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| Intellectual question | Disciplines that apply | Examples |
| 1. How does the world work? | Ontology: study of existence  Cosmology: study of nature (*phusis*)  Metaphysics: transcendental reality | 1. Explain how the world is ordered or rational (if it is) 2. Teleology = nature governed by purpose |
| 1. How can we know things? | 1. Epistemology *Episteme* = knowledge or “science” 2. Logic (dialectic) 3. Hermeneutics (interpretation) 4. Metaphor and semantics | 1.Empirical -through our senses = often called synthetic or *a posteriori* knowledge  2. Intuitive - Available with our intellect = often called *a priori,* analytic or self-evident  3. Language |
| 1. How should we behave, given what we know? | Ethics, politics, aesthetics  Axiology = study of values and value judgements  “Ought” statements | 1. Natural Law, Secular or “positive” Law, Divine Command 2. The Beautiful 3. Happiness |