Message from the Editor-in-Chief

All intellectual activities tend to fragment. The emergence of scientific disciplines was a product of such fragmentation, as was the emergence of philosophical systems. The most important moments in human intellectual history were the attempts to build Towers of Babel. It is said that the tower in Genesis failed because people started to use different languages. However, I think the Tower of Babel in Genesis failed because people did not make enough effort to synthesize what they were saying in their respective languages. Diversity is a resource, and not necessarily an obstacle, in achieving synthesis. Let’s try again through Philosophies!

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