

Chapter 9.

Curriculum Analysis-III

Infusing Applied Ethics and Civics Across the Curriculum

- This chapter's single objective
- The Argument in Brief
 - Ethics Vocabulary: a Major Source of Ambiguities
- Moral-Ethical Ambiguities and Complexities ___
 - Where Dogma, Fanaticism, and Deception Hide and Grow
- In Search of Discourse to Achieve Consensus on Moral Codes
- In Search of an Unbiased Forum for Building Consensus on Moral-Ethical Foundations
- Implementing Applied Ethics and Civics Across the Curriculum

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Ethics Vocabulary: a Major Source of Ambiguities

Applied ethics
Absolutism-Relativism,
Collective, Cult,
Discourse (Structured Discourse),
Dogma, Fanaticism,
Elite,
Ethics, morals, and law,
Enforcement,
Value,
Good versus evil (in their *secular* meaning)
Ideology, doctrine, faith, conviction, and religion,
Objectivity -- Academic objectivity,
Scientific skepticism,
Salvation -- its secular meaning,
Technology.

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Moral-Ethical Ambiguities and Complexities -- Where Dogma, Fanaticism, and Deception Hide and Grow

- Accepting Evil as an Indispensable Part of Existence
- The Dichotomy of Competency and Value
- Ambiguities in Personal and Collective Egos
 - Ambiguities in the Spheres of Collective Egos
 - The Traps of Identities
 - The Ambiguity of Balance Between the Spheres of Collective Egos and Identities
- The Ambiguities in the Triangle of Social Structure:
Leaders, the Media, and the Masses
- The Elusive Masses
- Isolationism: The Hidden Demon

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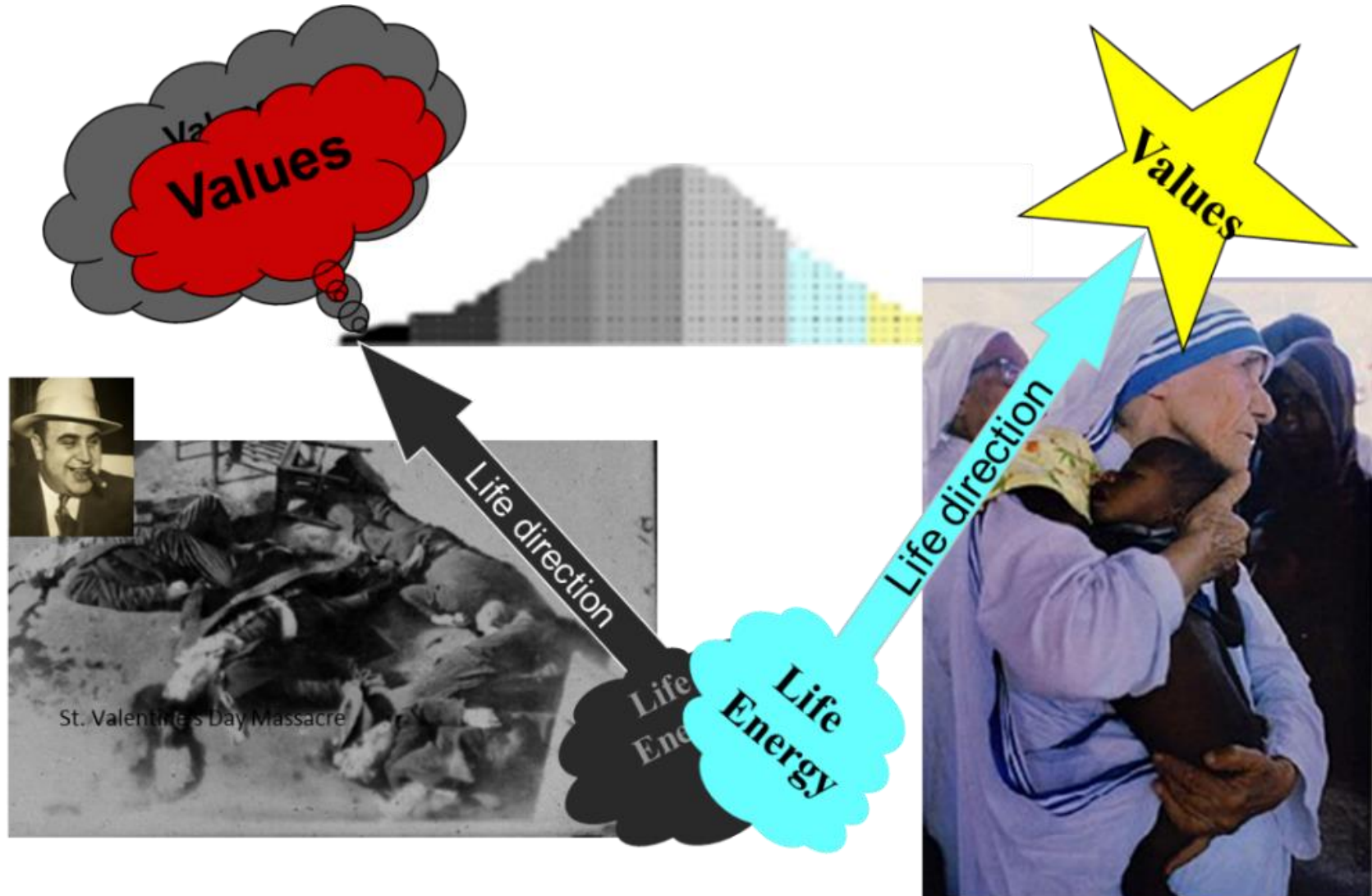


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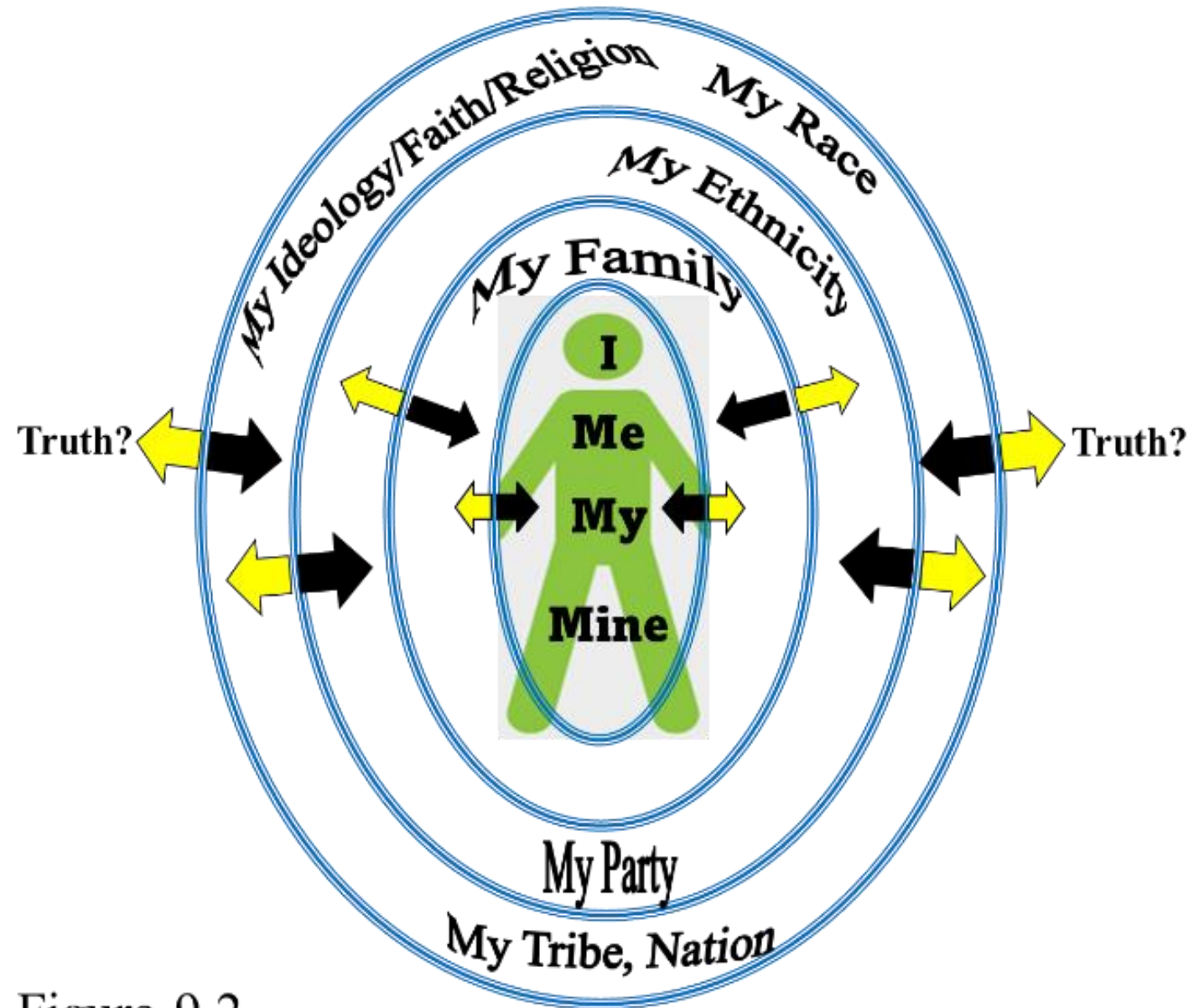


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Contractive and Expansive Instincts, Sentiments & Devotions

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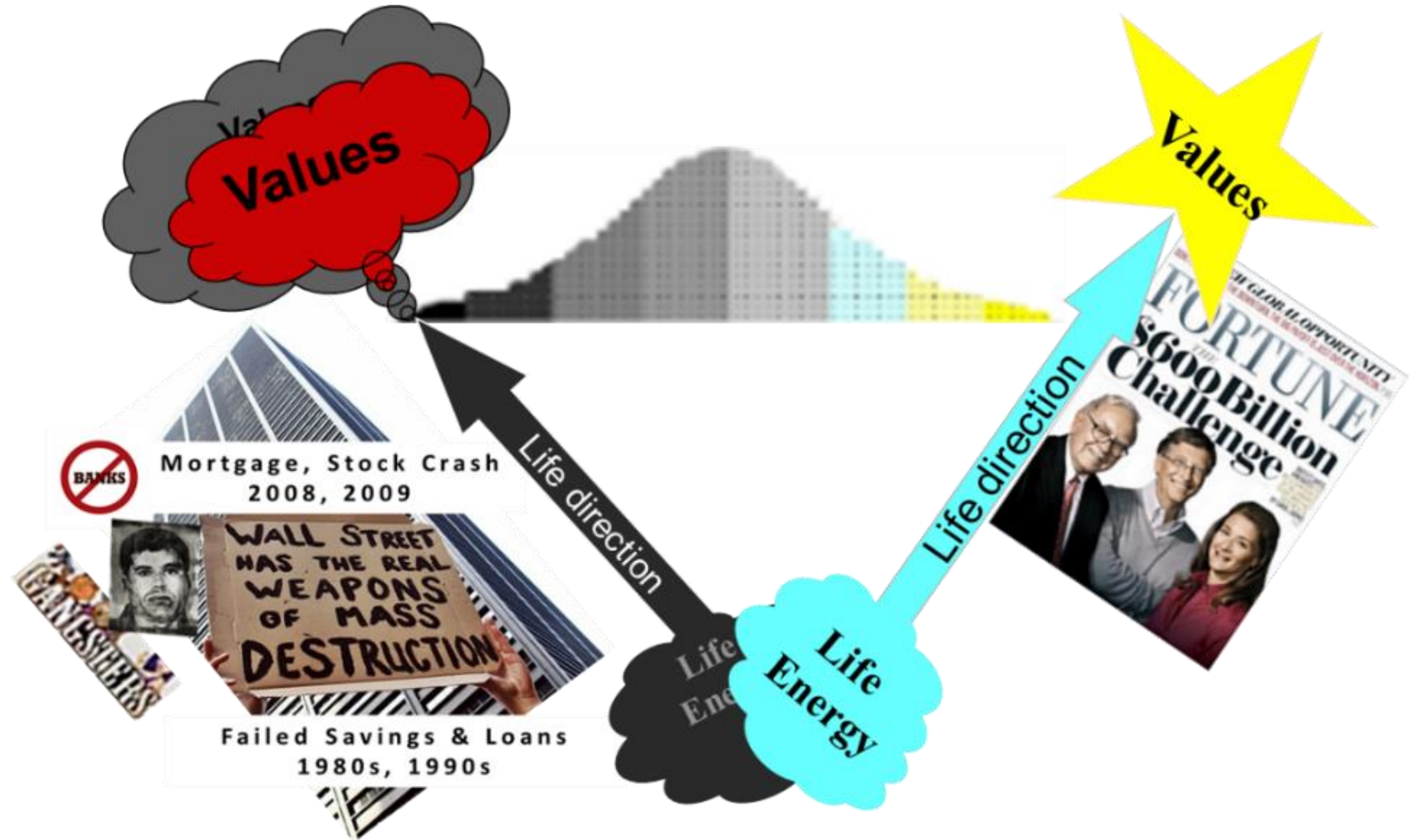


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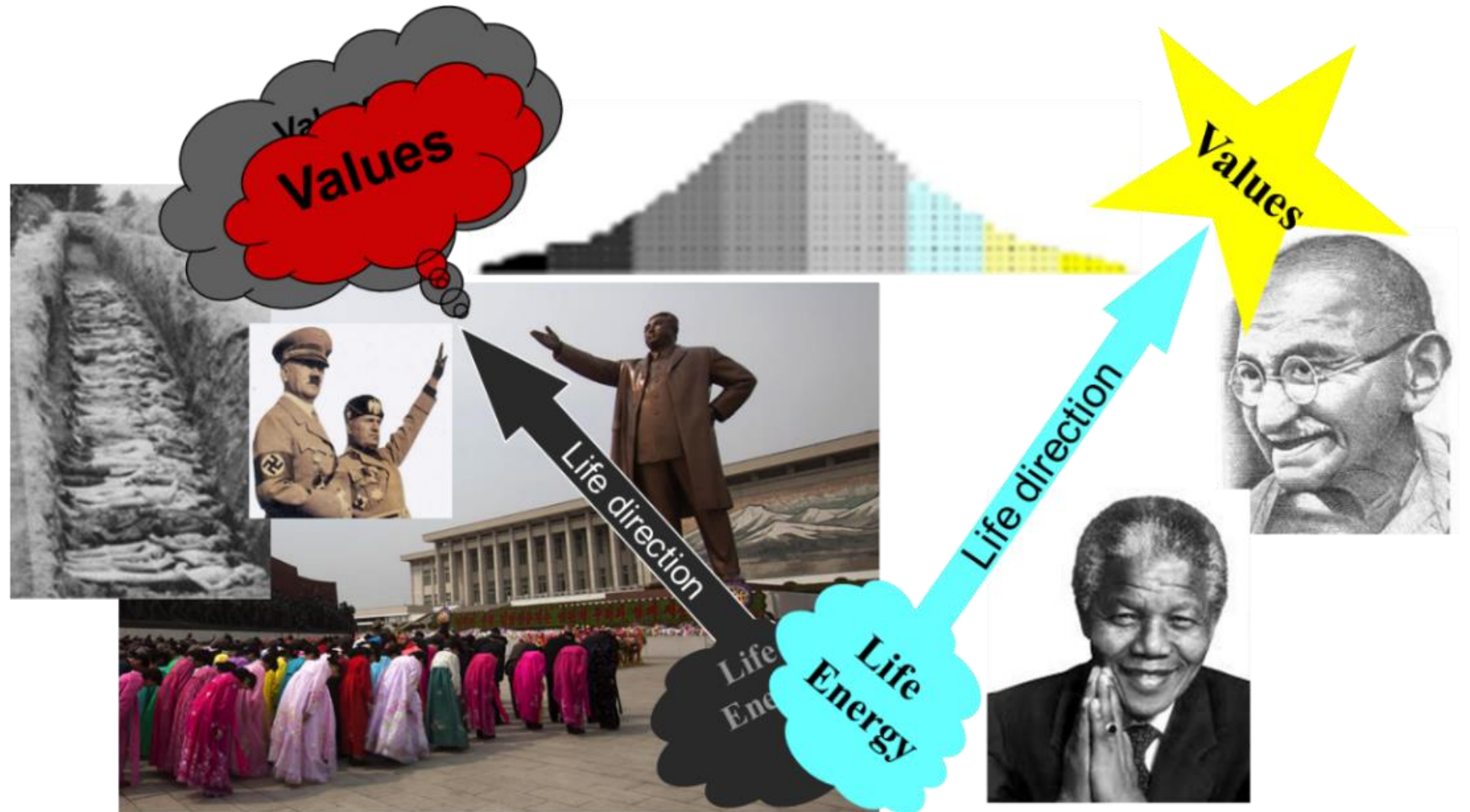


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In Search of Discourse to Achieve Consensus on Moral Codes

- Two Common Grounds for Inviting Consensus in the Moral-ethical Domain
 - Understanding Benefits/Costs in the Moral-Ethical Domain
 - “Bettering life on Earth” — the Common Denominator of all Major Faiths and ideologies?
- Can the Spirit of Civic-Political Secularism Expand to Moral-Ethical Domains?

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