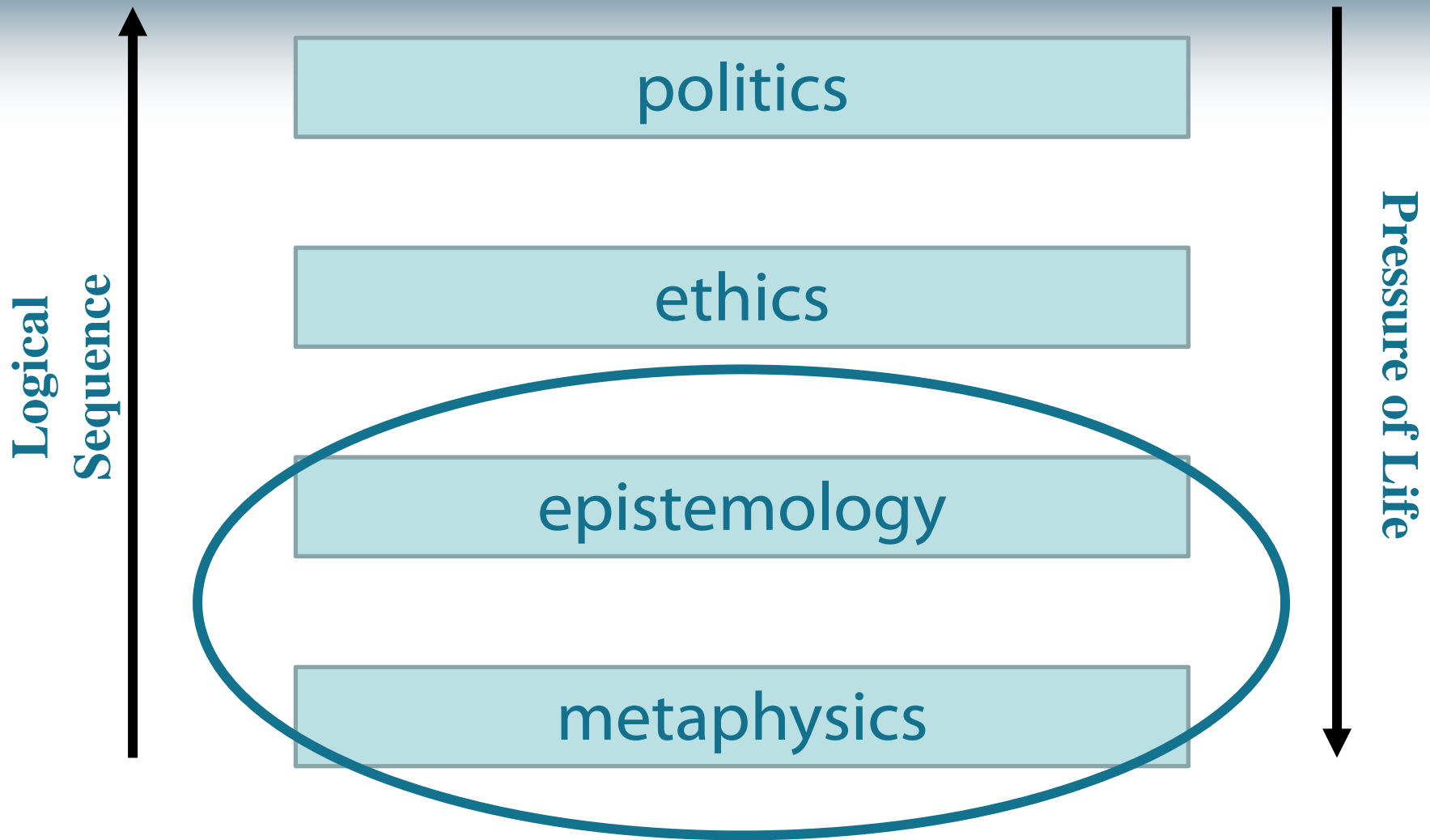


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Shall I Bow To My Creator?

- **YES!**

- ancient monotheism
- ancient Israel
- Bible
- fundamentalism

- **CREATOR/creature**

- God || man | nature
- everlasting distinctions

- **PERSONAL SOVEREIGN**

- ultimate responsibility

- **NO!**

- ancient myths
- eastern religions
- western philosophy
- modern theology

- **Continuity of Being**

- nature > gods > man
- transmutation / evolution

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The Trinity

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(2) Absolute oneness	Each is the whole
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(5) A derivative order	Father "begats" Son; F & S "send" the Holy Spirit
(6) A revelational order	Father unseen but revealed in the Son; Son acts in history; Holy Spirit unseen but reveals the Son
(7) Three personal centers of consciousness in One Being	Interpersonal dialog occurs between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit