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| Intellectual question | Disciplines that apply | Examples |
| 1. How does the world work?
 | Ontology: study of existenceCosmology: 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
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| 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* knowledge2. Intuitive - Available with our intellect = often called *a priori,* analytic or self-evident3. Language |
| 1. How should we behave, given what we know?
 | Ethics, politics, aestheticsAxiology = study of values and value judgements“Ought” statements | 1. Natural Law, Secular or “positive” Law, Divine Command
2. The Beautiful
3. Happiness
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