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| Intellectual question | Name for this category | Disciplines that apply |
| 1. How does the world work?
 | Cosmology Study of nature and the worldGoal = Truth | 1. Ontology = study of being or existence
2. Physics = study of nature (*phusis* in Greek)
3. Metaphysics = transcendental reality
4. Theology = God
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| 1. How can we know things?
 | Epistemology (*Episteme* = knowledge or “science” in Greek)Goal = Knowledge | 1. Empiricism: knowledge from our senses = often called synthetic or *a posteriori* knowledge2. Intuitive - Available with our intellect = often called *a priori,* analytic or self-evident3. Logic and Language/hermeneutics  |
| 1. How should we behave, given what we know?
 | Axiology = study of values and value judgements;“Ought” statementsGoal = Meaning | 1. Ethics
2. Aesthetics/metaphor
3. Politics
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Cheat Sheet for Intellectual History: 3 basic questions and the disciplines that attach to them