

# How to assess your organization's Culture



# Hi there!

This tool will help you assess your organization's culture and how well it helps you bring your Purpose and Values to life.

At Rule No. 1, we do not believe there's any such thing as a "good" or "bad" culture. Culture is, simply, a tool to foster the behaviors that bring your Purpose and Values to life. So we think of them as either effective or ineffective, not good or bad.

Therefore, this tool is useless if your organization has not already defined your Purpose and Values. If that's the case, [click here](#) to access our tool that will help you identify and articulate your organization's Purpose.

If your organization has already defined Purpose and Values, then you're in the right place!

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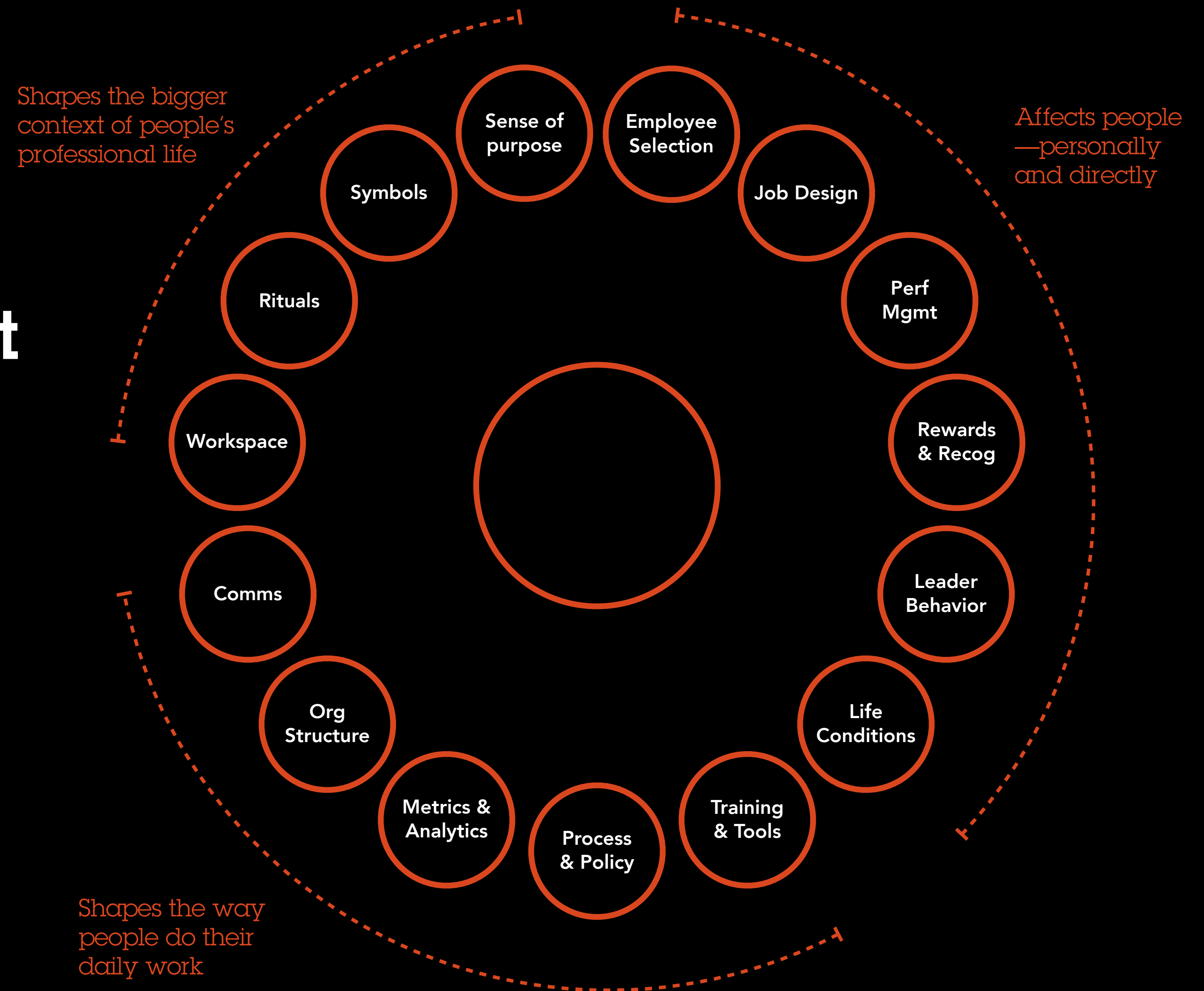
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**What is Culture?**

**Culture is the environment  
you create through  
everything you do.**



## Affects people—personally and directly

### Employee Selection

How people are chosen to join the company or are slotted into teams and roles

### Job Design

The way peoples' roles draw upon and enhance their talents

### Performance Management

The system by which we evaluate performance and hold people accountable

### Rewards & Recognition

What people are rewarded or recognized for and how

### Leader Behavior

The way managers behave

### Life Conditions

The conditions employees experience outside of work and how that affects their life at work

## Shapes the way people do their daily work

### Training & Tools

How we equip people to do their job

### Process & Policy

Our formal and informal methods of work

### Metrics & Analytics

What we measure and how

### Organization Structure

The formal structure of our organization

### Communications

The way we communicate as an organization—at all levels

## Shapes the bigger context of people's professional life

### Workspace

The design of our physical and virtual spaces

### Rituals

The unique and meaningful ways of doing things that bond us as a group

### Symbols

The symbols we maintain and share to reinforce our unique identity

### Sense of Purpose

The connection people have to what the company stands for and where it is headed

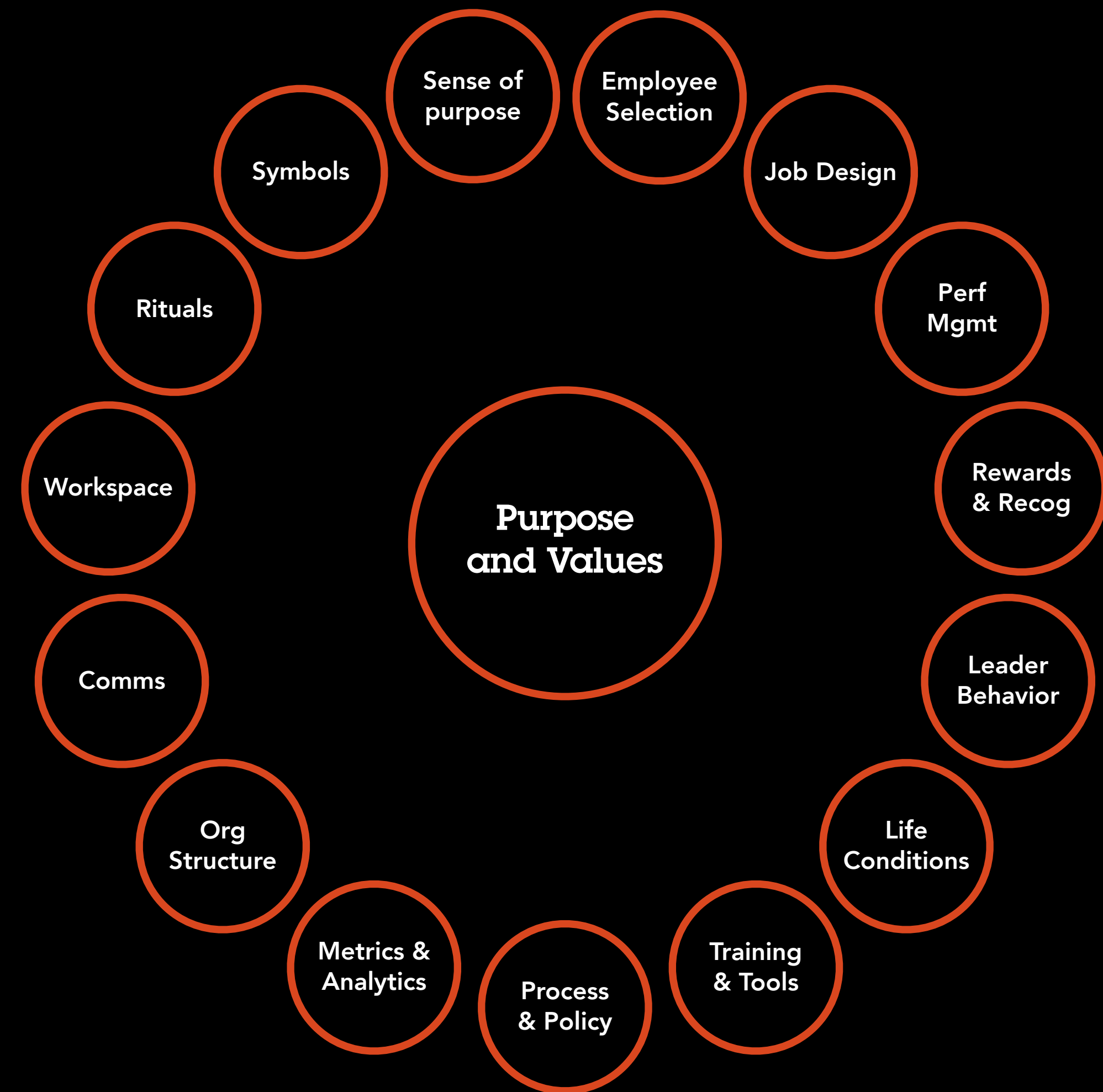
**You cannot design a culture if you don't know what you're designing it for.**



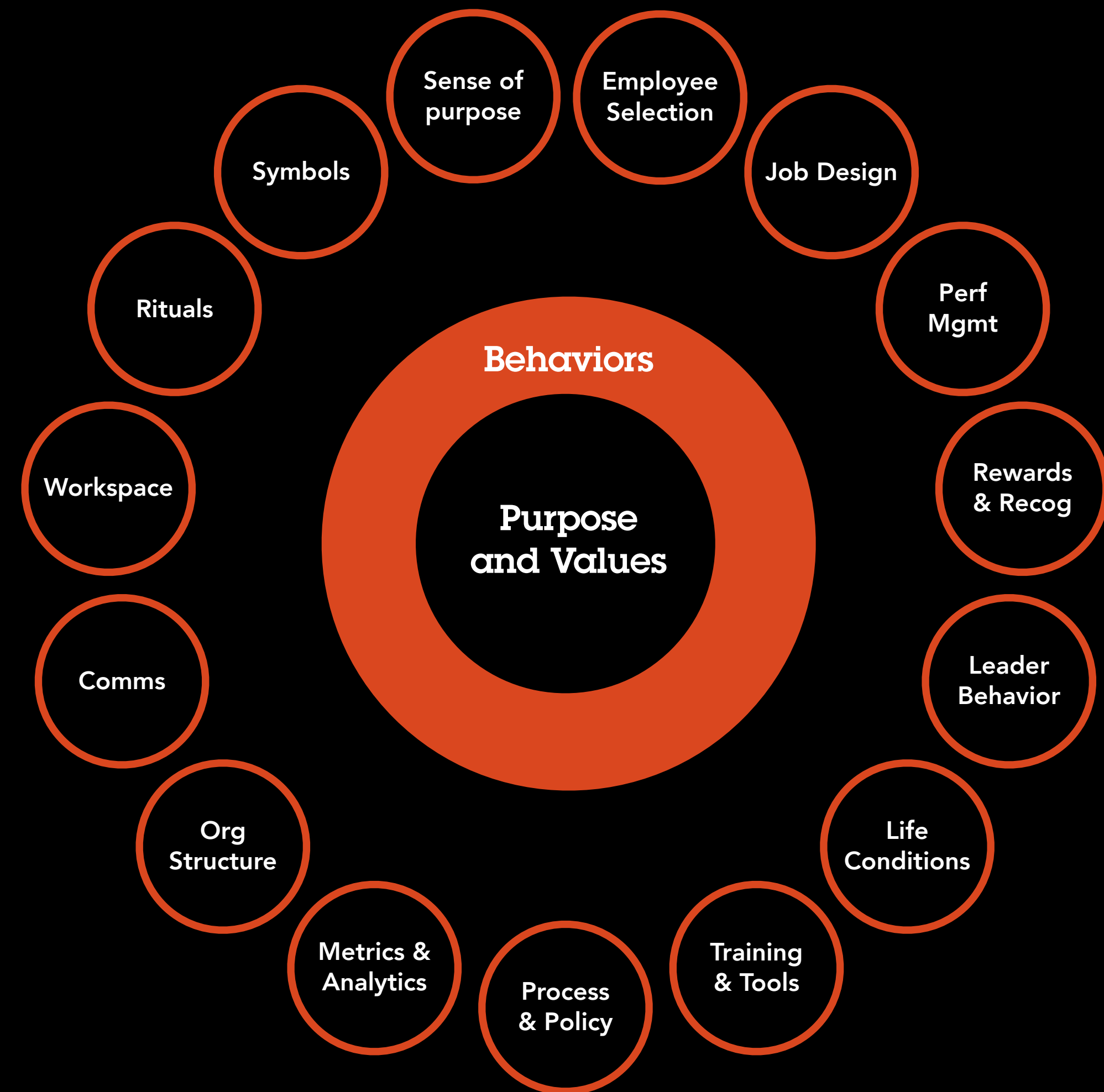
So what should you  
design **culture** for?



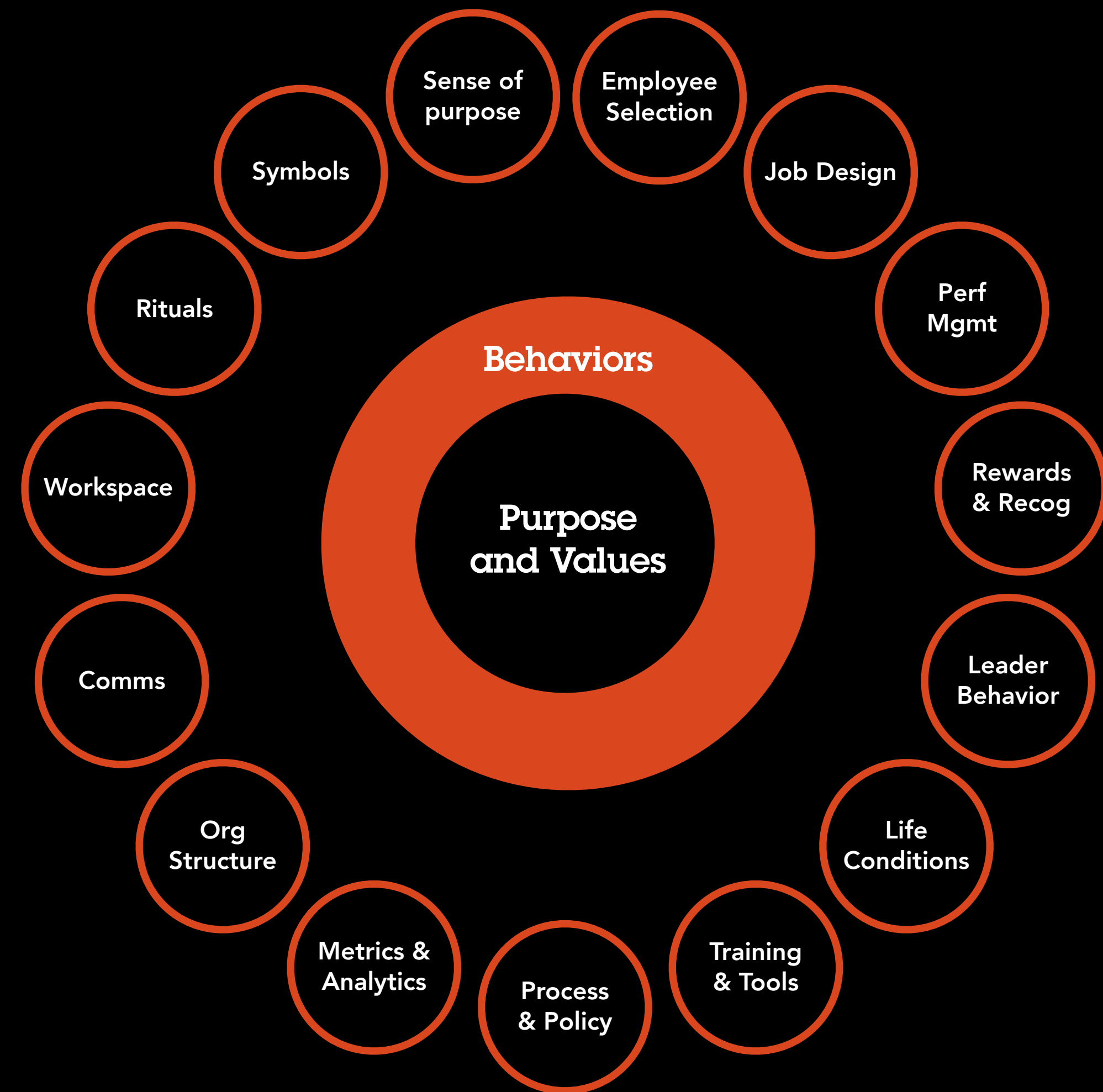
**At Rule No. 1, we  
believe culture must be  
designed around your  
Purpose and Values.**



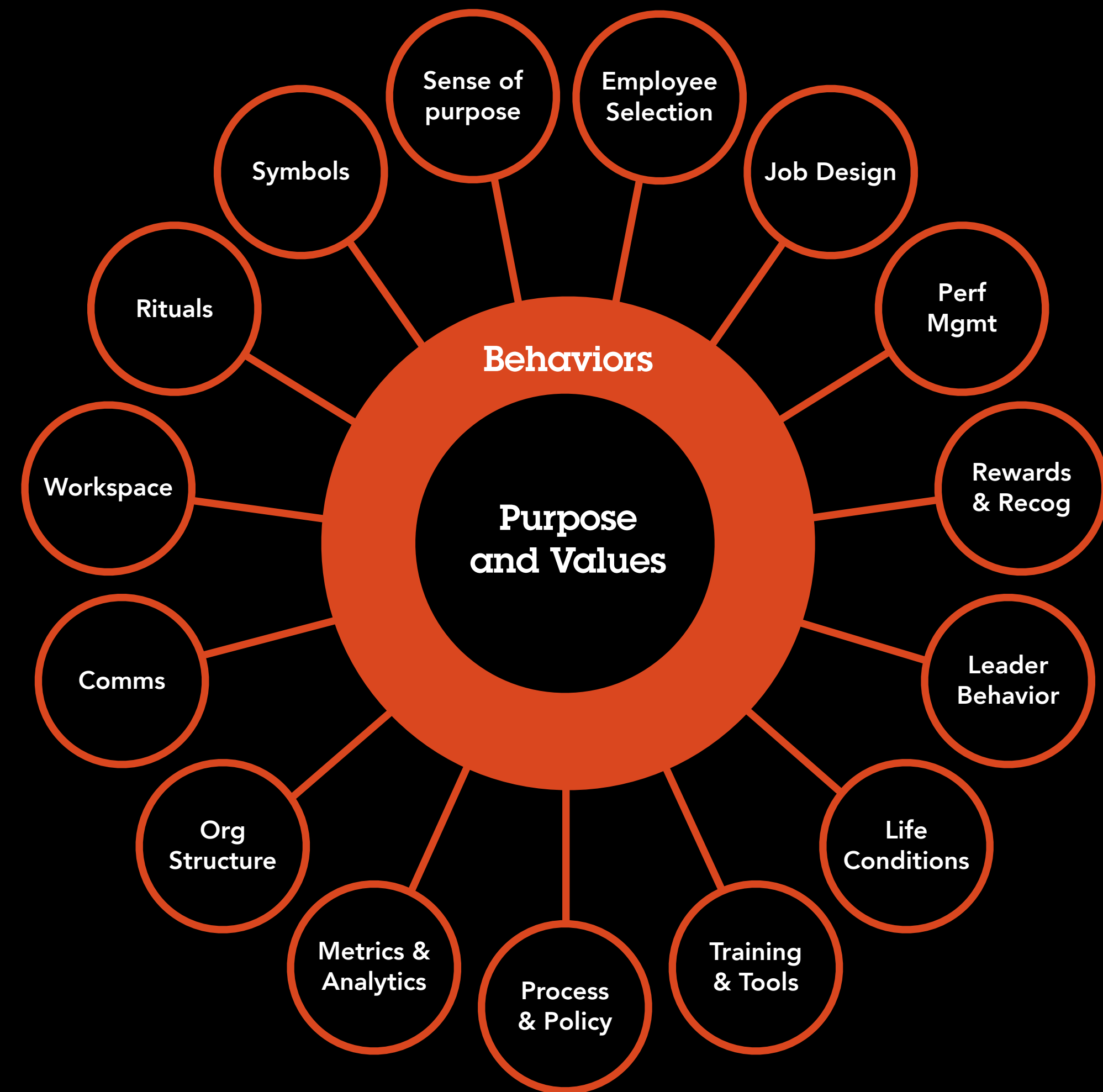
Ultimately, it's all  
about behavior.

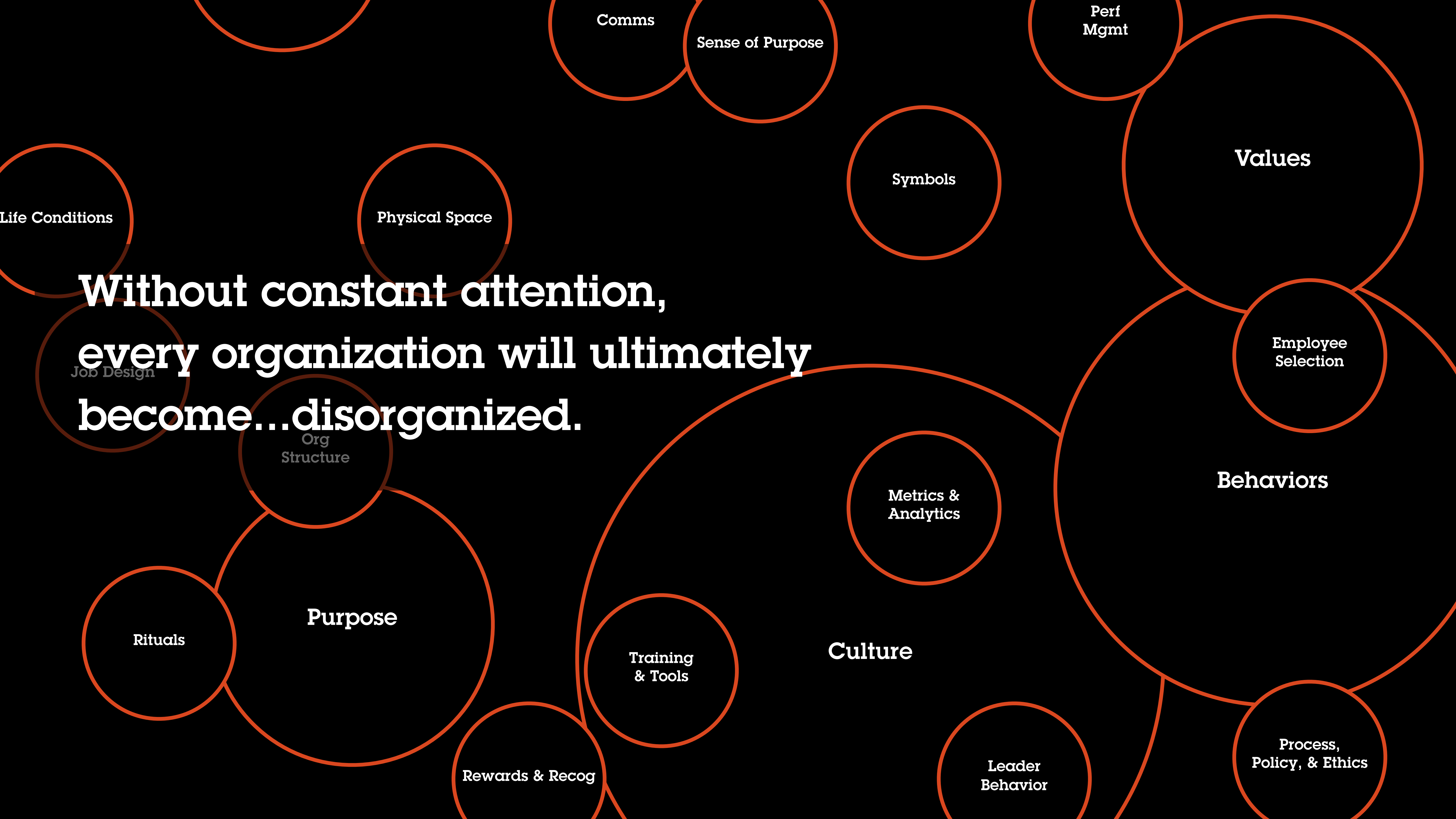


**Culture makes the right behaviors easy and the wrong behaviors hard.**



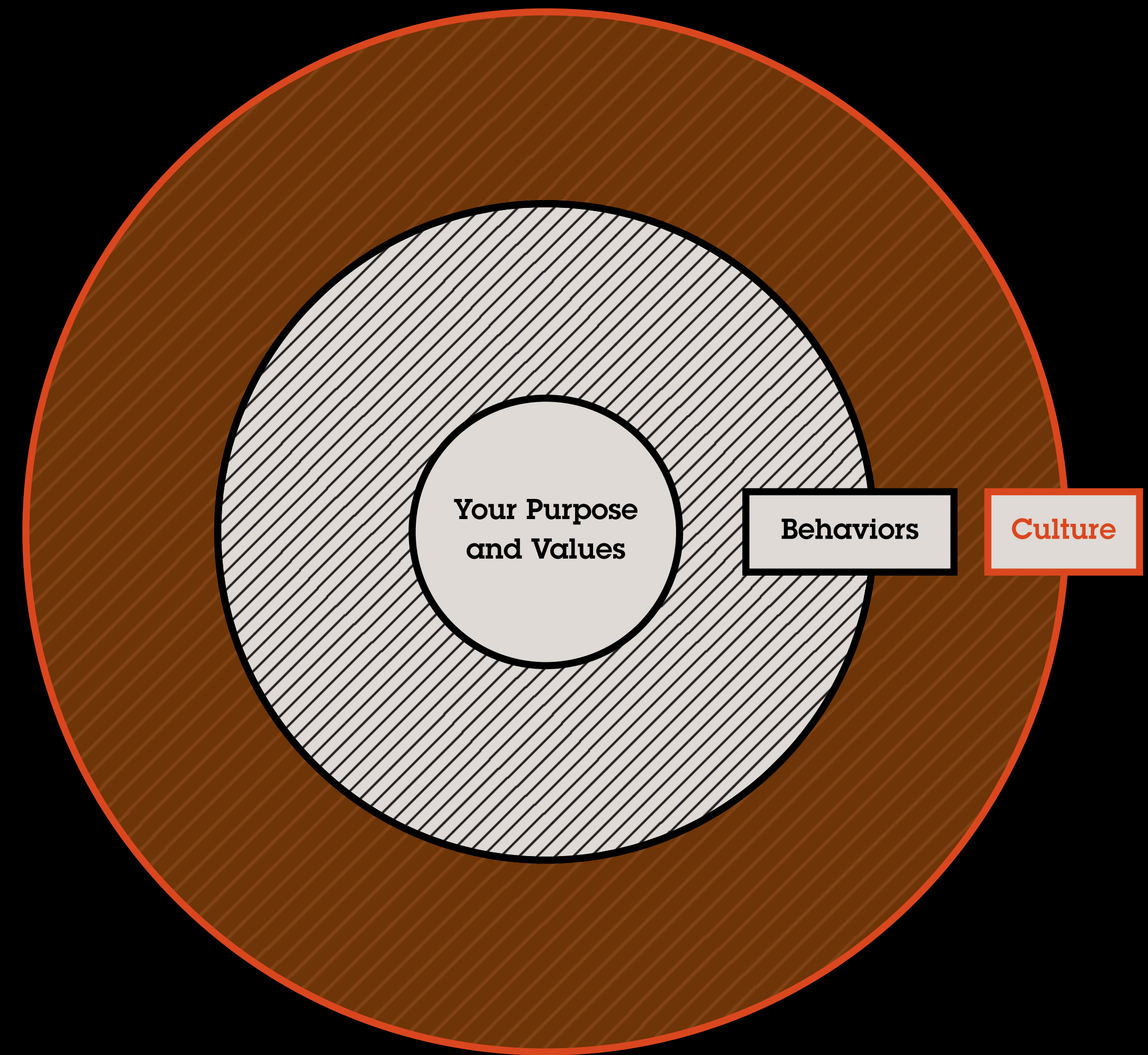
**In great companies,  
culture works as an  
integrated system.**







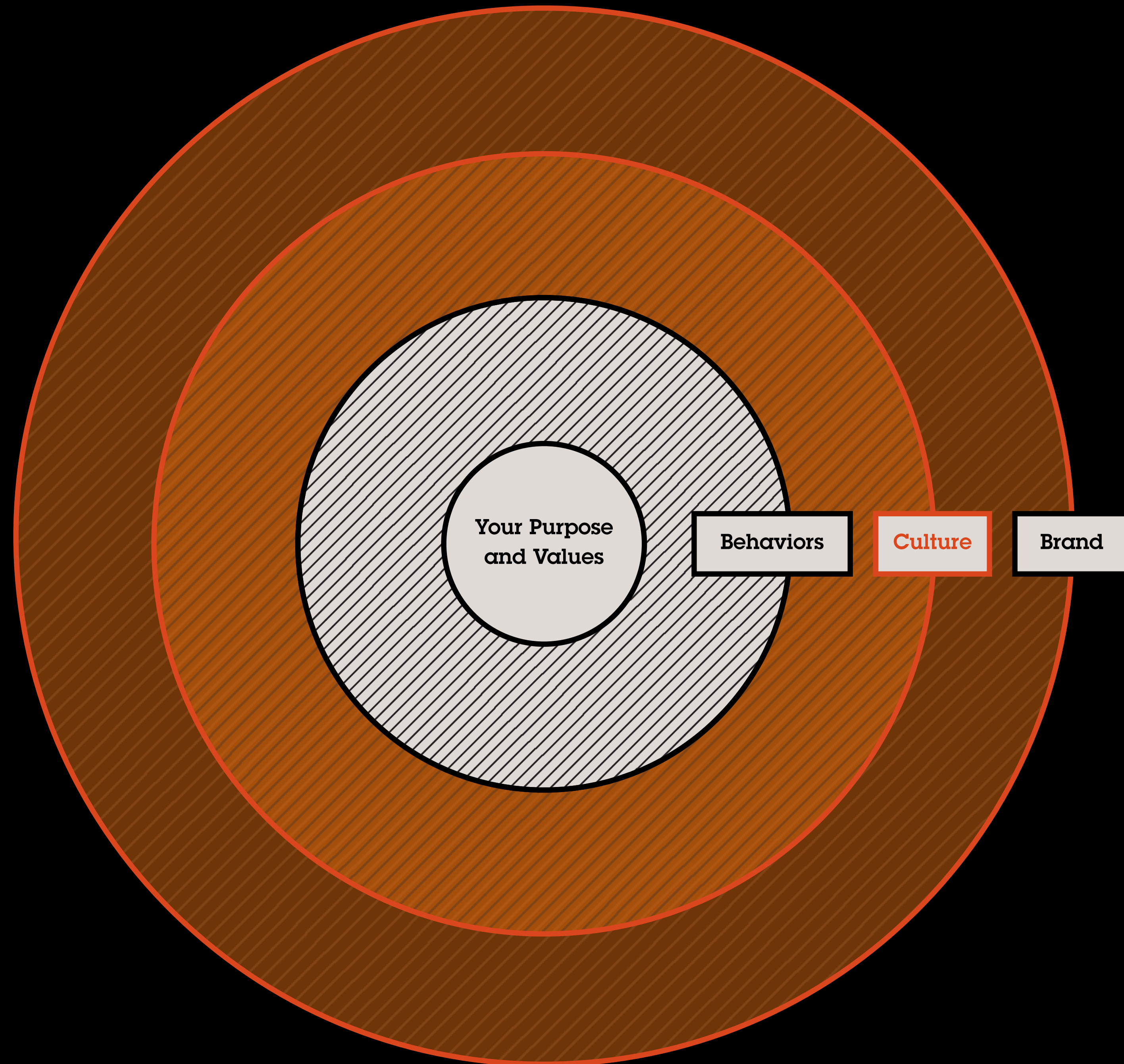
If your culture is out of alignment, it's time to identify which aspects are not fully reflecting your Purpose and Values, and then take action to bring them back into alignment.

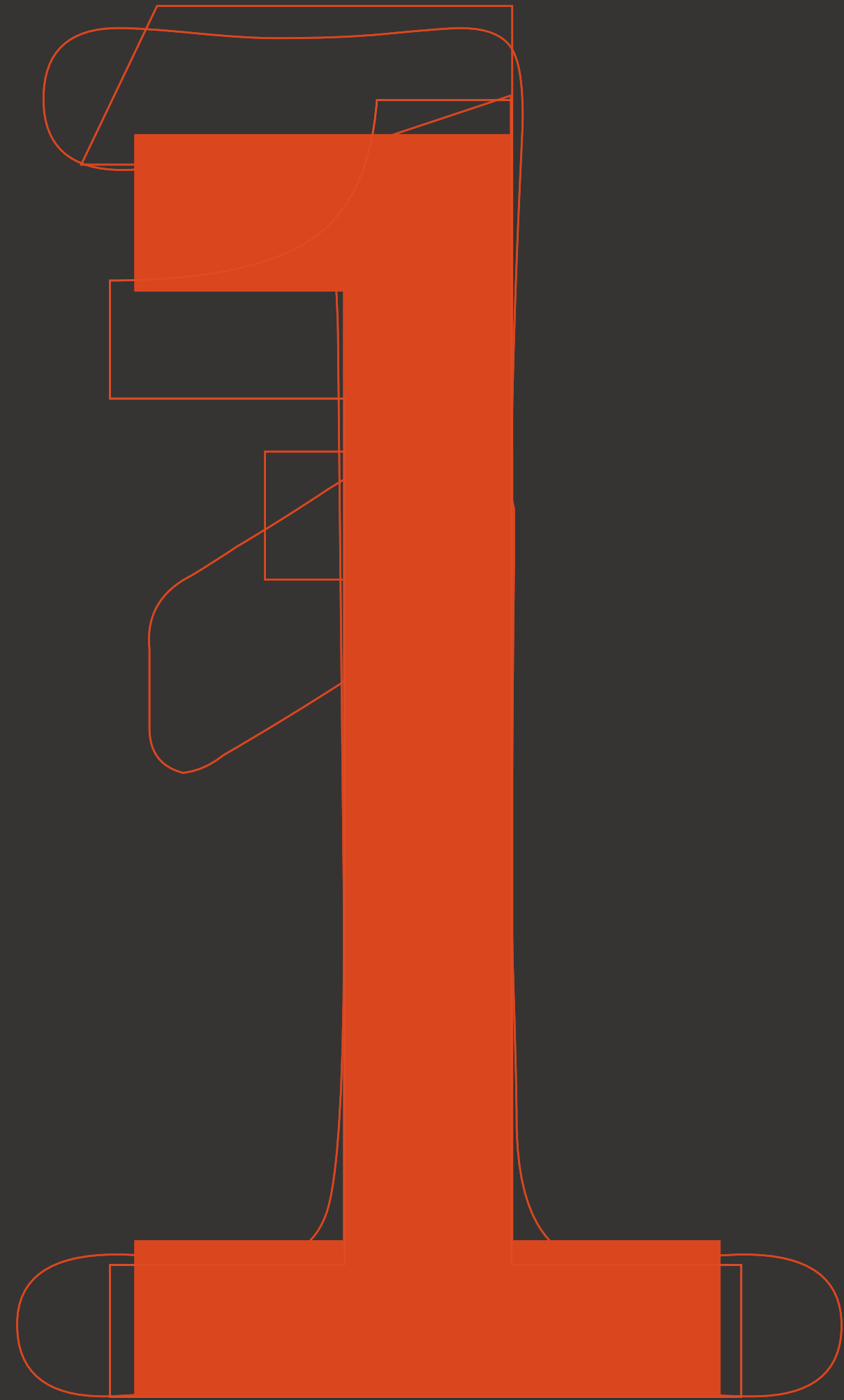




**Though Brand is not the topic of this tool, once your Purpose and Values are firmly embedded in your Culture, you'll be able to engage your external audiences with a powerfully-compelling brand.**

If you think your Brand might need some work, [click here](#) for our Brand assessment tool.





“Whatever you are,  
be a good one.”

– Abraham Lincoln



Complete the rest of the  
steps on our website.



# That's it!

We hope you found this helpful. If you need help designing your Culture, we'd love to chat. Send a note to: [adam@ruleno1.co](mailto:adam@ruleno1.co)

