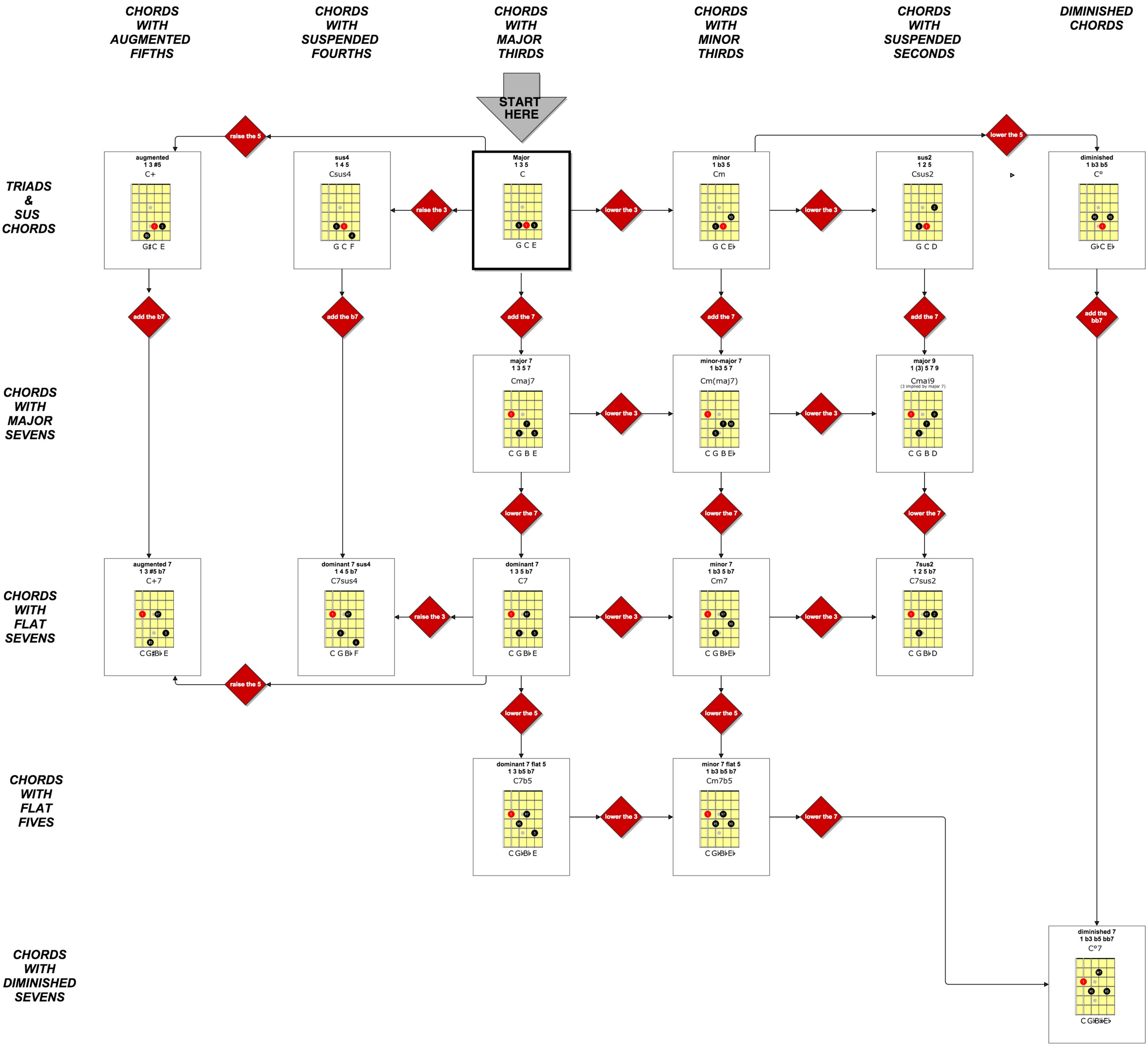
CHORDS: A FAMILY TREE



This isn’t a complete list of all possible chords.

It’s damned sure not one of those stupid alphabetical chord dictionaries.
It’s a jumping-off point for the curious among you.

This chart is my attempt to make clear to you the relationships between chords.
The shapes are **not** included here so you can refer to them whenever you need a certain chord.
They’re included so that you can leverage your shape-based strengths into a deeper understanding of *practical* music theory.

Chords are not shapes.
They’re groups of notes that belong together for reasons.
Learning about those reasons is usually fun, occasionally mind blowing, and rarely difficult—*if you approach it the right way.*

This chart is a part of the GuitarOS series from Fretboard Anatomy.
You & I can reprogram your brain—update your “operating system” if you will—so that you understand music in the same way that professional musicians do.

For free access to the GuitarOS series of email lessons, head over to FretboardAnatomy.com/chord-course

A thousand tiny epiphanies await you.