

Boundless Reason, A Universal Strategy for Deciding Well

Changes in 2023, 2024, and 2025

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Chapter 1, Choosing Frames Well, first paragraph (12/24/2023)

Changed “learning **from experience**” to “learning” in the first sentence.

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Chapter 4, *Modern Policy Mistakes*, sixth paragraph (10/27/2023)

Changed “**self-similar** relation between temporal and boundless ends **in** deciding well, we may speculate that these networks are at least **weakly** fractal” to ““**noisy**” relation between **chosen** temporal **ends** and **the** boundless end **of** deciding well, we may speculate that these networks are at least **somewhat** fractal” in the second-to-last sentence.

Appendix A, Heading, Georg Cantor quote reference (9/9/2023)

Changed “**A claim**” to “**An English translation of a claim**” in the first sentence.

Appendix A, Heading, Georg Cantor quote (6/15/2023)

Changed “proposing **a question must be held of higher** value than solving it” to “**asking questions is more valuable** than solving **problems**” in the quotation. Changed “**Georg Cantor, “De aequationibus secundi gradus indeterminatis” (Doctoral dissertation,**” to “**A claim Georg Cantor defended in his doctoral examination (“** in the reference.

Changes in 2024

All but Introduction and Appendix A (3/25/2024)

Changed “Further,” to “**Furthermore,**” in all (9) occurrences).

Chapter 1, Heading, quote reference, last sentence (11/30/2024)

Changed “as **Master Teacher Kong** (Confucius)” to “**in the West** as Confucius (**Master Teacher Kong**).”

Chapter 1, *The Wisdom of Effectiveness*, sixth paragraph (7/22/2024)

Changed “**turns simple closed-ended problems into complex open-ended ones**” to “**creates overwhelmingly complex open-ended problems**” in the last sentence.

Chapter 7, Heading, quote reference (11/30/2024)

Changed “as **Master Sun** (Sunzi or Sun Tze)” to “as Sunzi or Sun Tze (**Master Sun**)” in the last sentence.

Chapter 7, *An Extraordinary Anomaly*, second-to-last paragraph (8/28/2024)

Changed “**by breaking this end into timeless factors. In terms of the boundless view**” to “**In short**” in the last sentence.

Chapter 7, Scope of Strategy, first paragraph (6/6/2024)

Changed “**the north**” to “**flank attacks**” in the second sentence.

Chapter 7, *E–M Theory*, first paragraph (6/22/2024)

Deleted “**at the Fighter Weapons School**” from the third sentence.

Chapter 7, *OODA Loop Analysis*, second paragraph (10/30/2024)

Changed “**allowed**” to “**enabled**” in the second sentence. Changed “**was in** the form of bubble canopies, g-suits, hydraulic controls, and **better tactical rules. It was also in the form of better habits, which Boyd described using the German term**” was changed to: “**took** the form of bubble canopies, g-suits, hydraulic controls, **targeting systems,**” in the next two sentences.

Chapter 7, *The Grandest Possible Strategy*, first paragraph, footnote (10/21/2024)

“¹⁴ **Boyd was aware of the logical contradictions that applying his strategy to itself would create. He avoided this problem by taking a postmodern approach to learning. For more about Boyd’s approach, read Frans Osinga’s *Science, Strategy and War: The Strategic Theory of John Boyd* (New York: Routledge, 2007).**” was deleted.

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Chapter 7, *The Grandest Possible Strategy*, last paragraph (1/30/2024)

Deleted “described in this work” from the first sentence.

Changed “In light of” to “Not forgetting” in the last sentence.

Chapter 8, ABRIDGED VERSION ONLY, Testing Boundless Reason, last paragraph, end, 2024

Added the footnote: “** A complexity science adage states that when you find a power-law distribution, look for an underlying self-similar process. For more about this possibility, see Benoit Mandelbrot and Richard Hudson, *The (Mis)behavior of Markets: A Fractal View of Financial Turbulence* (New York: Basic Books, 2004). Note that this curiously labeled footnote contains material found in the last footnote in the believing well chapter, which is not included in the abridged version.”

Chapter 8, Reunifying the Reason of Plato and Aristotle, first paragraph (9/7/2024)

Changed “best acquire this virtue using the science of science” to “use the science of science to acquire this virtue” in the second sentence.

Appendix A, introduction, eighth paragraph, footnote (10/30/2024)

“Note that I2 in the first process and N2 in the second are line segments, which we may or may not classify as (degenerate) polygons. For simplicity, this analysis stops short of these two objects. Including them would add little to our understanding of the natural foundations of mathematics.”

was changed to:

“Note that if we define polygons in terms of outside edges, line segments are degenerate (limiting case) polygons. For simplicity, this analysis stops short of these polygons (I3, Y3 using the replace-the-rightmost-vertex function, and N2). Including them in this example would add little to understanding the natural foundations of mathematics.”

Appendix C, introduction, last paragraph, footnote (8/28/2024)

Changed “holy/holistic” to “boundlessly reasonable” in the last sentence.

Appendix C, *Imagining the Chief Designer*, fourth paragraph (1/26/2024)

Changed “two narrower” to “jurisprudence and poetry” in the third sentence.

Changes in 2025

Appendix C, The Forgotten Role of Octagons, second paragraph, footnote (10/26/2025)

Added the sentence to the Kindle and online versions: “For a 360-degree view of this room as a whole, go to <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5NEs8Da4>> (25 October 2025).”

Appendix C, A Boundless View of the Whole, last paragraph (10/26/2025)

Changed “church doctors” to “revered figures” in the last sentence.

Appendix C, *The Role of Julius II*, first three paragraphs (10/26/2025)

Changed “church doctors” to “figures” in all (2 occurrences).
