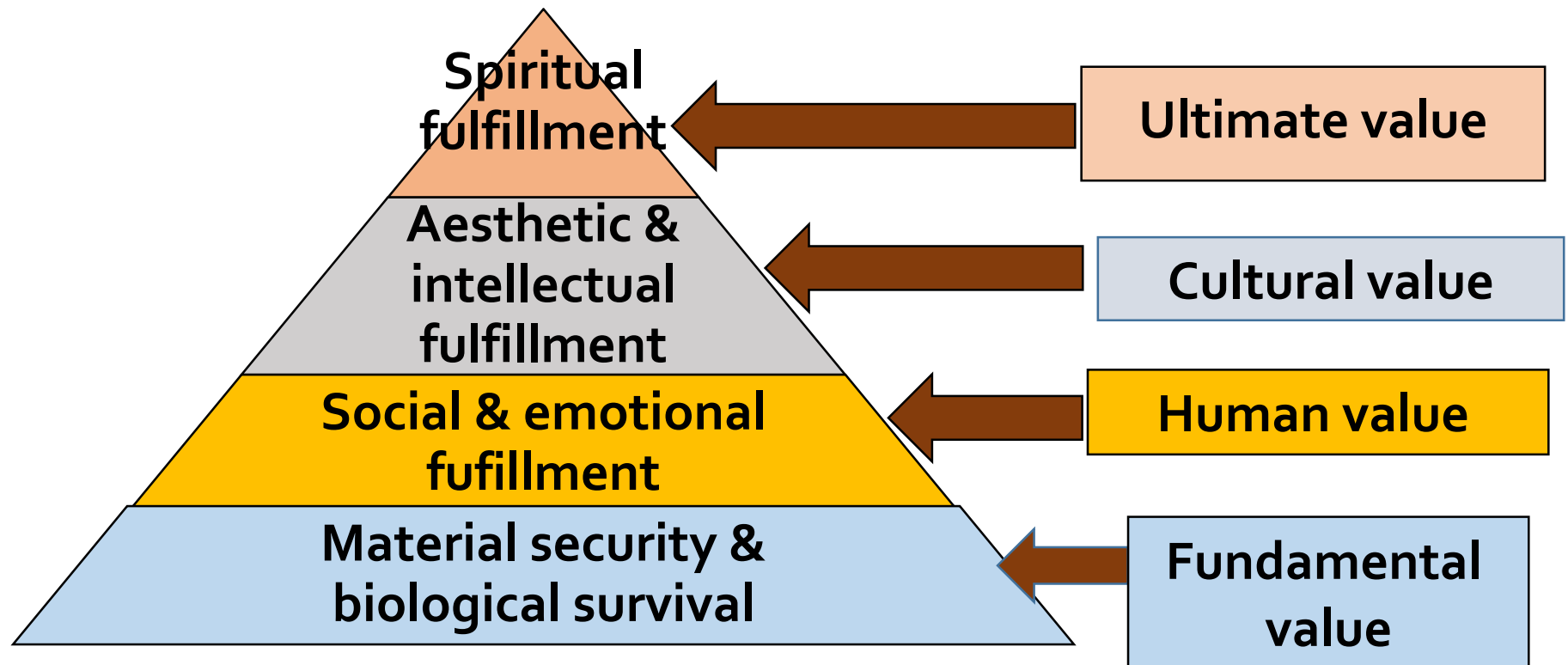


## Domains of Value

DOMAIN	MEANING	VALUE	INVERSION OF VALUE
Ultimate Sphere	Locus of truth, goodness, and beauty; domain of highest vision and aspiration	Ultimate value: the deepest fulfillment, attainment of true aim of human existence	Spiritual materialism; instant enlightenment, commercially packaged spirituality. The new theology of wealth
Symbolic Sphere	Symbolic systems that facilitate human participation in the other three spheres	Aesthetic value; instrumental value, symbolic value: enables people to relate to the other three spheres, both inwardly and pragmatically.	Private bank control of money systems; corporate control of media. Culture reduced to entertainment, pop music, cults of stars, etc.
Social and Cultural Sphere	Systems arisen from collective human experience, common projects to achieve shared purposes	Human value: provides for protection and human flourishing. Deeper fulfillment through pursuit of personal and collective aims.	People <u>objectified</u> as laborers, consumers, debtors, investors, partners, etc. Privatization of public goods; corporate domination of politics and policies
Ecological Sphere, Natural Sphere	The ground of all life and sentient existence on earth. Comprises two subsidiary systems: the geosphere and the biosphere.	Fundamental value: indispensable for life to persist and flourish: source of food, air, water, energy, raw materials for buildings, medicines, clothes, trade.	Nature <u>commodified</u> , reduced to “natural resources” for extraction and sale; desecration (= desacralization) of natural world. Brutalized treatment of animals.

## The Actualization of Value



# The Inversion & Perversion of Value

