

# “The Devil Made Me Do It” – Rethinking Evil and Sin

## Sin: Taking Responsibility (Part II)

### 1. Evil

- a. Physical Evil (Week 1)
- b. Moral Evil (Weeks 2 & 3)
- c. Spiritual Evil (Week 2B)

### 2. Sin: Actual, Original, and Deadly (Week 4)

- a. Judgment and Discernment of Options
- b. Ego is an irrational fear
- c. Original Sin

### 3. Sin: Actual, Original, and Deadly (Week 5)

### 4. Redemption and Antidotes (Week 6)

- a. Salvation and Hope
- b. *Kenosis*

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### Review (Week 4)

1. **Judgment** evaluates options in the *perceived world*
2. **Triggers for Moral Judgment**
  - a. Desire for the **good**
  - b. Nobody desires evil
3. **Ego: an irrational fear**
  - a. Tragic flaw is destructive of self and humanity
  - b. In Christian terms: **Original Sin**
4. **Original Sin**: Self-will run riot

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### Preview

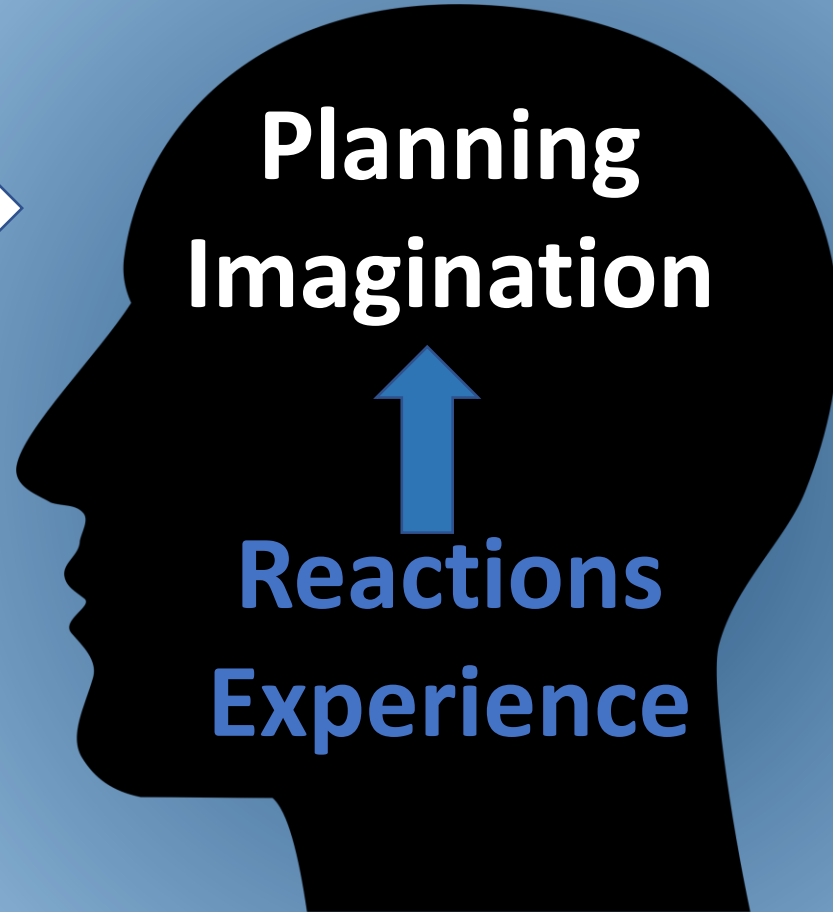
1. **Free Will:** Conscious decisions and obligations
2. (Actual) **Sin:** Option for injustice
3. **Core Values:** Evolutionary path and Fundamental Option
4. **Consequences of Sin**
5. **The Sin Unto Death (Deadly Sin)**

1. Information Input

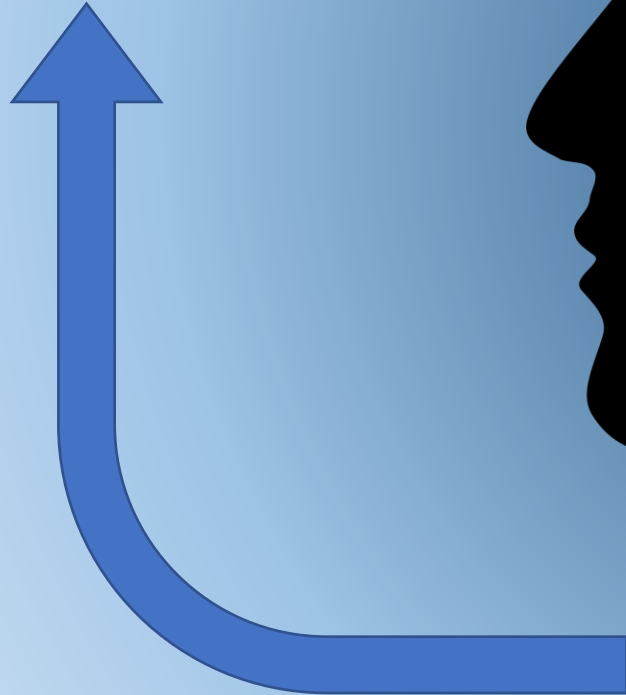
2. Processing

3. Actions Output

**Perception  
Intuition**



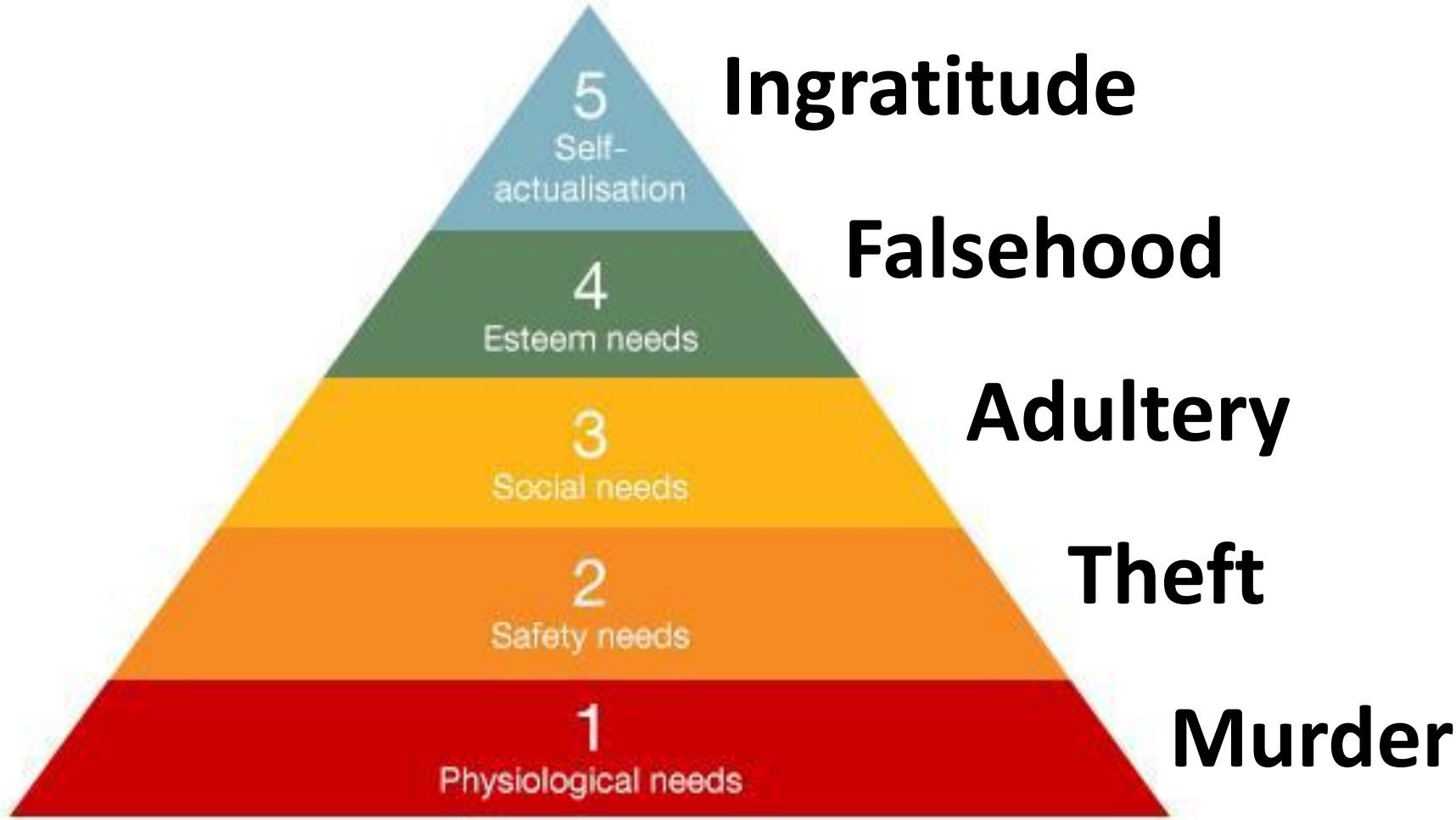
**Judgment  
Will**



Feedback Loop



# Maslow's Hierarchy



# Kohlberg's Levels of Moral Development

Stage	Level	Core Value	Age	Value/Obligation	Injustice
Zero	0	Instinct	Birth	Seek Pleasure/Avoid Pain	None
Pre-Conventional	I	Obedience/Punishment	Infancy	Avoid Punishment	Disobedience
	II	Self-Interest	Pre-school	Seek Rewards	Selfishness
Conventional	III	Conformity/Accord	Elementary	Secure Approval	Meanness
	IV	Authority/Law & Order	Middle	Obey Laws/Maintain Order	Rule-Breaking
Post-Conventional	V	Social Contract	High	Mutual Benefit	Antisocial Behavior
	VI	Universal Principles	Adult	Transcendent Principles	Unprincipled Ungrateful

# 1 John 5:16-17

<sup>16</sup> If anyone sees his brother sinning, if the sin is not deadly, he should pray to God and he will give him life. This is only for those whose sin is not deadly. There is such a thing as deadly sin, about which I do not say that you should pray. <sup>17</sup> All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly.

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### Review

1. Moral **discernment** is in the judgment (moral **conscience**)
2. Morality (moral good or evil) is in the **free will**
3. **Moral Evil** is a decision that creates more harm than good
4. Choices have consequences: obligations and responsibilities in **justice**
5. (Actual) **Sin** is a conscious decision act contrary to **Core Values**
6. All sin involves **injustice**
7. “Mortal” sin is a decision to change our **fundamental life option** against our Core Values
8. The consequence of sin is a rupture of **relationships** (self, others, and God)
9. **Sin Unto Death** is blasphemy or despair