

Lessons - A Way to Think - The Four Box Model - Disinterest

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Introduction

The Four Box Model is a useful frame for examining things. A recent insight provoked me to write this article. I think I may be the first person to notice this specific idea. Most people are not interested in these ideas (being binary and tribal types). The 4 Box Model can be used to help frame a discussion.

When someone asserts anything - any assertion idea - there are 5 binary positions - and all the combinations to take. Some highlight some more than others - for example - the doctrine of the mean

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compromises between extremes. The Neti, Neti discounts the main ideas and looks for others, the Question questions the frame and positions, The Negative - the Definite Not - counters the asserted is without compromise and starts a new frame.

What is Disinterest?

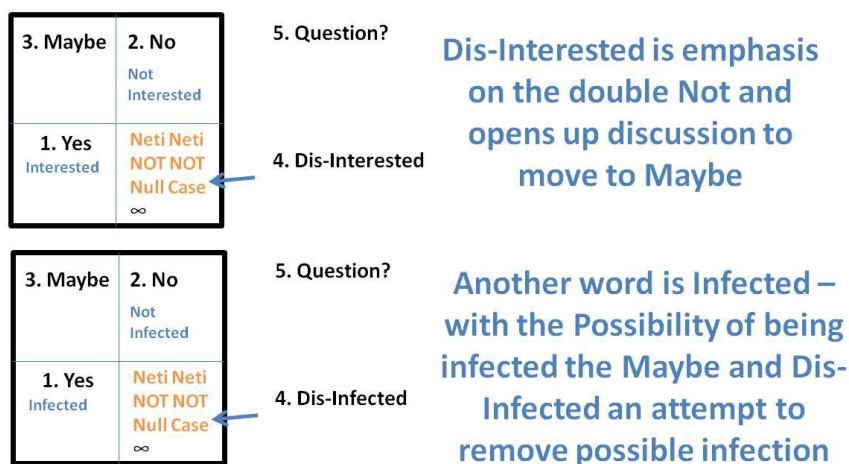
Various parts of the 4 Box model can be used in combination and highlighted to express an idea in relation to the ideas around it. I explored this in **Lessons – A Way to Think – The Null Case** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Lessons-A-Way-to-Think-The-Null-Case.pdf> which emphasizes the 4th box for disinterested.

Emphasizing the 4th Box means removing any idea of the **Asserted Is** from the discussion.

Remember every **Asserted Is** has a **Definite Not** and something in between (Partial, Maybe) which is the top left Box or Doctrine of the mean.

Examples

These are the 2 main ideas I know of which emphasize this



The idea of using Dis in front of an idea is to completely remove the idea from the discussion. Disarmed means not not armed - it means the idea of being armed has been removed - it is emphasizing the 4th box, **Dis combobulated** was a word specifically invented in USA slang to highlight the lack of ability to think. **Discomfort** highlights the lack of comfort in any way.

I think the word **Dis-Notice** can therefore be asserted as part of the 4 Box Model for the idea of noticing. Some people simply have no idea of Noticing things - they lack any ability to notice things. It is not that they noticed something and ignored it, Or they did not notice it or only partially noticed it. It is that they lack any ability to notice things in general - like a child or astronomer without a telescope. Dis-Ease means no ability to be at ease.

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3. Maybe Notice	2. No Not Notice
1. Yes Notice	Neti Neti NOT NOT Null Case ∞

5. Question?

I did not have to
ability to Notice or
Not Notice things

4. Dis-Notice

Half Empty or Half Full or Both?

Examine these frames - what can you learn from this?

3. Half 	2. No Not Contain
1. Yes Contain	Neti Neti NOT NOT Null Case ∞

4. Other

5. Question?
Does the Glass
Contain Water:
1) Contain
2) Not Contain
3) Half
All three?

3. Half 	2. No Not Full
1. Yes Full	Neti Neti NOT NOT Null Case ∞

4. Other

5. Question?
Is the Glass Full:
1) Full
2) Not Full
3) Half
All three?

3. Half 	2. No Not Empty
1. Yes Empty	Neti Neti NOT NOT Null Case ∞

4. Other

5. Question?
Is the Glass Empty:
1) Empty
2) Not Empty
3) Half
All three?

Recursive Definition of Assertions

Once you find a New Word in the 4th box then you can assert that as a new word that has a different meaning to the other 3 boxes. This is because you are in the **infinite nots** of both the **asserted thing** and the **definite not** of the **asserted thing** - so infinitely many ideas are possible. The word **DisInterest** can then become a new assertion open to discussion and define. **Binaries** will assert that the **new word** is simply back to "Interest" rather than a new concept.

Words like **Discombulated** (lacking the ability to think clearly) are like this - a word specifically **invented** to remove the idea to a New Idea away from a frame based on **Thinking** to a **new idea**.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eucatastrophe> *eucatastrophe* is a sudden turn of events in a story that ensures the protagonist does not meet some terrible, impending doom.[1] The concept was created by the philologist and fantasy author J. R. R. Tolkien in his essay "On Fairy-Stories", based on a 1939 lecture. The term has since been taken up by other authors, and by scholars.

5. Question?

3. Maybe Maybe Interested	2. No Not Interested
1. Yes Interested	Neti Neti NOT NOT Null Case ∞

4. Dis-Interested

5. Question?

3. Maybe Maybe Dis-Interested	2. No Not Dis-Interested
1. Yes Dis-Interested	Neti Neti NOT NOT Null Case ∞

4. ?-New Word