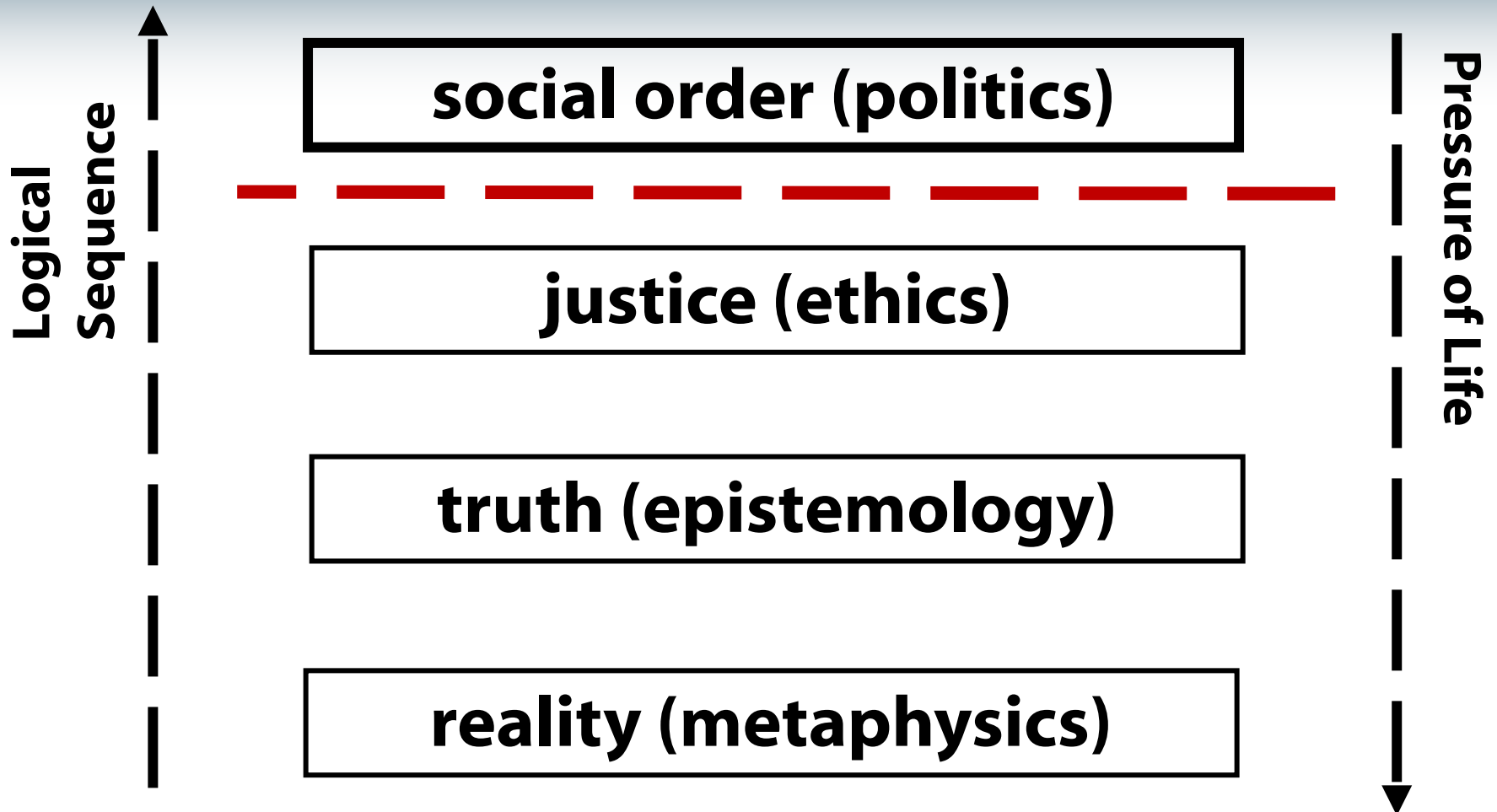


The Divine Institutions–Part 2

Fellowship Chapel

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Ideas Have Political Consequences

<p>Human Nature Depraved & Unchangeable (Founding Fathers)</p>	<p>Human Nature Good and Perfectible (French revolutionaries)</p>
<p>Strict laws & punishments</p>	<p>Lax laws & few punishments</p>
<p>Limit rulers' powers</p>	<p>Trust ruler's good intentions</p>
<p>Need to defend against other nations</p>	<p>Little need for national defense</p>

Multi-racial Myth Energized by Darwin

Full title of Darwin's *Origin of Species* (1859):

The Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life

In *The Descent of Man* (1874), Darwin wrote: **“At some future period ... the civilized races of man will most certainly exterminate and replace the savage races throughout the world.”**

Man as Victim of Natural Forces or a Distortion of God's Sovereignty

Traditional Nature Forces:

gods/goddesses, horoscopes, spirits, karma, fatalism

Modern Nature Forces:

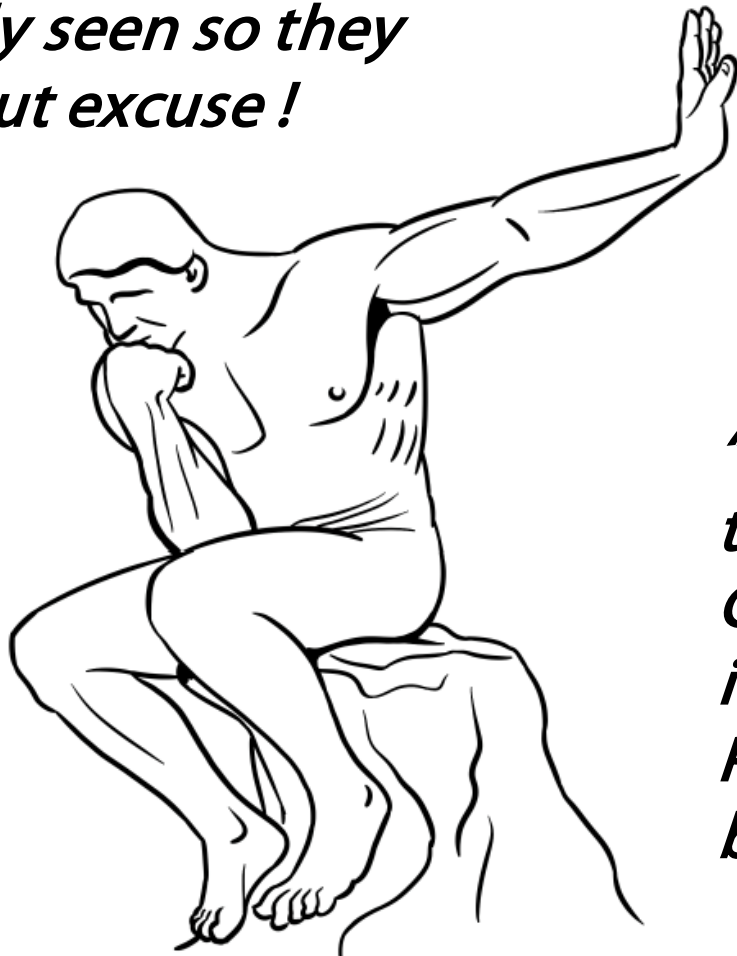
horoscopes, genes, economy



Perversion of God's Sovereignty:
deterministic election & predestination

Man as His Ultimate Authority

*His invisible attributes
are clearly seen so they
are without excuse!*



**God's Verbal &
Non-Verbal
Revelation**

*“Although they knew God,
they did not glorify Him as
God... But became futile
in their thoughts...
Professing to be wise, they
became fools!”*



A God & Man

Conversational Interaction

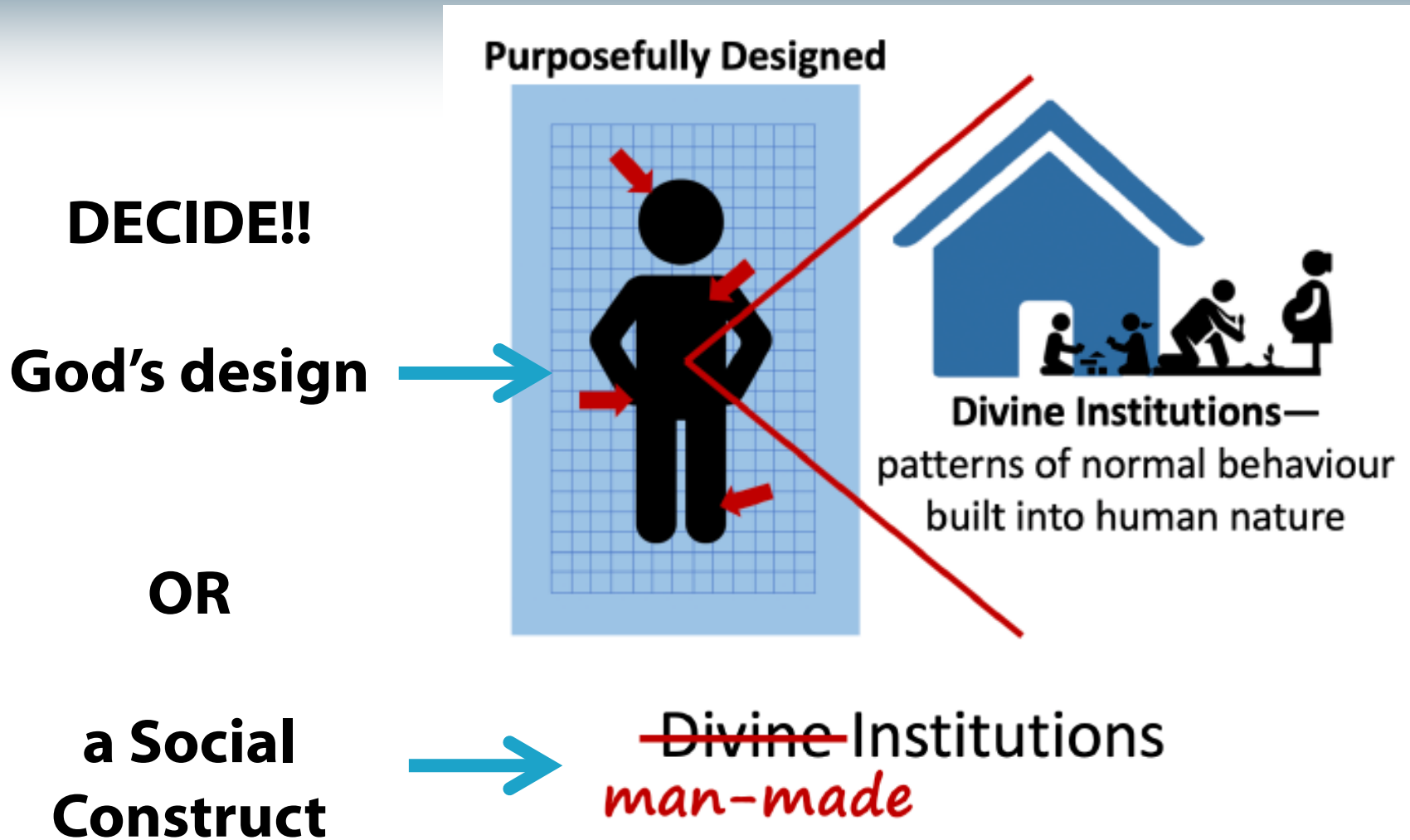
“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! Now therefore let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, And I will make of you a great nation!’

“Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and saidWhy should the Egyptians speak and say ‘He brought them out to harm them, to kill them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your fierce wrath. . . . Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel . . . to whom You swore by Your own self. . . .”

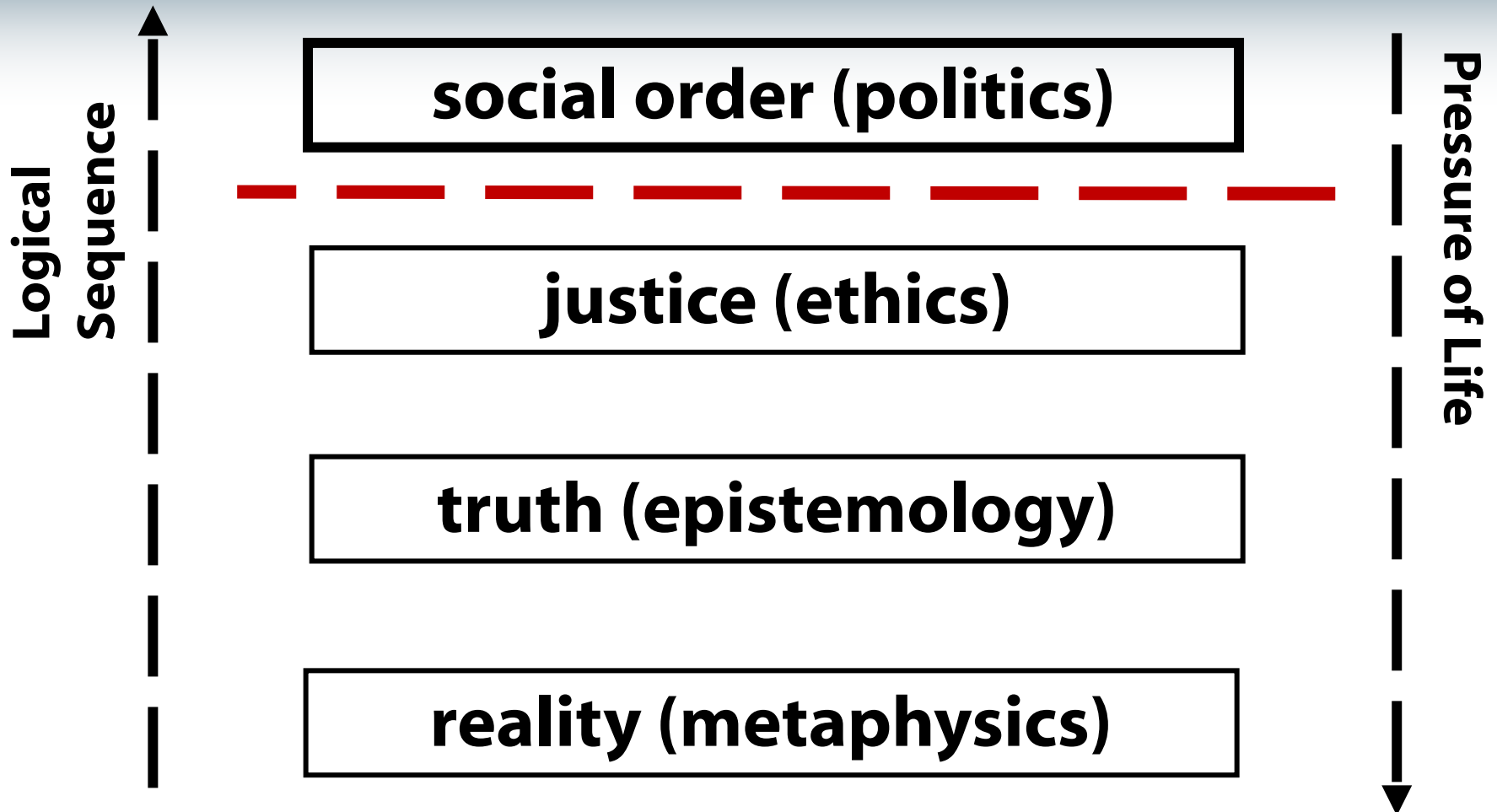
“So the LORD relented”

Ex. 32:9–14

Basis of Divine Institutions

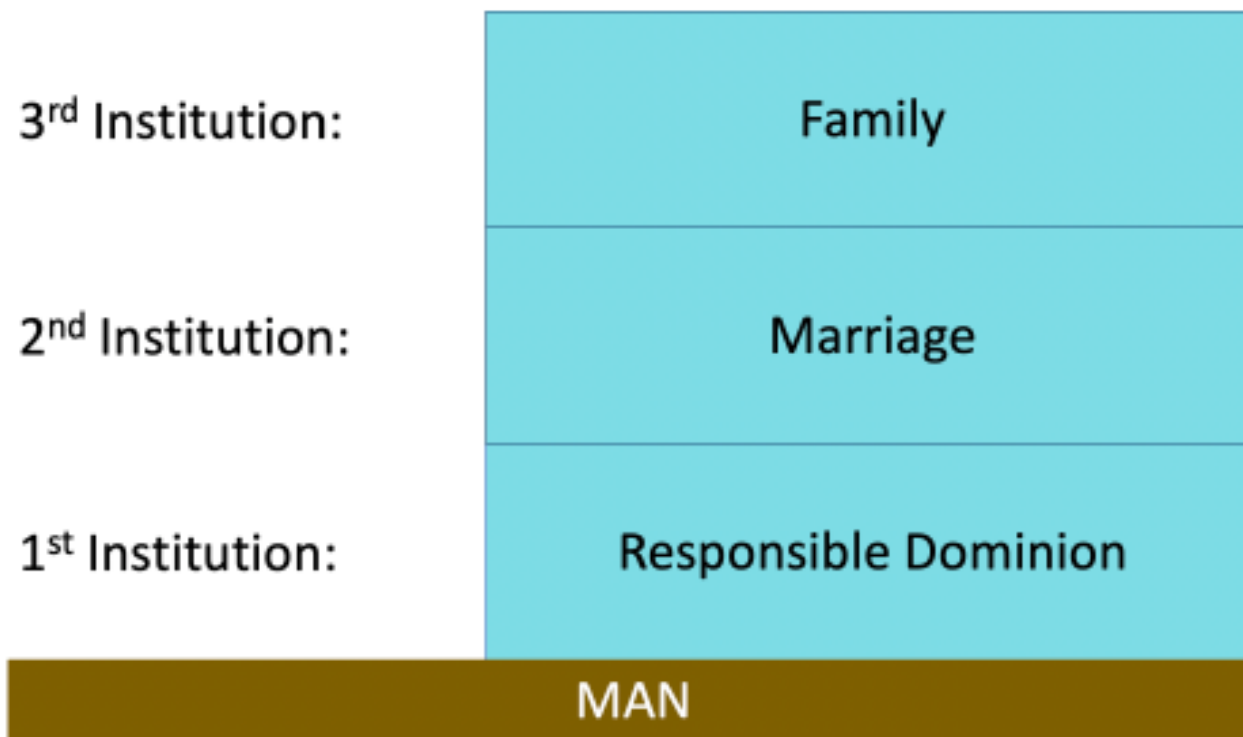


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Order of Divine Institutions

The First Three Divine Institutions



Chiastic Structure (X) of 10 Commandments

Deuteronomy

5:6–10 God alone is worthy of worship and service

5:11 Accuracy in language about God

5:12–15 Management of labor and property

5:16 Society depends upon functional
marriage & family

5:17 Life is to be respected & preserved

5:18 Marriage is to be protected

5:19 Property is to be protected

5:20 Accuracy in language of judicial proceedings

5:21 Self is not worthy of worship and service



The Contribution of the Family to Future Society

“These words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” Deut. 6:6–7

“Has anything like this happened in your days? Or in the days of your fathers? Tell your children about it. Let your children tell their children, and their children [tell] another generation.” Joel 1:2–3