

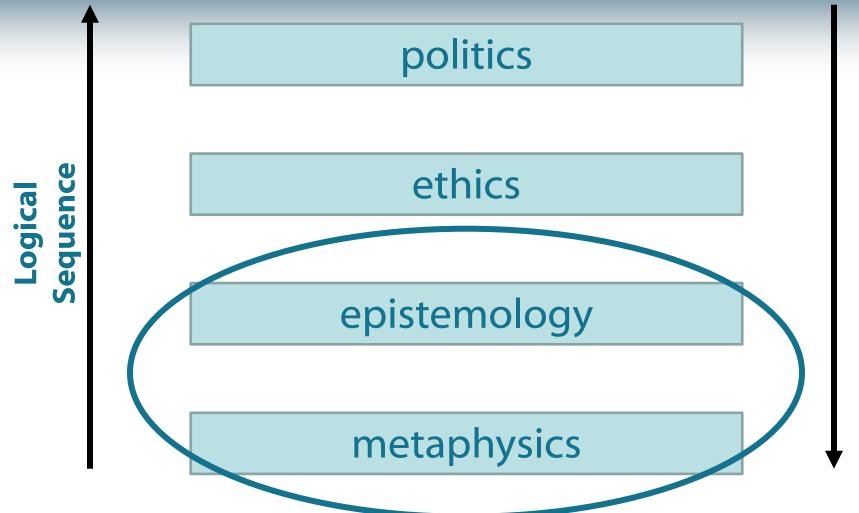
1 John Series Lesson 2

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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

• IMPERSONAL FATE & CHANCE

ultimate victimization

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The Trinity

Element of the Triunity	Description of the Element
(1) Absolute threeness	No more; no less. None exist without the other two
(2) Absolute oneness	Each is the whole
(3) Three modes of being	Modes of being, not of revelation; God IS each mode
(4) A logical order	Father \rightarrow Son \rightarrow Holy Spirit; not degrees of deity
(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