

Instructor: [Peter Limberger](#)

Date: Oct 1st, 5pm-8pm (a single session this semester)

Location: TBD

Max participants: 20

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Workshop Description

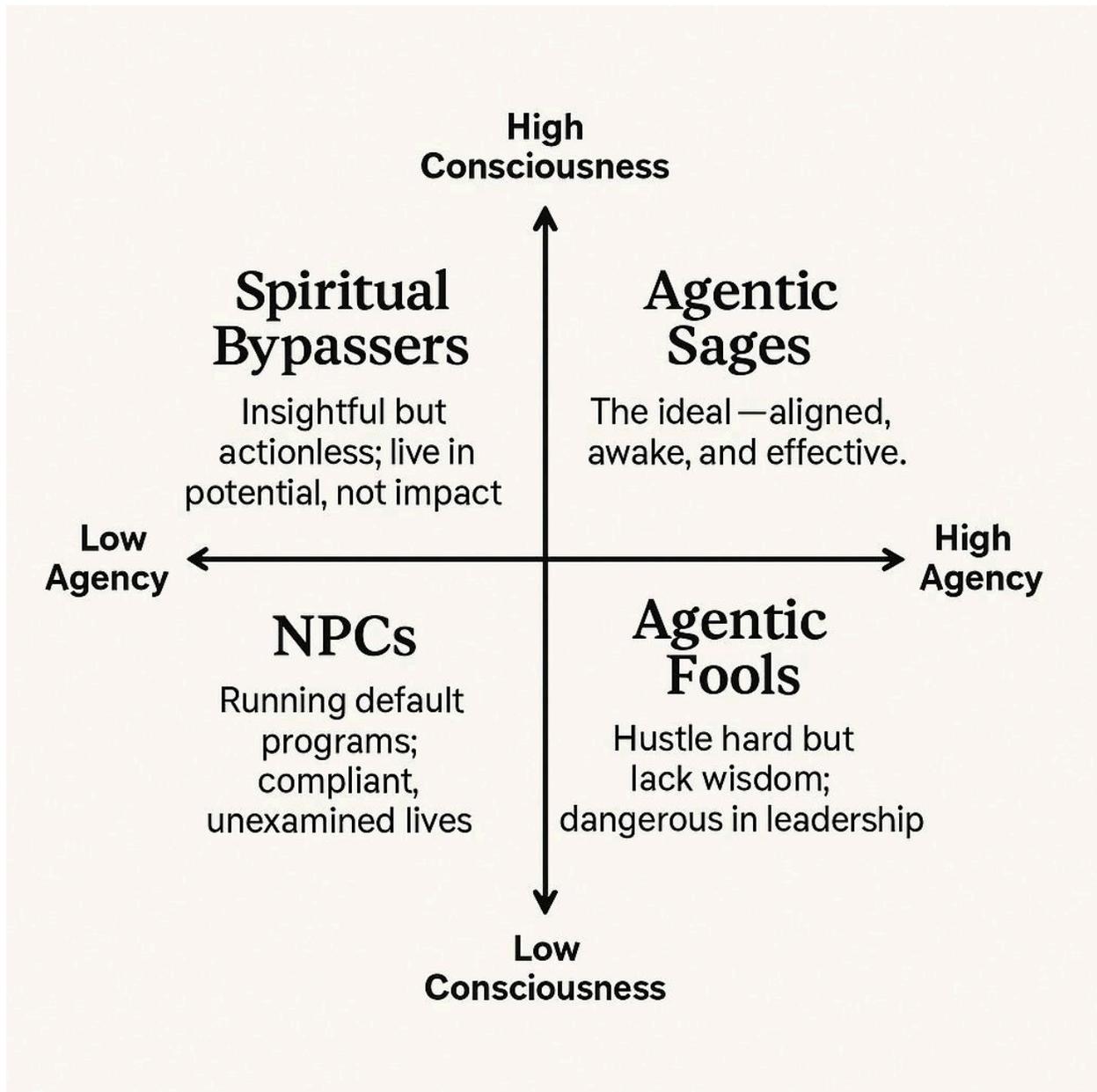
“High agency” is a popular concept in Silicon Valley, especially among startup founders, product managers, and programmers. It is roughly understood as the ability to get things done under complex constraints. However, high agency alone is not enough, as there can be agentic fools. Infamous examples include Elizabeth Holmes (Theranos), Adam Neumann (WeWork), and Billy McFarland (Fyre Festival). But such fools are not only found in Netflix documentaries; they exist in offices the world over. They just haven’t been caught yet.

Enter: wisdom. Or, more specifically, wise agency.

This workshop will argue that wise agency should be a core meta-skill that FractualU is designed to support. It is what is needed to navigate our complex world, both ethically and joyfully. Too many people with high agency lack wisdom, and those interested in wisdom, spirituality, or “consciousness,” or those who simply long for a more beautiful world, often lack agency.

It is time for this to change.

Peter will present on wise agency, followed by a collective inquiry. Together, we’ll unpack this 2×2:



Additionally, we'll cover the following material as a preview of a potential ["inverse course,"](#) which may include the following:

- Concepts
 - Resonant Spaces (Hartmut Rosa)
 - Holotropic Attractors (Ervin Laszlo)
 - Stochastic World (Nassim Nicholas Taleb)
- Skills
 - We-Spaces
 - Carnegeism (Dale Carnegie)
 - Power literacy

- Systems
 - Getting Things Done (David Allen)
 - Second Brain (Tiago Forte)
 - Small Bets (Daniel Vassallo)
- Frameworks
 - Cynefin Framework (Dave Snowden)
 - 3 Horizons (Bill Sharpe)
 - Causal layered analysis (Sohail Inayatullah)

Reading/Viewing Material

Please read and watch these before attending:

- The “Wise Agency” Series
 - [How To Win Friends and Get Things Done ... With Wisdom?](#)
 - [High Agency to Wise Agency](#)
 - [Wise Agency: The Philosopher’s Stone](#)
- [The New Systems of Survival](#) by Venkatesh Rao
- [Accelerating Wisdom: At the Leading Edge of the Metacrisis](#) w/ Tom Morgan @ The Stoa

Optional, but highly recommended:

- [The Uncontrollability of the World](#) by Hartmut Rosa

Instructor Bio

[Peter Limberger](#) is a philosophical practitioner (think life coach or therapist, but for your worldview) based in Toronto. He stewards [The Stoa](#), an online event space dedicated to practical philosophy and cultural sensemaking. He is part of the [Dark Forest Collective](#), a group re-visioning internet imaginaries—what the internet is and could be—and serves as the philosopher-in-residence at the [AI Collective](#), the world’s largest AI group. He also writes at [Less Foolish](#).