

Illustrations and Analogies For Explaining the "Two And Only Two Feelings" Argument

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I will give this one try to explain my issue with this article.

Two different (but related) things are being mixed up here: the feelings, and the limit of pleasure.

The binary illustrations are great to explain that there are exactly 2 feelings.

When you add in the limit of pleasure, the AI is trying to describe that in terms of binaries too.

For example, in the cup model, the binary is what is in the cup - liquid or air, there is no third thing, and they are not mixed.

The *level* of the liquid in the cup is a continuum between the two limits. The AI does not seem to be getting that. It is implying that the level of the liquid is a binary too. That the cup is either full or empty.

That seems wrong to me. (This issue is pervasive throughout the article, it is not limited to the section on the full vessel.)