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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 world  Goal = Truth | 1. Ontology = study of being or existence 2. Physics = study of nature (*phusis* in Greek) 3. Metaphysics = transcendental reality 4. Theology = God |
| 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* knowledge  2. Intuitive - Available with our intellect = often called *a priori,* analytic or self-evident  3. Logic and Language/hermeneutics |
| 1. How should we behave, given what we know? | Axiology = study of values and value judgements;  “Ought” statements  Goal = Meaning | 1. Ethics 2. Aesthetics/metaphor 3. Politics |

Cheat Sheet for Intellectual History: 3 basic questions and the disciplines that attach to them