

THE CULTURAL MANDATE

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Culture development & Civilization Building

Starts with **Genesis**

God did the work of creation

Changed
His
Strategy





Genesis 創世紀 1:26-28

He created Man
in his own **image**
and **likeness**.

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our **image**, in our **likeness**, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

神說、我們要照著我們的**形像**、按著我們的**樣式**造人、使他們管理海裡的魚、空中的鳥、地上的牲畜、和全地、並地上所爬的一切昆蟲。神就照著自己的形像造人、乃是照著他的形像造男造女。神就賜福給他們、又對他們說、要生養眾多、遍滿地面、治理這地、也要管理海裡的魚、空中的鳥、和地上各樣行動的活物

Man's Responsibility

To develop the earth would be primarily **Social** & **Cultural**

Our tasks:

Exploring & Developing the potential of the earth



Salvation

Meaning

we were given in the beginning – the task of
developing culture and **building civilization**



Redemption

NOT Just only

But also

God cares

Our Job

Individuals	All God's Creation
Redeeming souls	Restoring His creation
Build up the church	Build a society to the glory of God

Understanding Culture

Definition:

shared beliefs, values, ideas, attitudes, assumptions, customs, practices & social behavior of a particular group, nation or people



1. Culture is an integral part of the human soul

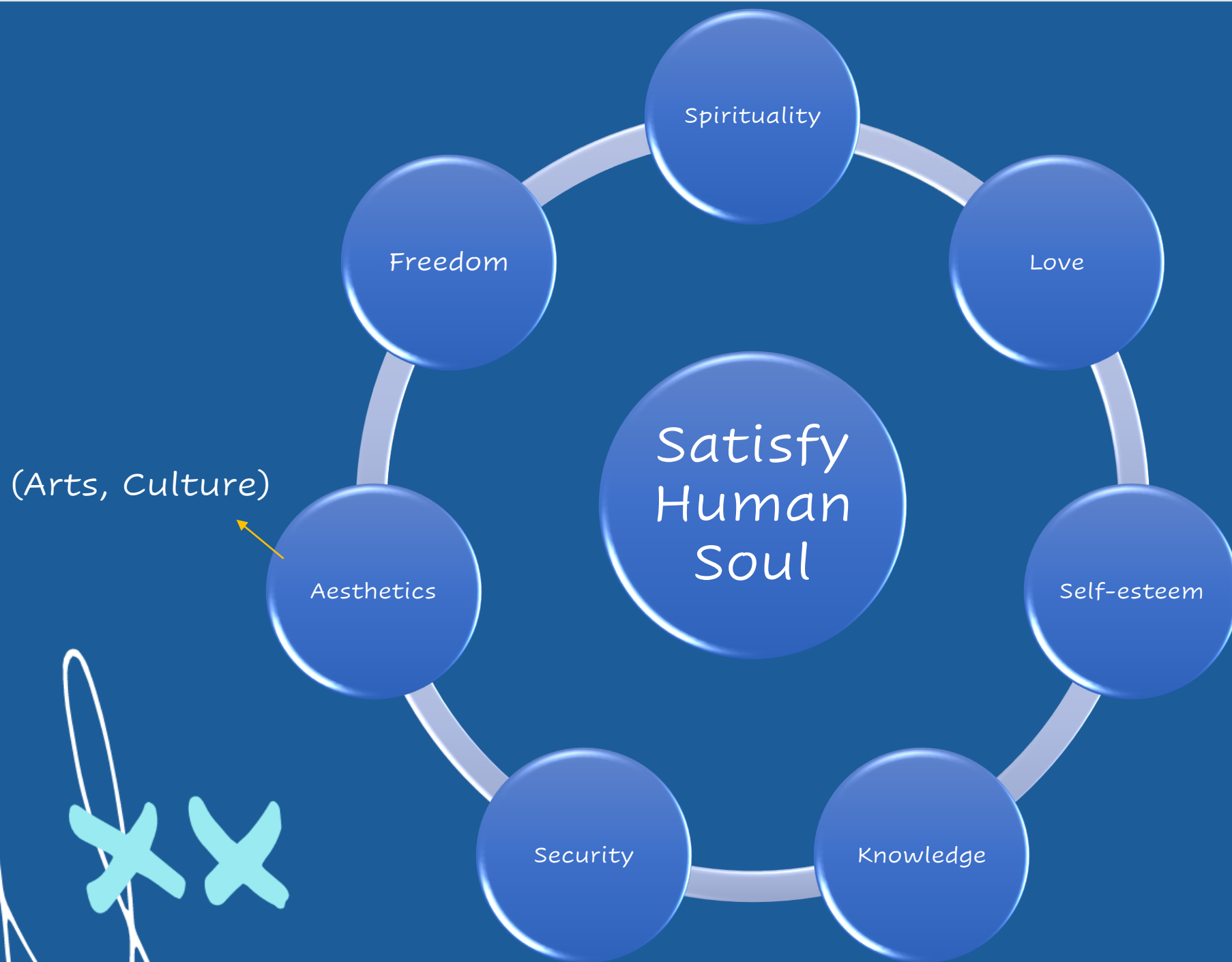
Gen. 2:7 (KJV)

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

創世紀 2:7

耶和華神用地上的塵土造人、將生氣吹在他鼻孔裡、他就成了有靈的活人





Using the arts to **communicate love,
self-esteem, knowledge,
security, beauty & freedom**



2. God speaks through culture

Col 1:16 (KJV)

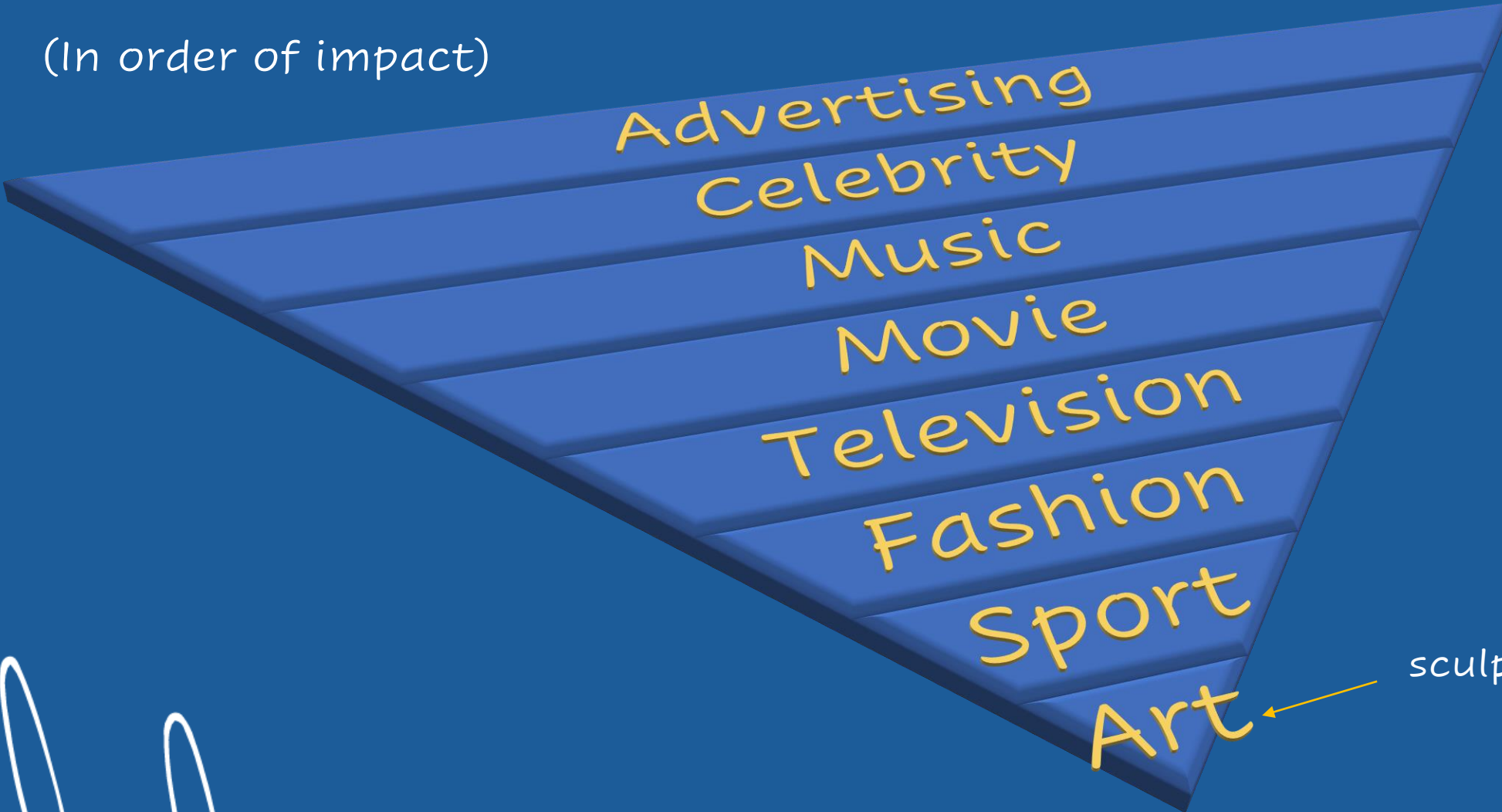
For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

歌羅西書 1:16

因為萬有都是靠他造的、無論是天上的、地上的、能看見的、不能看見的、或是有位的、主治的、執政的、掌權的、一概都是藉著他造的、又是為他造的。



(In order of impact)



Advertising
Celebrity
Music
Movie
Television
Fashion
Sport
Art

literature, painting,
sculpture, architecture...



Pop Culture
Collected experience of our generation

Songs, movies, TV drama, literature, painting
in pop culture

→ Offers us with
essential perspective, comfort & wisdom for living



Ps 115:16 (KJV)

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

詩篇 115:16

天是耶和華的天・地、他卻給了世人。

Bring **all things** under the lordship of Jesus





Christians' Main complaints to Christian music and movie

1. Inferior imitation
2. Sanitized version





CONCLUSION

Jews demanded for signs
Greeks demanded for wisdom
Next generation wants relevance





As God's agent, let us explore

Full spectrum of the human soul:
emotionally & intellectually





Be relatable to a **real world** with **real problems**

A world struggling with pain, grief, frustration, broken hearts, shattered dreams, wariness of life, the snares of temptation, unfulfilled sexual desires.

