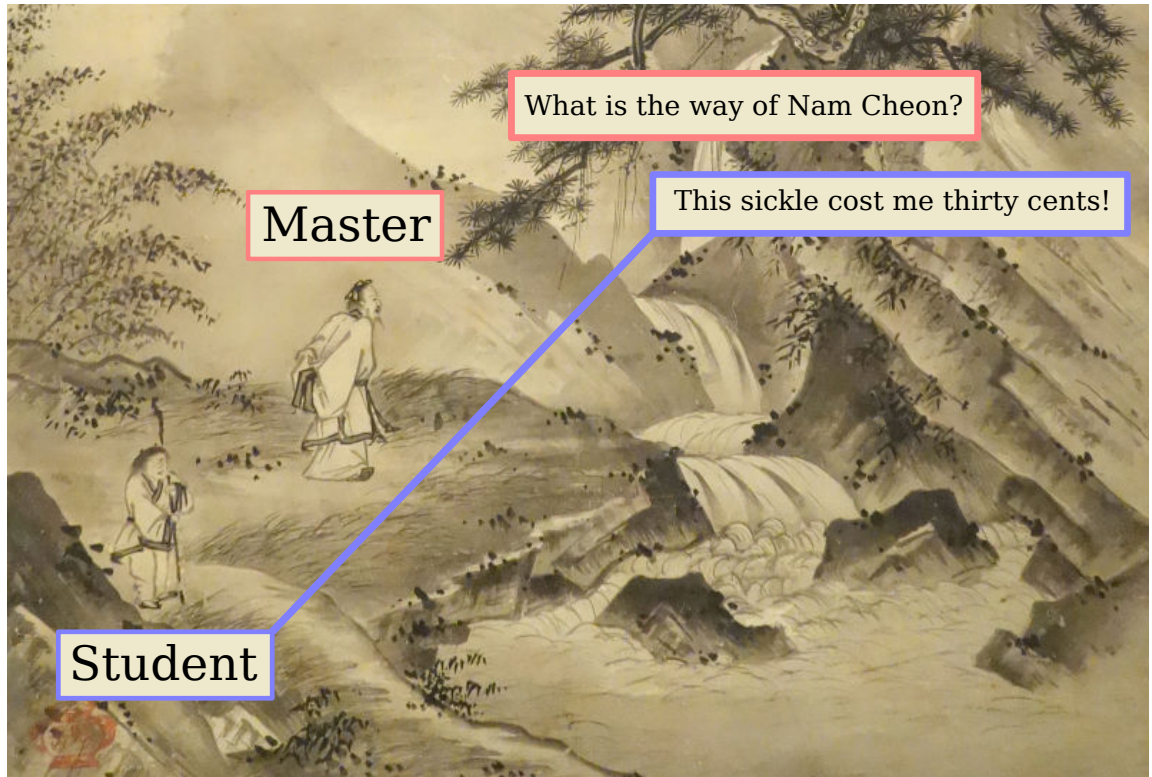
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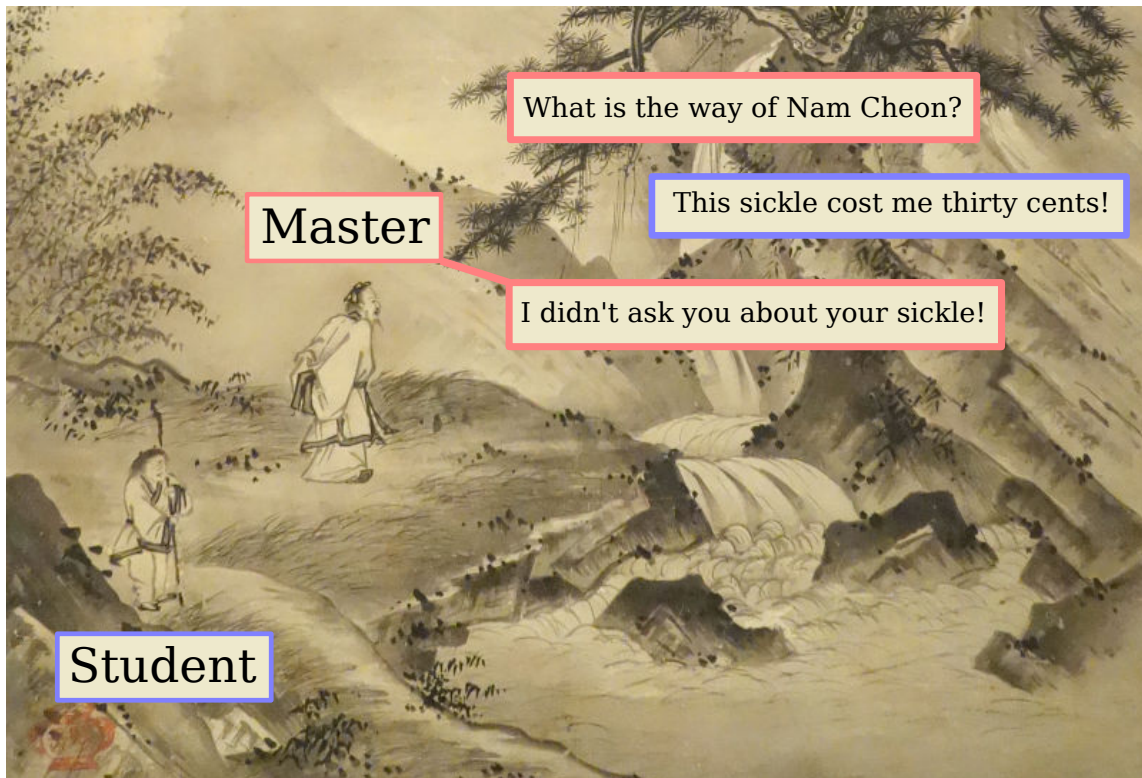


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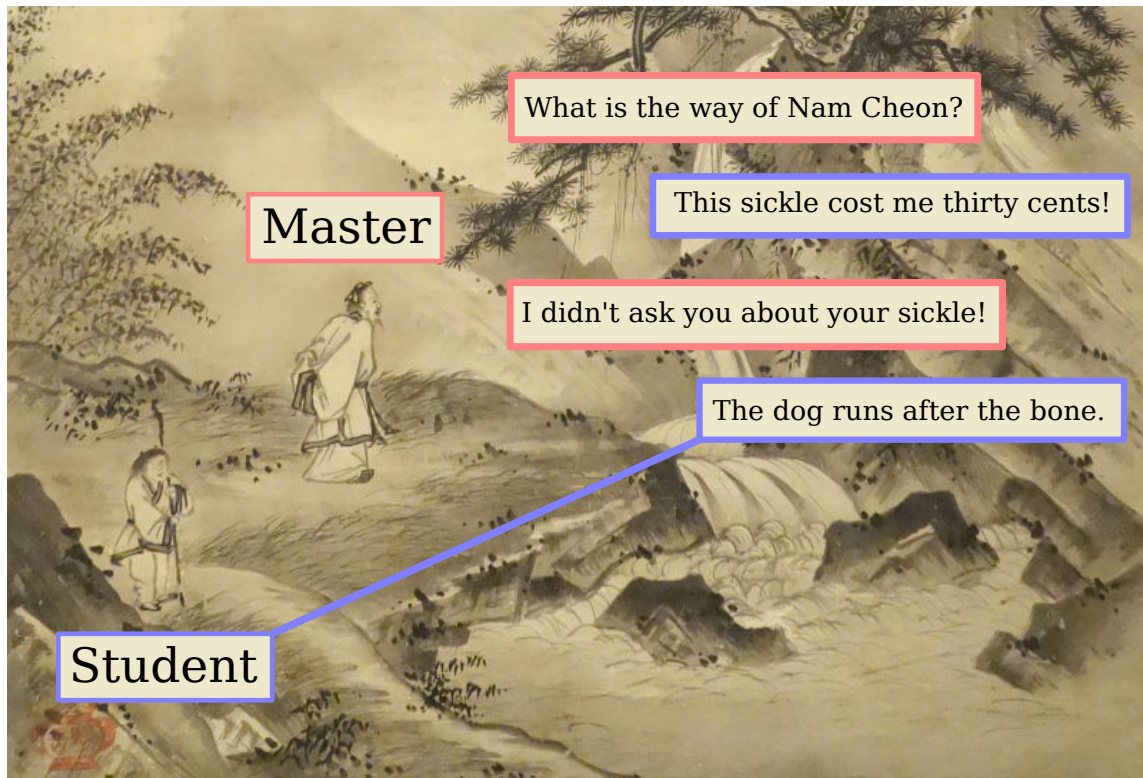
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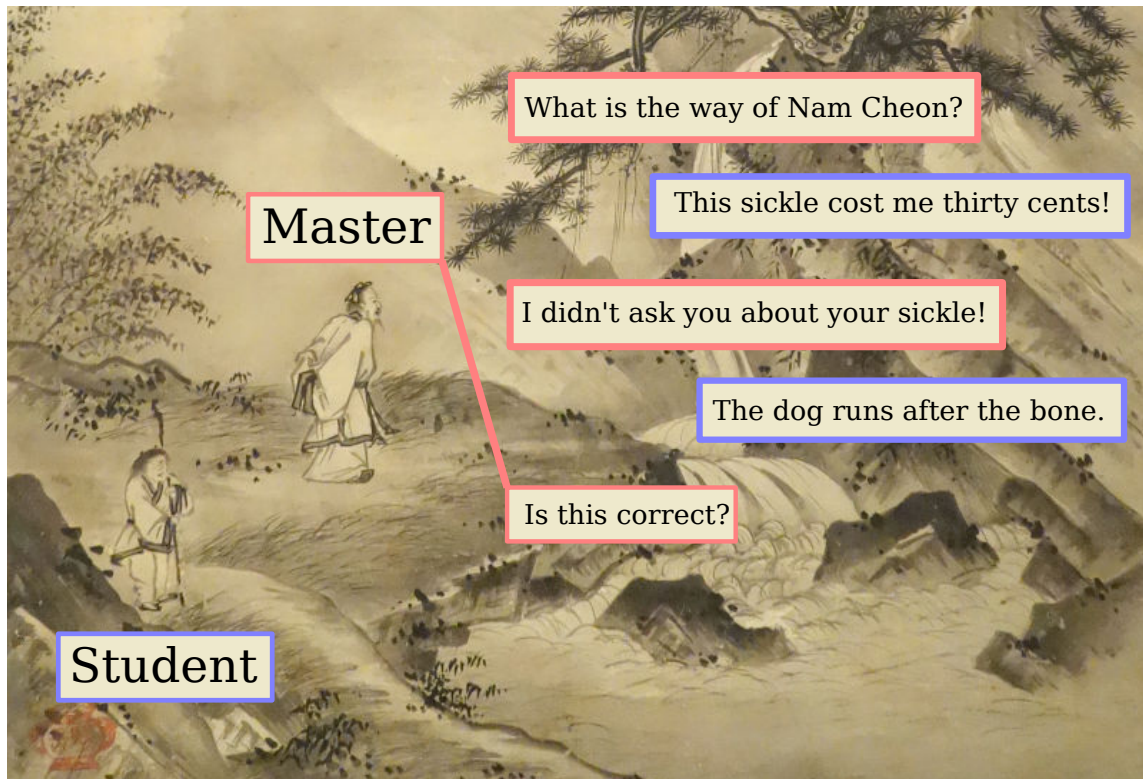
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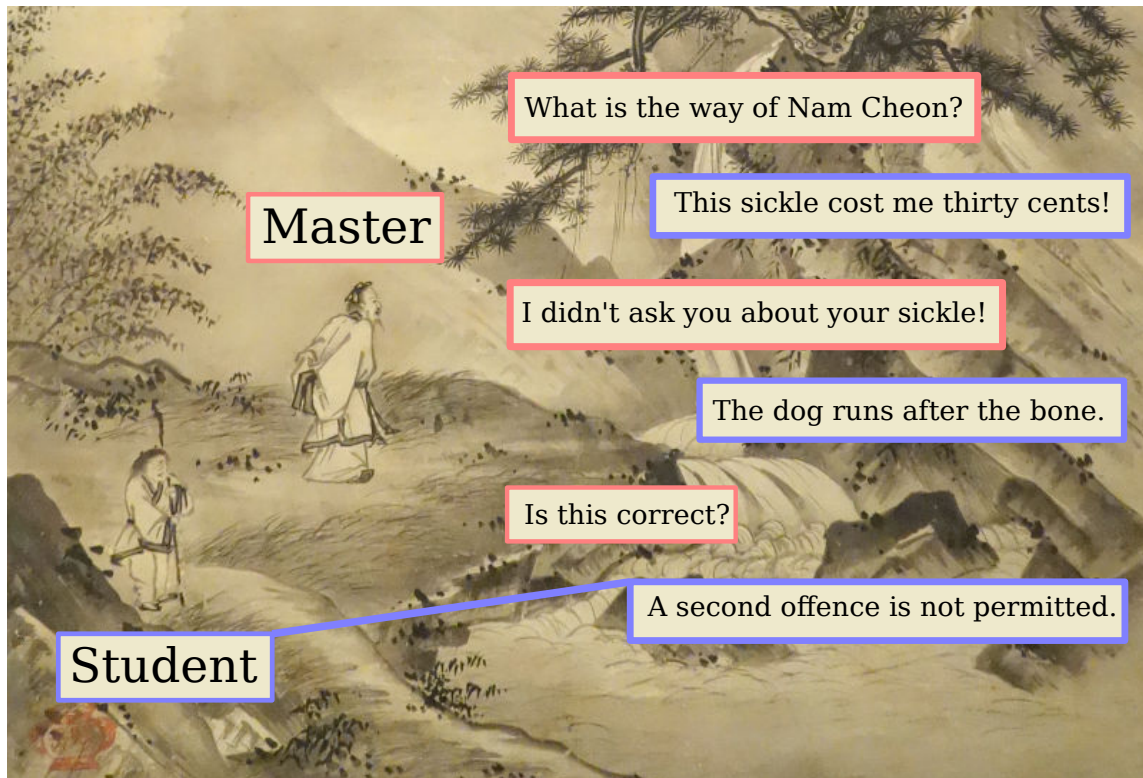
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# Korean Dharma Combat Koans



What is the way of Nam Cheon?

Master

This sickle cost me thirty cents!

I didn't ask you about your sickle!

The dog runs after the bone.

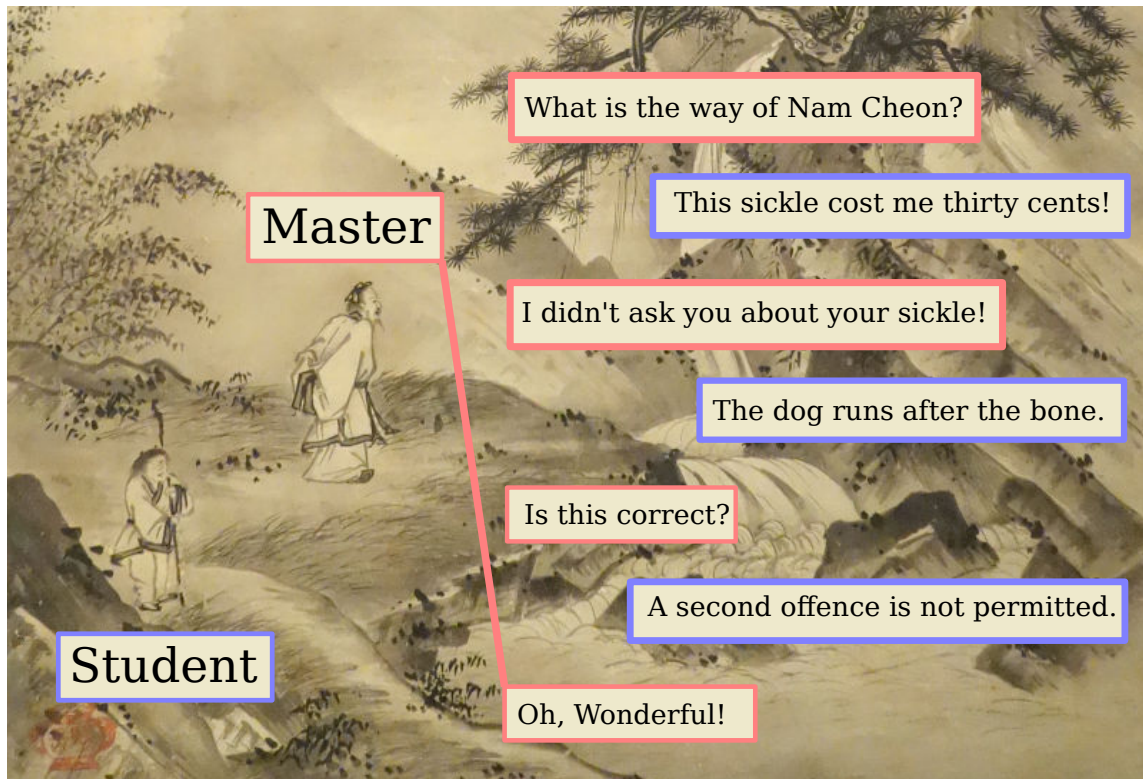
Is this correct?

A second offence is not permitted.

Student

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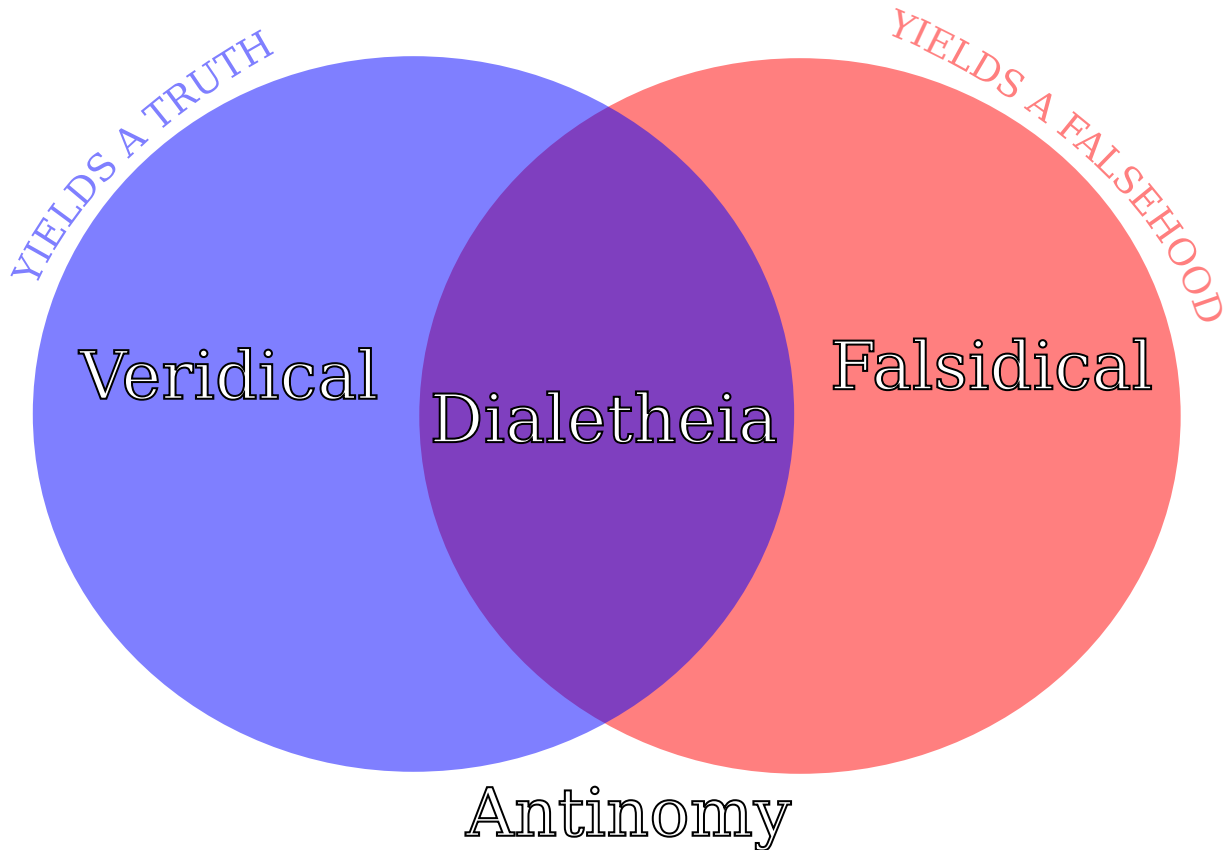
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