

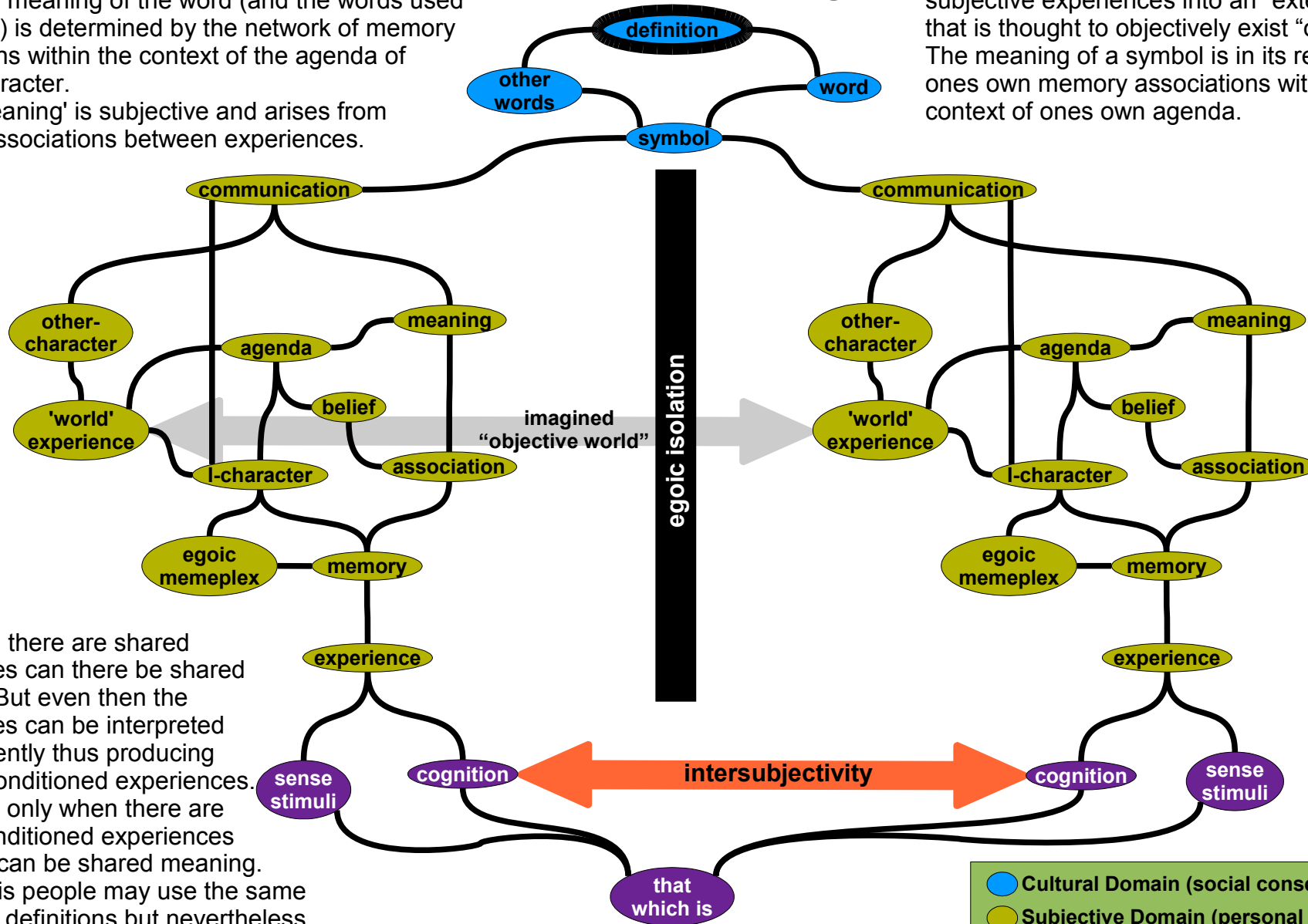
A definition is an agreement between two or more egoic I-characters regarding the accepted associations between some word and some structured group of other words.

The actual meaning of the word (and the words used to define it) is determined by the network of memory associations within the context of the agenda of each I-character.

Hence 'meaning' is subjective and arises from memory associations between experiences.

What is a 'definition' and how does it relate to 'meaning'?

The idea that a definition defines the 'meaning' of a word, or that words 'have' meaning, or that anything 'has' meaning is an artefact of naïve realism, i.e. the unquestioned projection of subjective experiences into an "external world" that is thought to objectively exist "out there". The meaning of a symbol is in its resonance with ones own memory associations within the context of ones own agenda.



Only when there are shared experiences can there be shared meaning. But even then the experiences can be interpreted very differently thus producing different conditioned experiences. Hence it is only when there are shared conditioned experiences that there can be shared meaning.

Without this people may use the same words and definitions but nevertheless they are implying totally different meanings.

- Cultural Domain (social consensus)
- Subjective Domain (personal experience)
- Objective Domain (actual reality)