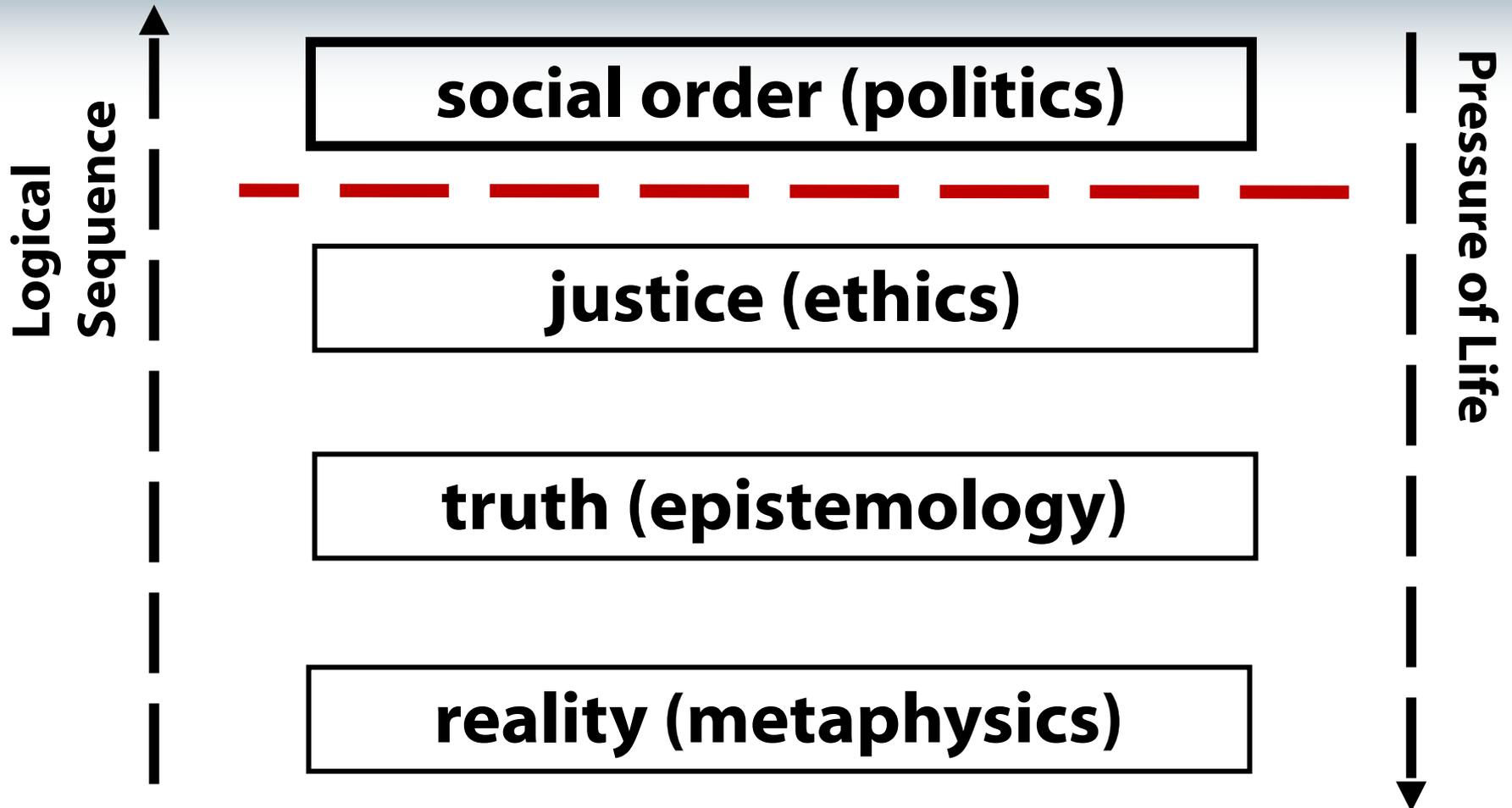


The Divine Institutions–Part 1

Fellowship Chapel

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LEVELS of DISCOURSE



Judeo-Christian Foundation of Our Nation

“The revolutionary principles of republican liberty and self-government, taught and embodied in the system of Calvin, were brought to America. . . . The vital relation of Calvin and Calvinism to the founding of the free institutions of America, however strange in some ears [this sounds] is recognized and affirmed by historians of all lands and creeds.” ~John Eidsmoe, *Christianity and the Constitution: The Faith of Our Founding Fathers*, 18



All Mankind Lives “East of Eden”

“All our righteousness are as filthy rags” Isa. 64:6

“When Gentiles, who have not the law, by nature do the things in the law . . . [and] show the work of the law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bearing witness” Rom. 2:14–15

“I wouldn’t have known covetousness unless the law said, ‘You shall not covet. . . . I am carnal sold under sin for what I am doing, I don’t understand for I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. . . .” Rom. 7:7, 15

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Source Material Cited by the Founding Fathers

Citation Sources	Percent of the Total Number
Bible	34%
Enlightenment	22%
Whig (Scottish Presbyterians)	18%
English Common Law	11%
Classical	9%
Peers	4%
Others	2%

Donald S. Lutz, "The Relative Influence of European Writers on Late 18th Century American Political Thought" *American Political Science Review* (1984)

The National Ratio of Conservative to Liberal University Professors

Year	Conservative	Liberal
1969	2	3
1999	1	5
2005	1	8
2019	1	13
Recruits	1	48

John Ellis,
Distinguished
Professor Emeritus
of University of
California Santa
Cruz



The Value of Man

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” Gen. 1:1

“Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness” Gen. 1:26

“A *being* only considers himself independent when he stands on his own feet; and he only stands on his feet when he owes his *existence* to himself.”

Karl Marx [1818–1883]

The Declaration of Independence

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain Unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness” ~John Eidsmoe, *Christianity and the Constitution: The Faith of Our Founding Fathers*, 18



The Individual Responsibility of Man

“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat, but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’ ” Gen. 2:16–17

“When I was made in secret and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth, Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they were all written—the days fashioned for me when as yet there were none of them.” Ps. 139:15–16



The Individual Responsibility of Man

“He who believes in Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” John 3:18–19

“We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” 2 Cor. 5:10–11

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The Biblical Idea of Man

“Imagine God wholly employed and absorbed in it—in his hand, his eye, his labor, his purpose, his wisdom, his providence, and above all, in his love which was dictating the lineaments of this creature. . . . Whatever was the form and expression which was then given to the clay by the Creator, Christ was in his thoughts as one day to become Man, because the Word, too, was to be both clay and flesh. . . .”

~Tertullian. (1885). “On the Resurrection of the Flesh,” P. Holmes, Trans. In A. Roberts, J. Donaldson & A. C. Coxe (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers, Volume III: Latin Christianity: Its Founder, Tertullian* (A. Roberts, J. Donaldson & A. C. Coxe, Ed.) (549). Buffalo, NY: Christian Literature Company.