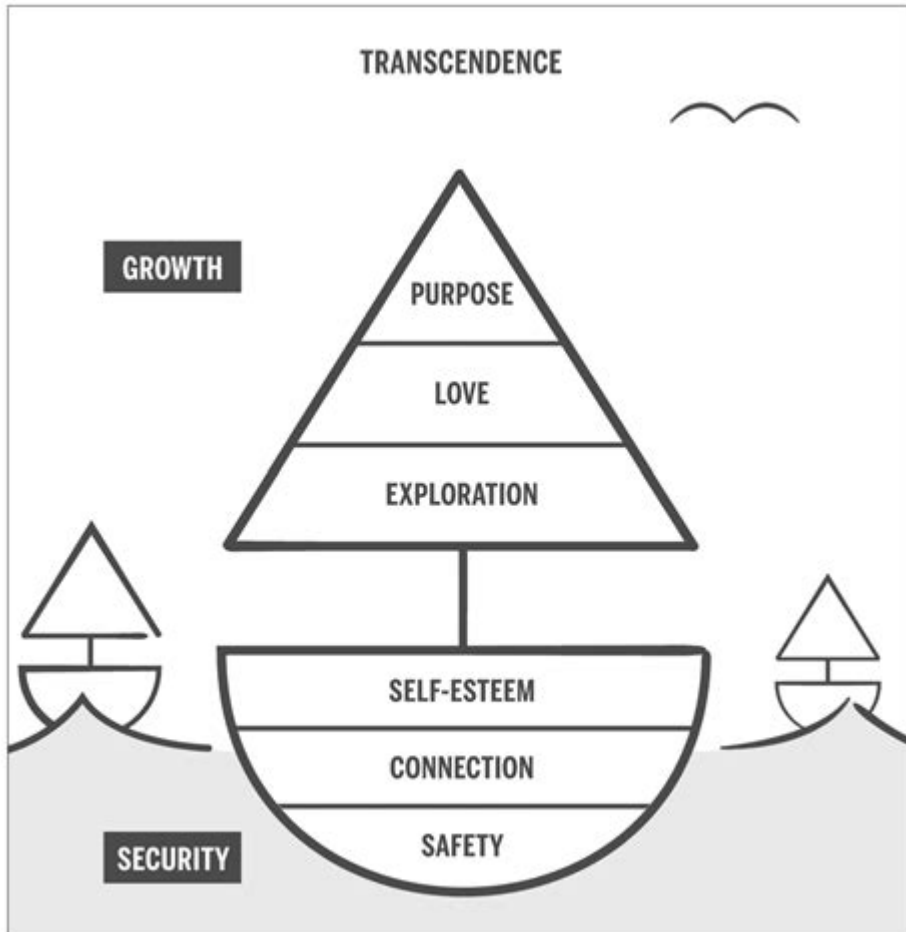


# Epicurus' Hierarchy of Needs

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Quote from Lawri024



of Needs. Maybe  
in the boat and

I like the little boat idea/metaphor, especially in light of παιδείαν δὲ πᾶσαν, μακάριε, φεύγε τὰκάτιον ἀράμενος : Set sail in your own little boat, blessed one, free from all indoctrination. ( [Usener 163](#)) τὰκάτιον (takation) literally means a light boat, the diminutive of ἄκατος (akatos). The [acatium](#) (ἀκάτιον) was especially adapted for fast sailing with light winds.

That said, I'm not sure how to label the parts. I wouldn't advocate for necessary, natural, unnecessary because those are classifications of desires. Maybe Prudence is the sail which

steers the ship? I'll have to think on that.