



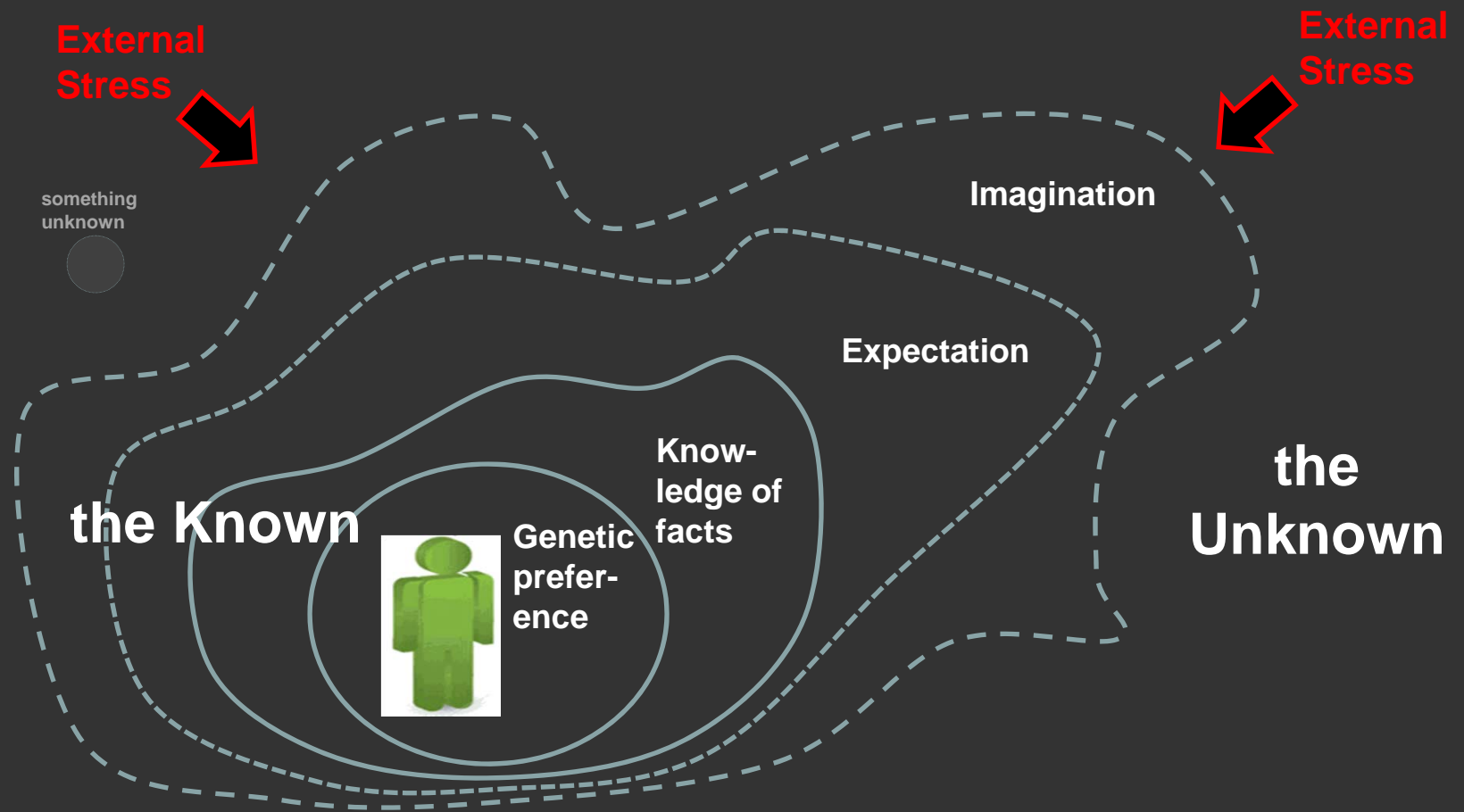
The Hierarchy of Aesthetic Experience

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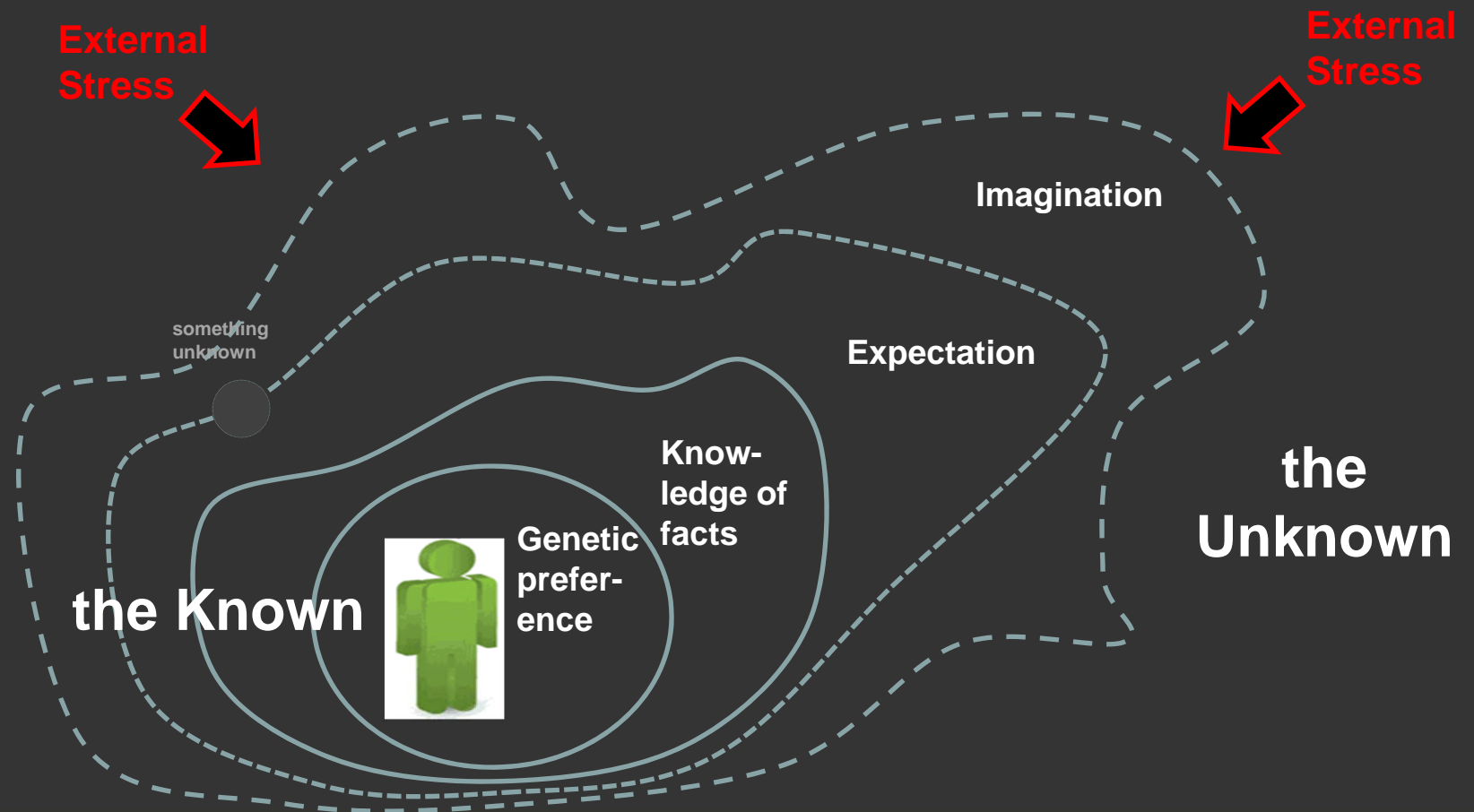
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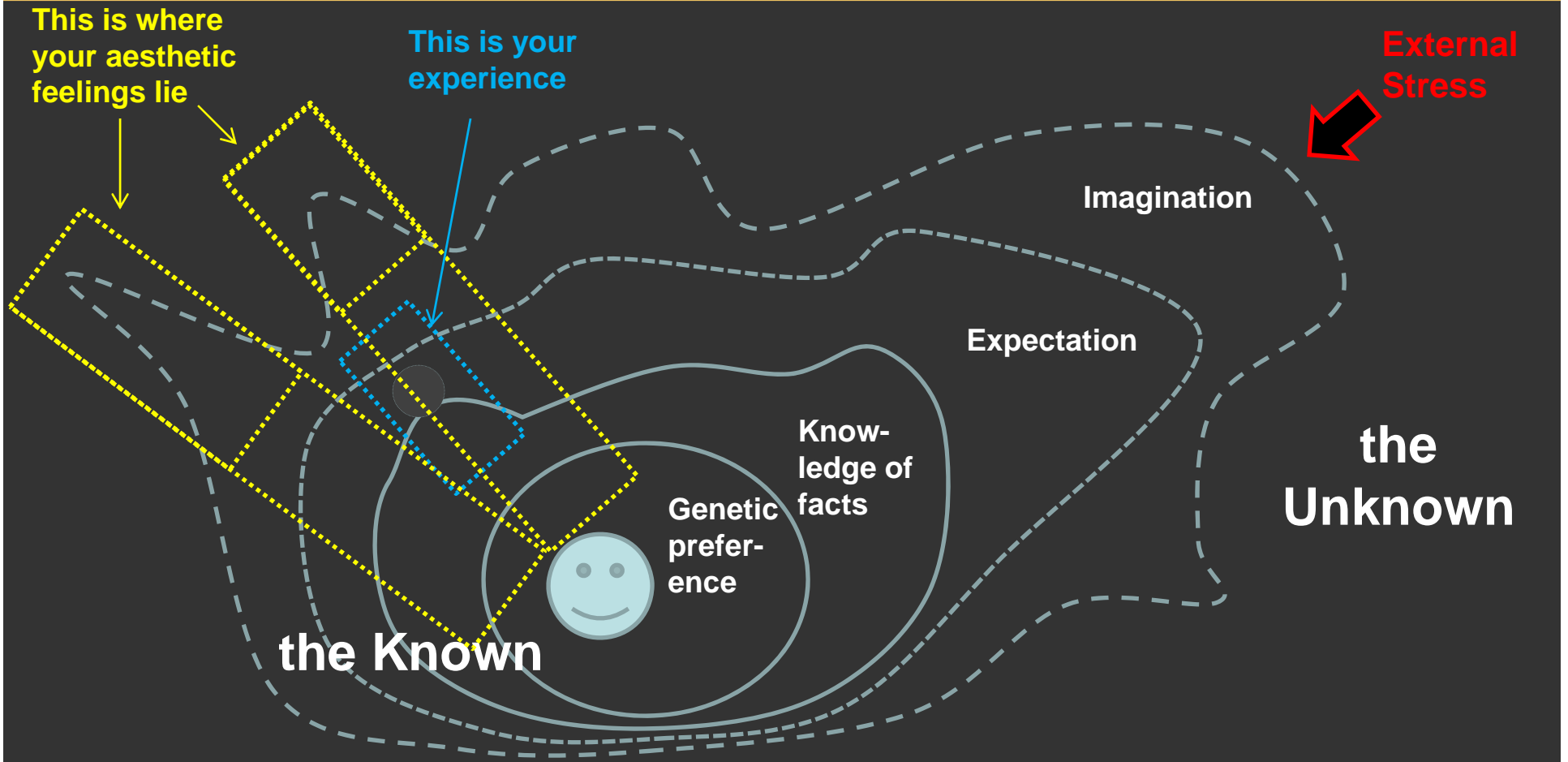
A human's mental universe



When you encounter something unknown...



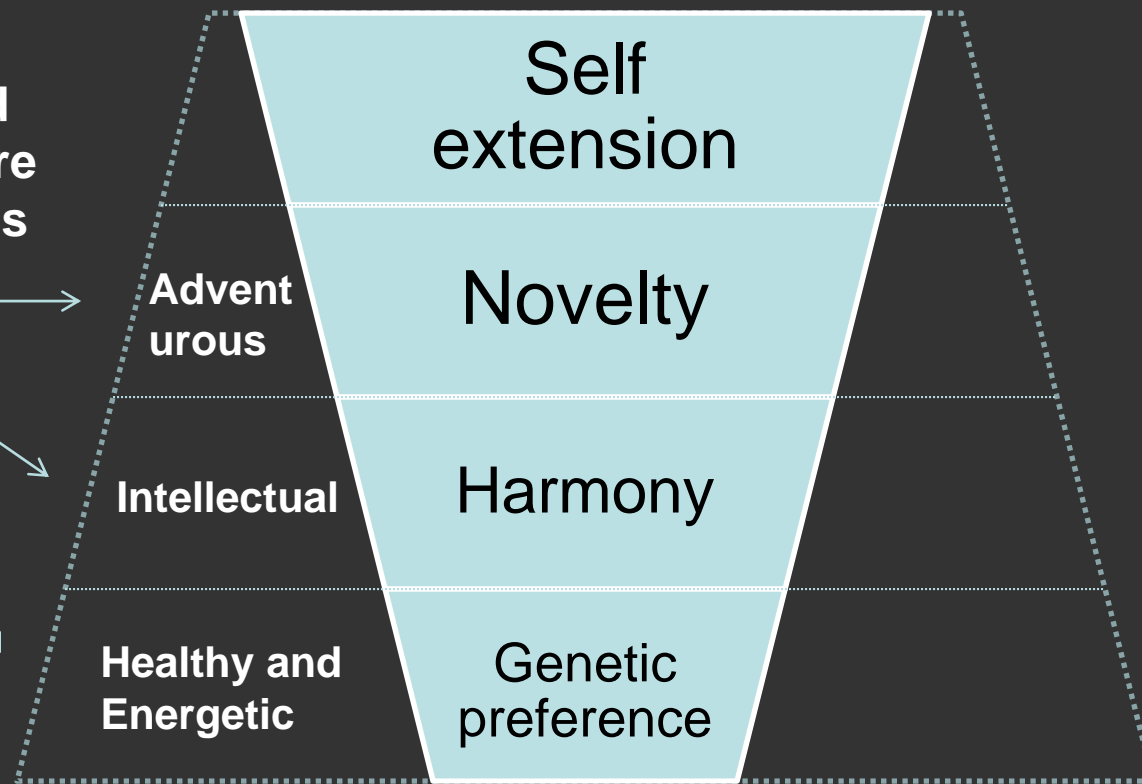
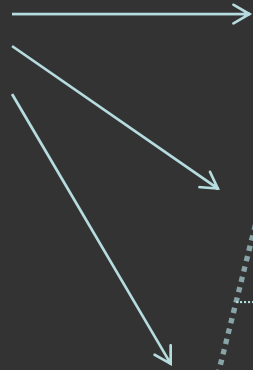
The position of “experience” and “aesthetic feeling”



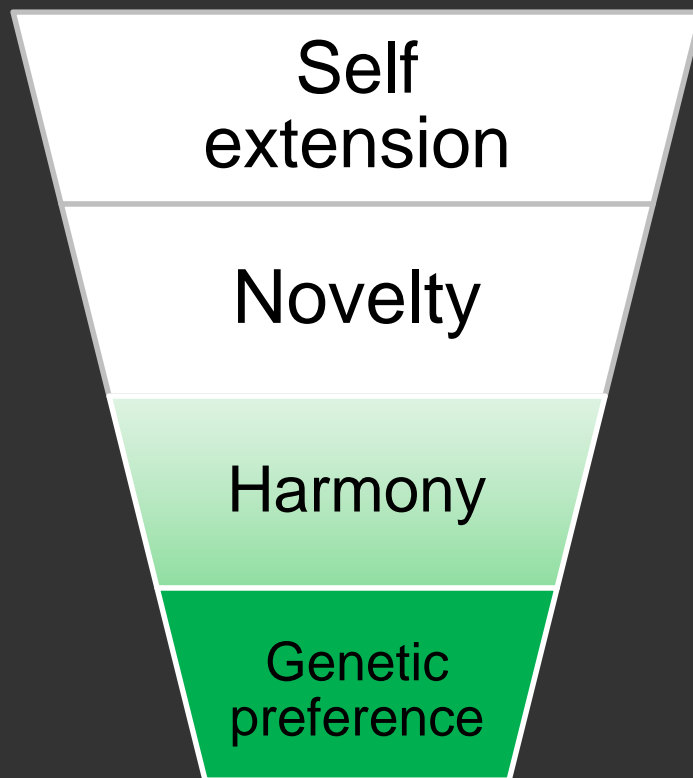
Hierarchy of aesthetic experience



The aesthetic experience will be more frequent and intense, when more of these conditions are met:



Examples of aesthetic experiences

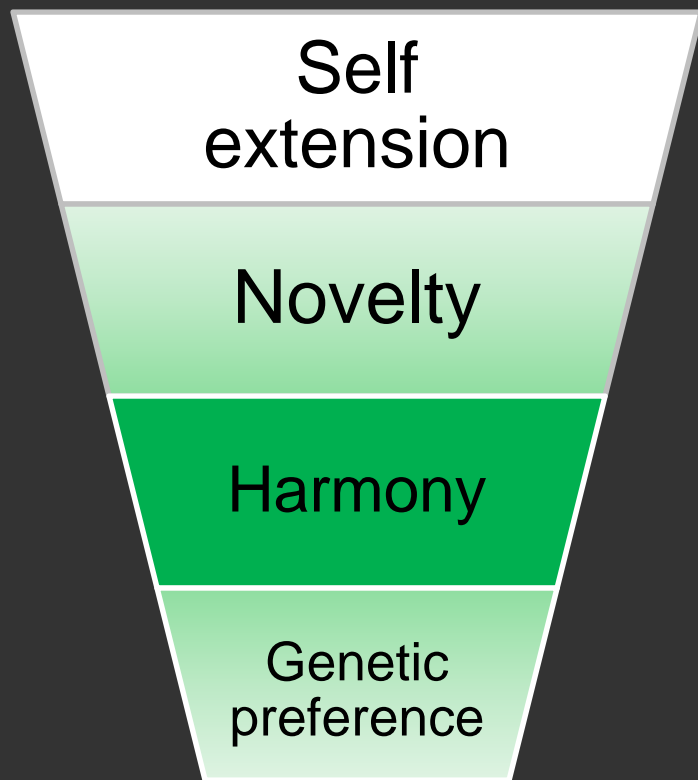


- My example:
 - 11:45AM, Wednesday:
Having a plate of beautiful salad at Pitchfork, MU.



(Courtesy of Dr. Kathleen T. Ruddy's Breast Cancer Blog -_-b)

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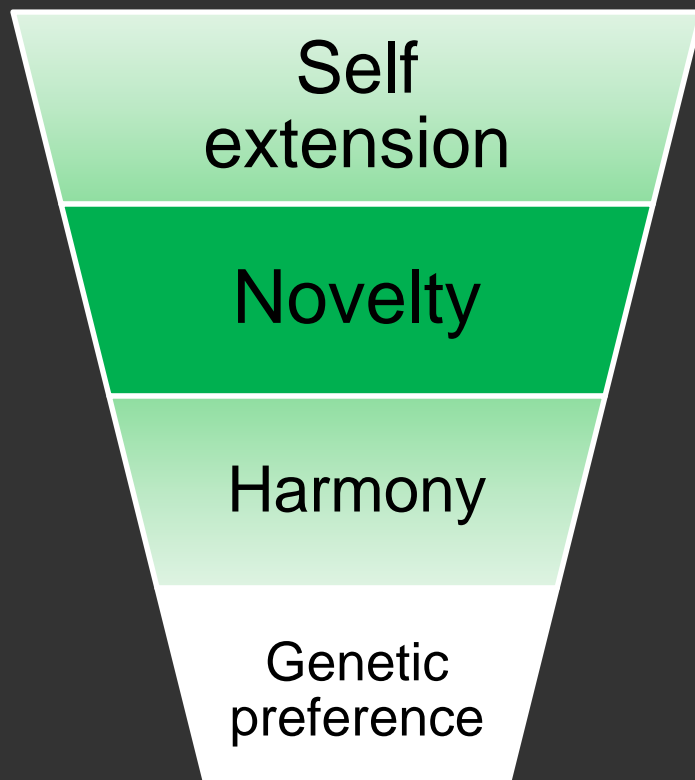


- My examples:
 - 7:10AM, Wednesday:
Waked up by alarm (tone of “[Pizzicato Polka](#)”) from my cell phone. Hated having to get up, but the melody is still lively.
 - 9:00PM, Tuesday:
Beauty in my program:

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#define N_TYPER_OBJECTS 18
#define NCA_OBJECTS 254
#define PITCHFORK 8
#define MUSHROOM 9
#define PIPE 2
#define CASTLE 3
#define PLANTFIRE 4
#define ROCK 6
#define SOUL 5
#define MOON 7
#define COIN 8
#define MOUNTAIN 9
#define LETTER_A 10
const GLuint SIZEOF_OBJECTIN_TYPER_OBJECTS[18] =
{0x0, 0x1, 0x0, 0x1, 0x0, 0x1, 0x0, 0x1, 0x0, 0x1, 0x0, 0x1, 0x0, 0x1, 0x0, 0x1, 0x0, 0x1};
const GLuint SIZE_OF_WINDOW = 812;
const GLuint SIZE_OF_CAMERA = 812;
const GLuint SIZE_OF_CAMERA = 256;
const GLuint SIZE_OF_CAMERA = 812;
const GLuint COLOR_ASH_RANDOM[3] = {133, 8, 51};
const GLuint COLOR_ASH_RANDOM[3] = {105, 176, 188};
const GLuint COLOR_BLACK[3] = {0, 0, 0};
const GLuint COLOR_WHITE[3] = {255, 255, 255};
const GLuint COLOR_GRAY[3] = {127, 127, 127};
const GLuint COLOR_LIGHT_GRAY[3] = {128, 128, 128};
const GLuint COLOR_DARK_GRAY[3] = {64, 64, 64};
const GLuint COLOR_MEDIUM_GRAY[3] = {192, 192, 192};
const GLuint COLOR_DARK_GREEN[3] = {0, 77, 81};
const GLuint COLOR_MEDIUM_GREEN[3] = {128, 78, 81};
const GLuint COLOR_LIGHT_GREEN[3] = {255, 255, 255};
const float P_OBJECT_PICKING = 0.1;
const float P_EXTRA_OBJECT_PICKING = 0.05;
const float P_MUSHROOM = 0.1;
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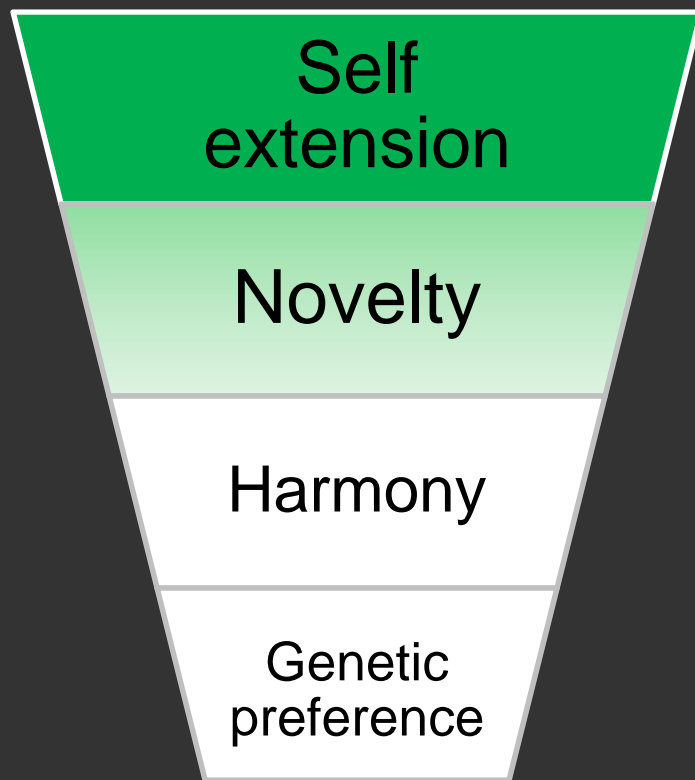


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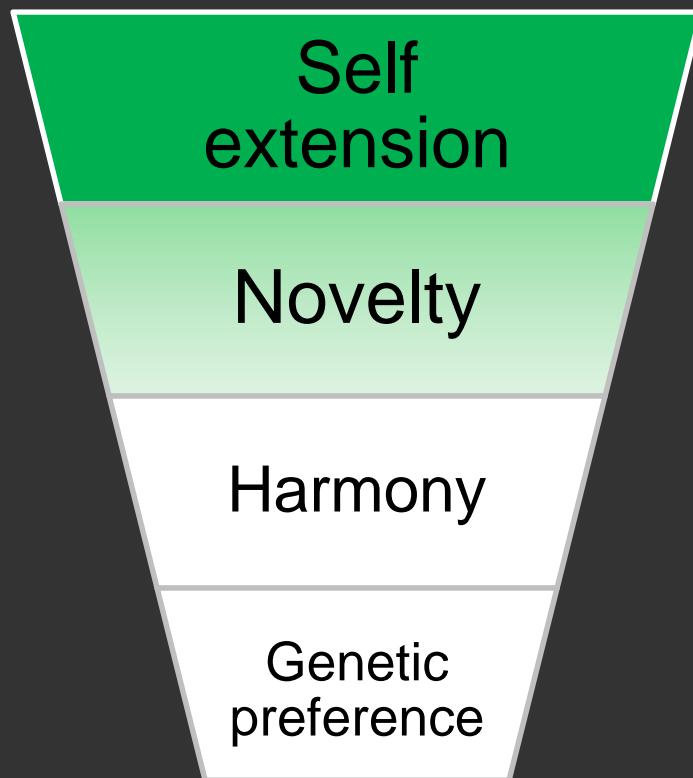
- My example:
 - 10:00PM, Tuesday:
Watching guys playing soccer downstairs. (What makes a great soccer match?)
- Other examples:
 - Diving into the ocean and be amazed by the fishes and plants.
 - Visiting the Kamowakeikazuchi Shrine in Kyoto, Japan.

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- My example:
 - 5:40AM, Monday (honestly):
The fabulous sunrise.
- Other examples:
 - Watching a movie:
 - *Titanic*, mostly for girls
 - *Star Trek*, for Dr. Sheldon Cooper

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- Other examples:
 - "My life is very monotonous," the fox said. "..... you see the grain-fields down yonder? I do not eat bread. Wheat is of no use to me. The wheat fields have nothing to say to me. And that is sad. But you have hair that is the color of gold. Think how wonderful that will be when you have tamed me! The grain, which is also golden, will bring me back the thought of you. And I shall love to listen to the wind in the wheat ..." -- *The Little Prince*