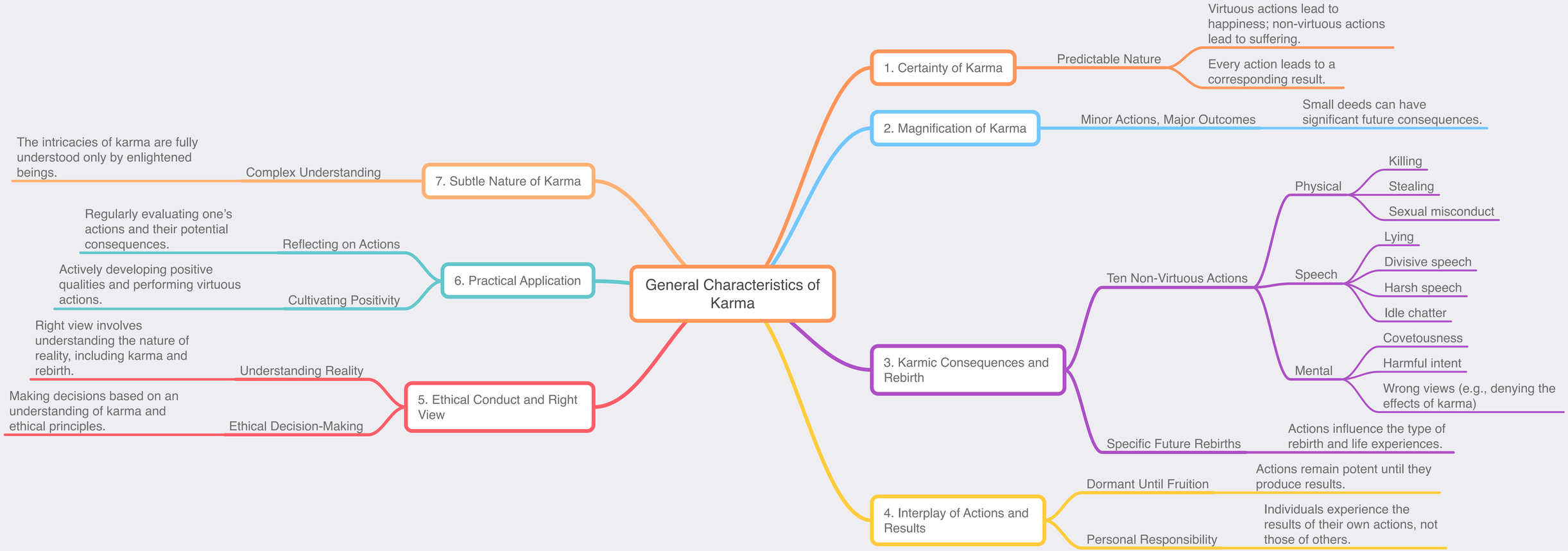

General Characteristics of Karma
1. Certainty of Karma
Predictable Nature
Virtuous actions lead to happiness; non-virtuous actions lead to suffering.
Every action leads to a corresponding result.
2. Magnification of Karma
Minor Actions, Major Outcomes
Small deeds can have significant future consequences.
3. Karmic Consequences and Rebirth
Ten Non-Virtuous Actions
Physical
Killing
Stealing
Sexual misconduct
Speech
Lying
Divisive speech
Harsh speech
Idle chatter
Mental
Covetousness
Harmful intent
Wrong views (e.g., denying the effects of karma)
Specific Future Rebirths
Actions influence the type of rebirth and life experiences.
4. Interplay of Actions and Results
Dormant Until Fruition
Actions remain potent until they produce results.
Personal Responsibility
Individuals experience the results of their own actions, not those of others.
5. Ethical Conduct and Right View
Understanding Reality
Right view involves understanding the nature of reality, including karma and rebirth.
Ethical Decision-Making
Making decisions based on an understanding of karma and ethical principles.
6. Practical Application
Reflecting on Actions
Regularly evaluating one's actions and their potential consequences.
Cultivating Positivity
Actively developing positive qualities and performing virtuous actions.
7. Subtle Nature of Karma
Complex Understanding
The intricacies of karma are fully understood only by enlightened beings.