

THE BLURRED NATURE OF LANGUAGE POLARITIES		
1	Context	Text
2	Context	Text
*	Context	Text
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1	Periphery	Focus
2	Periphery	Focus
*	Periphery	Focus
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1	Meaning	Form
2	Meaning	Form
*	Meaning	Form



Usually, you cannot perfectly understand both sides of any polarity as it applies to any given sentence or passage at the same time.

If you focus too much on one side (1 or 2), you will sacrifice clarity on the other. In the ideal situation (*), both sides must be viewed - each in their immensity, and each in their interdependence on the other.¹

¹ For example, if I concentrate on the Form (and its substance and structure), I may forget about or not fully grasp the Meaning. If I concentrate on the Meaning – which usually is more important but sometimes more difficult to determine – I may not fully understand the Form since I would not appreciate or understand the nuances, the special features, or the structural innovations put into the Message by the author.

Whole	Part
Are both sides of a polarity equal?	
The chart below includes the left sides of a random collection of polarities that relate to language, nature, spirit, etc.	
This side (left side) of the polarity is deeper, and harder to define, identify, and assess, but is of more importance than its polar opposite. The left side represents the whole.	This (right) side of the polarity is usually more visible, easier to put words to, easier to identify, and often has more immediacy. This side (right side) .
Context	Text
E.Q.	I.Q.
Esteem	Fame
Verb	Noun
Forest	Tree
Spirit	Matter
Silence	Sound

Water	Land
Intention	Action
Periphery	Focus
Inward	Outward
Meaning	Form
<p>These are the corresponding right sides of the same polarities given in the previous chart.</p>	

When both these charts are superimposed as you see in the next page, you will see the larger script of the left polarity behind the smaller, more visible script of the right polarity. It is left for the reader to determine if the polarities should be of equal weight, or whether often there is an imbalance, and one polarity prevails over its opposite. Polarities, like the wave-photon question in physics, are as formidable to understand.

This is a pictorial representation that demonstrates that the left side of all dualities represents the whole, while the right side represents the parts. On the one hand, this pictorial chart demonstrates that the left side of all dualities represents the whole while the right side of all dualities represents the part. On the other hand, the components of the left side are more unconscious and are therefore not as evident and dominant in life, while the components of the right side are more conscious and therefore evident and more dominant in life.

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