

1 John Series

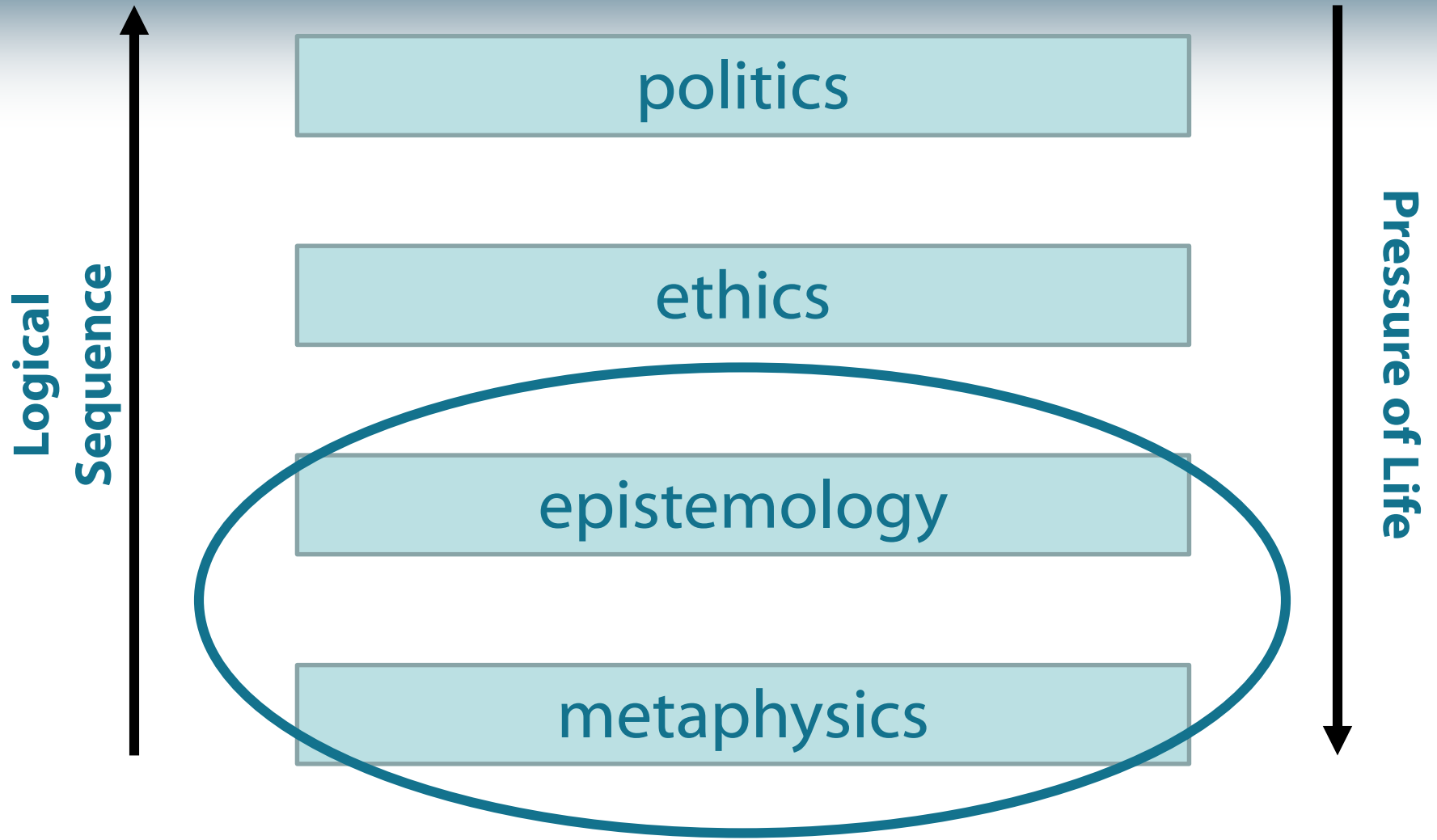
Lesson 6

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“Deliberative orator” structure	John’s structure
<u>Preface</u> – introduction to the deliberation	1:1–4 Prologue—call to sharing eternal life 1:5–2:11 Preamble—daily interacting with the Triune God
<u>Thesis</u> – central proposal of the speaker	2:12–27 Purpose—to exhort believers to maintain the fellowship of eternal life while in a hostile environment
<u>Supporting material</u> – a sequence of headings that group various arguments to support the thesis	2:28–4:19 Arguments—how to attain ultimate confidence before God through sharing eternal life with fellow believers “under fire”
<u>Conclusion & recapitulation</u>	4:20–5:17 Repetition and exhortations
<u>Epilogue</u> – a review of the argument and closing motivation for audience	5:18–21 Review—three foundational truths that underlie successful experience of eternal life



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

- **IMPERSONAL FATE & CHANCE**

- ultimate victimization