a specific subject matter:

- the foreground: exploring and mastering specific skills and subject matter (history, algebra, literature, gardening, cooking, etc.), which we always explore in the context of our own evolving communication skills and shared journey toward personhood (sometimes happily shared, sometimes painfully).

- (As the subject matter includes more about interpersonal communication, human development & psychotherapy, the top half and bottom half of this model become similar.)

- what this subject matter could contribute to my becoming a person, by way of examples, skills, metaphors, analogies, stories, challenges, etc.

- what this subject matter could contribute to your becoming a person, by way of examples, skills, metaphors, analogies, stories, challenges, etc.

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**personhood: our skills, knowledge, activities and awarenesses**

as the constant, and constantly changing, background of all knowledge and skill:

- the evolving persons who hold the knowledge and skill about a given topic.

(Personhood is understood here to include the open horizons of human development: awareness, compassion, honesty, creativity, insight, vitality, ability to think clearly, capacity to bring out the best in others, etc.).

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My friend Michael teaches poetry and part of the subject is always who we are becoming, together, in that moment.


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