

ETHICS: **BEYOND IDEAS TO LIFE &/ LIVED EXPERIENCES**

Exodus 23:2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:

I begin with the assumption that drives are a combination of drives.

1. Those I look up to | those I want to be like!

What else might we call these?

- Role models
- Heroes
- Mentors
- Idols
- Who I want to be
- Those who capture the imagination

Tell me your heroes and I'll tell you:

How you dress

How you cut your hair

How you speak

What music you listen to

2. Those I seek approval | acceptance from!

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1 Thessalonians 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

We might also call this:

- Peer pressure
- Social contagion

This is peer pressure on steroids!

This is so prevalent because of social media

- Groupthink
- Social influence
- Clan / tribe loyalty
- Conformity

I'm a rebel...**just like all my friends!!!**

3. Those drives that seek fulfillment | satisfaction.

Vertical: looking up

Horizontal: looking out

Internal: looking in

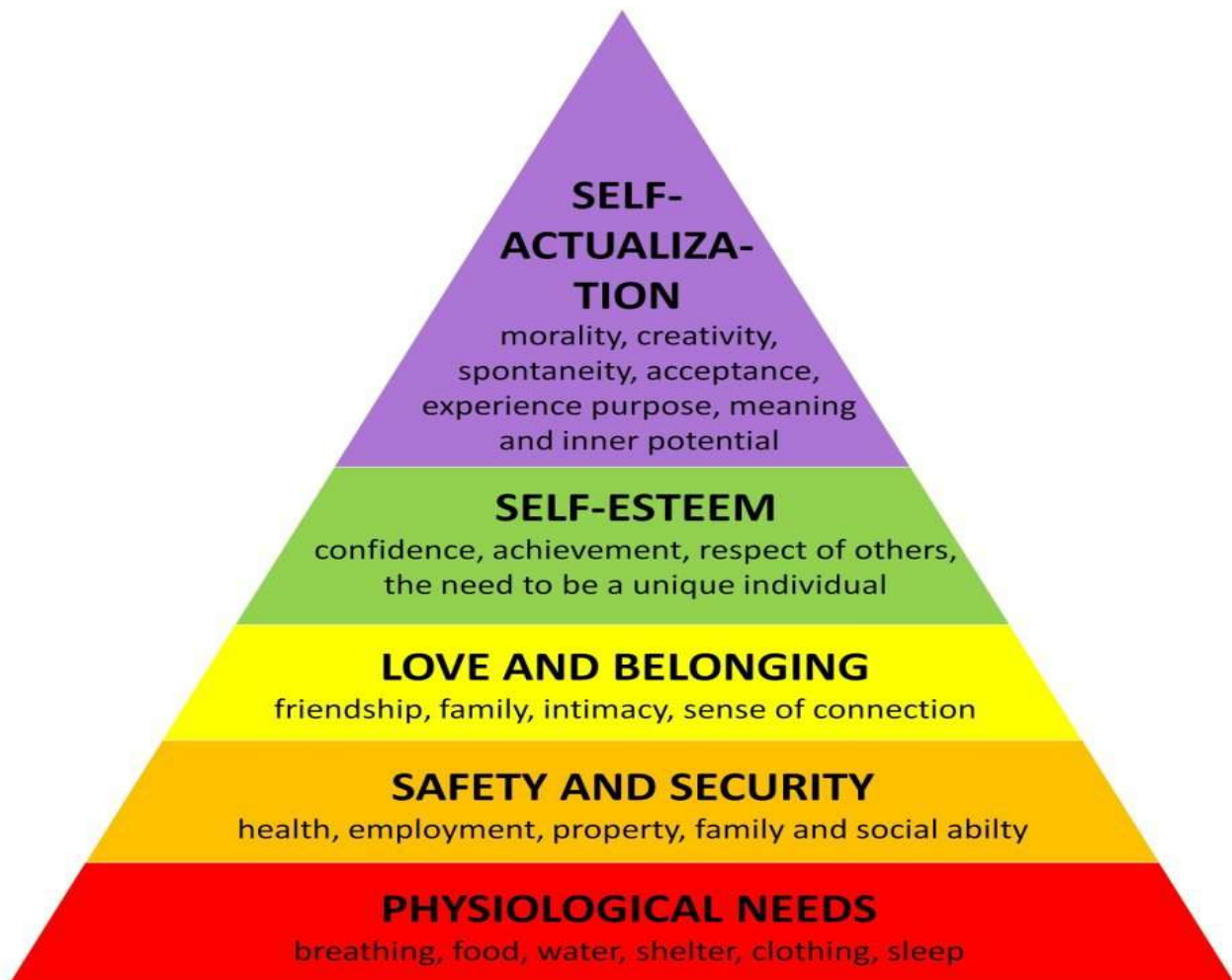
There are at least **3 forms of these drives:**

A. Natural | normal drives

Things such as:



Maslow's hierarchy of needs



B. Natural | normal drives fulfilled:

- **In the wrong way**
- **At the wrong times**
- **By the wrong person**

C. Unnatural / abnormal needs:

Colossians 3:5 **Mortify** (Νεκρώσατε) therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, **inordinate affection** (πάθος), **evil concupiscence** (ἐπιθυμίαν κακήν), and covetousness, which is idolatry:

1 Thessalonians 4:3 **For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 1 Thessalonians 4:4** **That** every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; **1 Thessalonians 4:5** **Not in the lust of concupiscence** (ἐν πάθει ἐπιθυμίας), even as the Gentiles which know not God:

1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from **fleshly lusts** (τῶν σαρκικῶν ἐπιθυμιῶν), which war against the soul;

Ephesians 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it **not** be once named among you, as becometh saints;

Ephesians 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Ephesians 5:5 **For this ye know**, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Ephesians 5:6 **Let no man deceive you with vain words: for** because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. **Ephesians 5:7** Be **not** ye therefore partakers with them.

Ephesians 5:8 **For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: Ephesians 5:9** (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) **Ephesians 5:10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. **Ephesians 5:12** **For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.**