

The Cultural Context of Our Ministries

Non-biblical **epistemological** worldviews

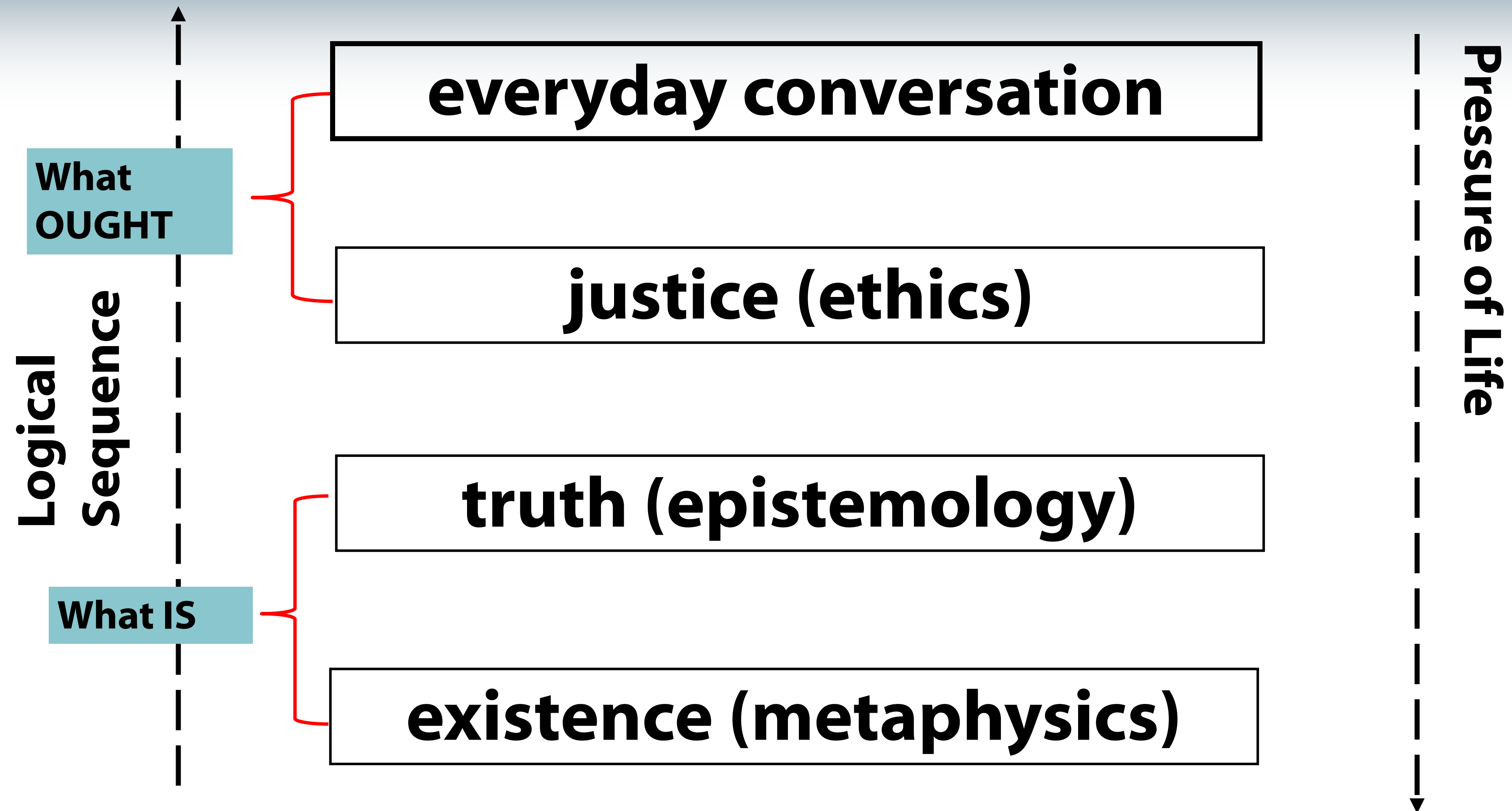
“Men go out from our seminaries not knowing the cultural context of their ministries”

Non-biblical **ethical** worldviews

... “It is not that they do not know the answers. They do not know the questions.”

Non-biblical **metaphysical** worldviews

Worldview “Baggage” in Everyday Conversation



~Christopher F. Rufo (mentioned in the audio tied with this slide). *Inside the Transgender Empire* (Imprimis, September 2023, Volume 52, Number 9), 1-7.

Sigmund Freud (1856–1939)



The three most influential thinkers coming out of the so-called Enlightenment.

Charles Darwin (1809–1882) replaced man's special creation by God with man's descent by the laws of nature.

Karl Marx (1818–1883) replaced human freedom with human government control with an unknowable eschatology of saved man in a classless society.

Sigmund Freud strongly opposed both Moses and Christ; replaced moral concerns (divine law and guilt) with "scientific" investigation of human "biological predestination" centering on sex as the core of man's social energy.

~But **none** were able to characterize their eschatological claims. Lester DeKoster. *Communism and Christian Faith: A Concise Guide to the Fundamentalism of Communism, A Pointed Contrast Between Communist and Christian Faith, and A Clear Call to Christian Social Action* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm B Eerdmans Pub Co, 1956), 64f.

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“The concept of sexual orientation was first used by Freud, and its effect, if not intent, was to radically *resituate sexuality from its biblical/creational context to something completely new: the foundational drive that determines and defines human identity.*”

“By defining humanity according to sexual desires and segregating it according to its gendered object, Freud

was suppressing the biblical category of being made in God’s image, male and female, and replacing it with the psychoanalytic category of sexual identity.”

“I do not believe this was an innocent move. Throughout his career, Freud maintained that belief in the God of the Bible was a ‘universal obsessional neurosis’. The category of sexual orientation carries with it a *cosmology of personhood that undervalues image bearers of a holy God.*”

~Rosaria Champagne Butterfield: *Openness Unhindered: Further Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert* (Pittsburg, PA: Crown & Covenant Publications, 2015), 94–95.

The Freudian “Cosmology of Personhood”

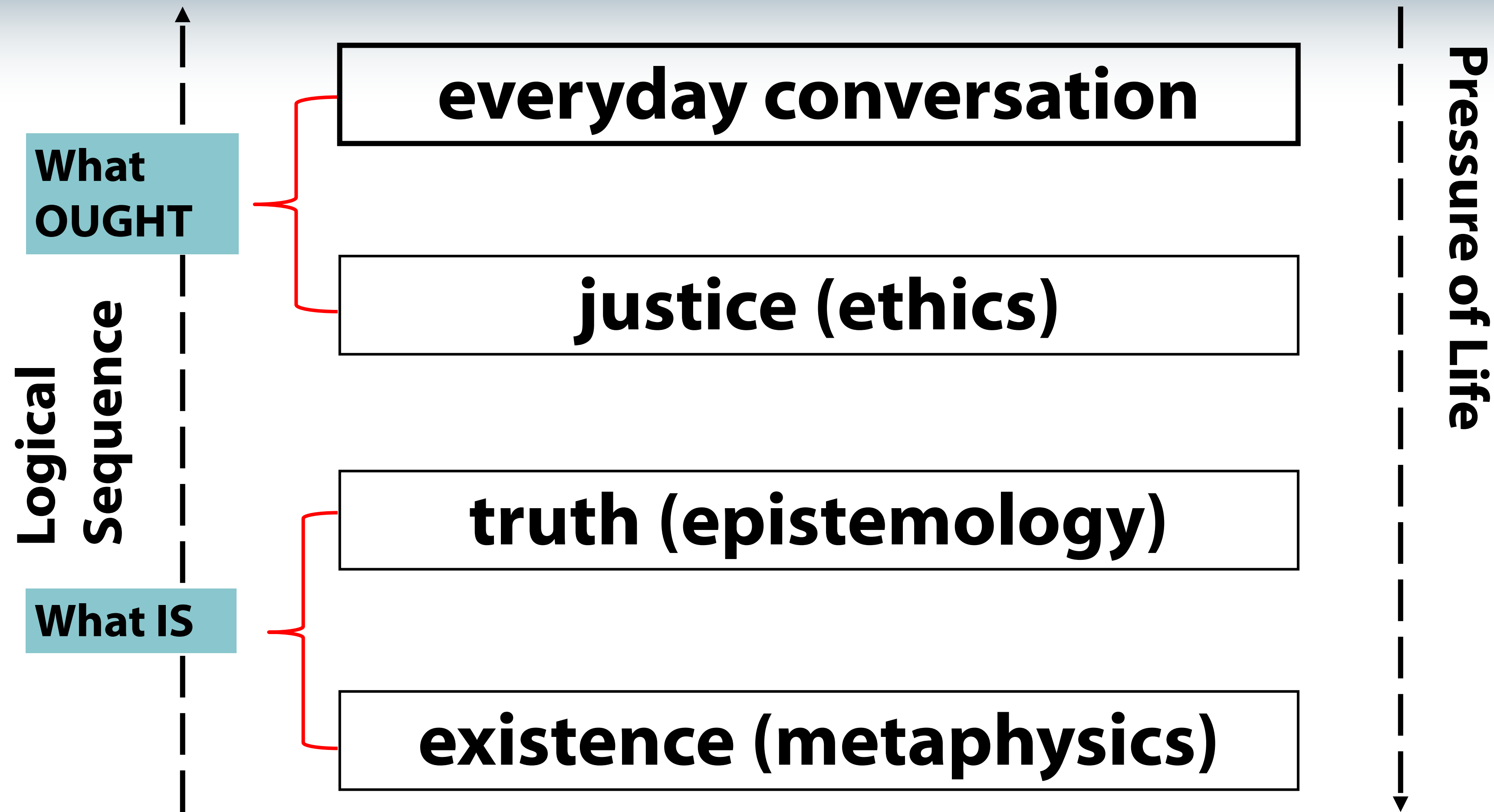
Freud’s
subjective
epistemological
reasoning



Absence of any
absolute **ethic** in
Freud

Freud’s **metaphysical** claim that sexual
orientation defines human identity

The Structure of Freud's "Cosmology of Personhood"



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“Freud did not come out of nowhere. Ideas shape worldview and worldview shapes culture. Freud was a product of German Romanticism. The Romantic period [approx. 1760–1830 in England] is typified by an uncontested embrace of personal experience, not merely as self-expression or self-representation, but also as epistemology and personal identity (who I am metaphysically).”

“Romanticism claimed that you know truth through the lens of your personal experience, that *no overriding or objective opposition can challenge the primal wisdom of someone’s subjective frame of intelligibility.*”

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~Rousas J. Rushdoony quote (audio tied with this slide): *Freud* (Vallecito: CA: Ross House Books: 2006), ii, iii

Two Categories: Lesbian/Gay & Trans

The first group—Lesbian & Gay—argue for a sexual orientation different from their biological sex and express that belief by attacking God’s creation ordinance of marriage as a relationship between one male and one female for life which provides family life for children so they can contribute wisdom for the next generation. So-called ‘Gay marriage’ cannot produce children. Adopting children as a work around raises a child lacking either a daddy or a mommy with their sexually different designs for life. The child has no one person he can call ‘father’.

The second group expands the defiance of God’s design for the family by chemical and physical mutilation of the body to produce permanently harmed human beings. Whereas the first group rendered the Judeo-Christian belief illegal, the second group rendered the Hippocratic Oath illegal. Chemical and surgical medical procedures do extensive and permanent harm. A growing portion of US society naïvely believe that sex and gender are two separate things in-spite of advances in medicine since the days of Freud. The Creator’s sexual engineering is far more extensive than just the obvious sex organs.

LGBTQ+ Activists' Intimidation Tactics – Part #1



“Toward parents of young children who are experiencing early signs of gender dysphoria activists have pressured school authorities (and some child psychologists) to scare parents with the danger of their child committing suicide if the parents try to override their child’s subjectively derived beliefs. The fallacies here are two-fold: (1) “in my congressional testimony, I pointed out that in countries such as Sweden, Norway, Finland [and] the United Kingdom, where they have made these hormone and surgical treatments essentially unavailable to kids for the past few years, there has been no catastrophic increase in suicides” but (2) “as the detransitioners enter their 20s and they realize, ‘Oh my God, what have I done to myself? I will always be a girl or a woman.’ A significant percentage of them actually commit suicide as a result.”

~Dr. Miriam Grossman: *The Hidden Epidemic of Transgender Indoctrination* (Interview with Dr. Mercola Oct 15, 2023 and archived at his private Substack library of controversial interviews and essays).

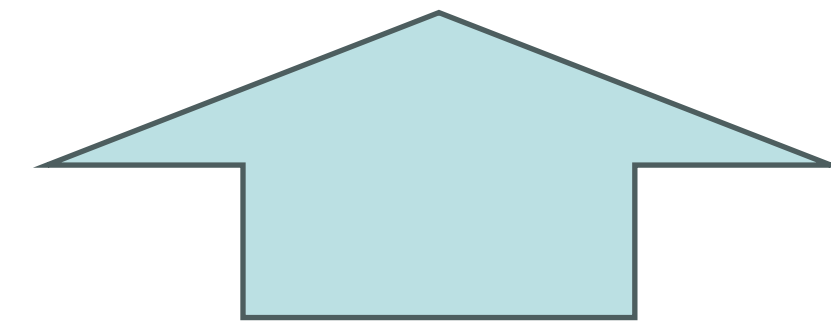
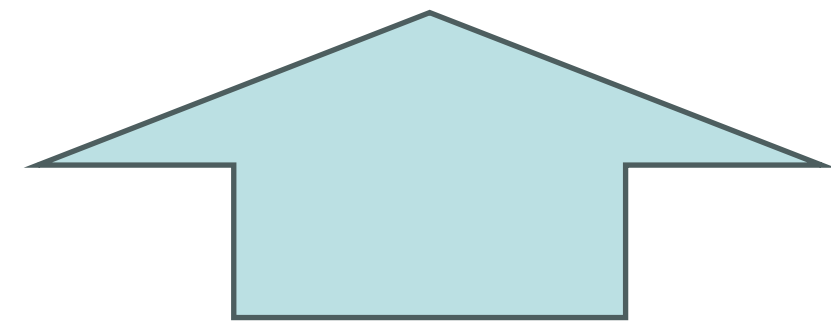
LGBTQ+ Activists' Intimidation Tactics – Part #2


“Toward business and legislators activists have used a false ethic, viz., that discrimination against those living the LGBTQ+ lifestyle is unjust so they must be legally protected.”

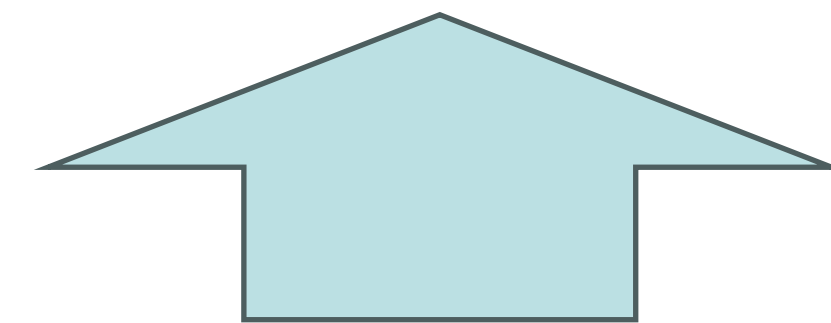
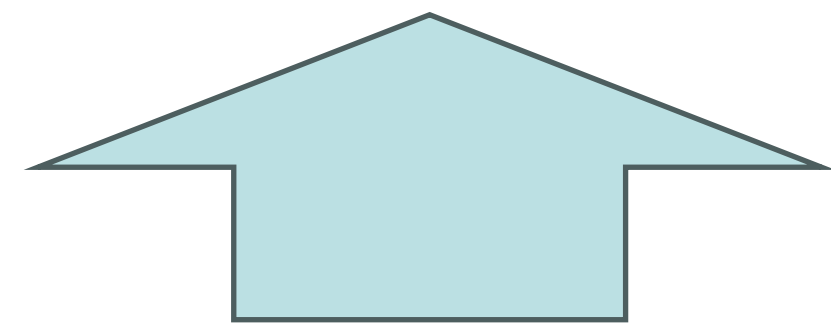
“The fallacy here is a failure to understand ethics and discrimination. All ethics discriminate, but there are three different kinds of discrimination that should not be confused: (1) discrimination against a person made in God’s image and for whom Christ died; (2) discrimination against a person’s behavior; and (3) discrimination against a person’s belief. Our Judeo-Christian ethic prohibits the first kind of discrimination. However, it allows, even directly supports, the second and third kinds of discrimination.”

LGBTQ+ Worldview Challenged when Opposed by a Another Total Worldview

LGBTQ+ Discrimination Ethic  **Opposing Discriminating Ethic**



LGBTQ+ (subj) Epistemology  **Opposing (obj) Epistemology**



LGBTQ+ Metaphysic (Sexual Orientation Identifies the Person)  **Opposing Metaphysic (Being Conceived in God's Image Identifies the Person)**

~Stephen D. Smith: *The Disenchantment of Secular Discourse* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2010), pp 1–41. Law Professor at University of San Diego presents a thorough analysis of the strong reluctance in the street and in our judicial system up to the Supreme Court to deal with metaphysical views, epistemological clarification, and ethics based thereupon.

LGBTQ+ Activists' Intimidation Tactics – Part #3

Toward Christian churches activists have used Christian pastors to disparage Old Testament passages as unloving. *WORLD Magazine* recently reported: “Within the evangelical community pastors and parents of gay and trans children are becoming increasingly influential. Groups such as North Point Community Church (pastored by Andy Stanley), Renovus, Side B Christianity, Embracing the Journey, argue that they want a society ‘where no one has to choose between their faith and their sexual orientation.’ They reject Old Testament passages that directly oppose homosexuality, point out how the Bible has been used to condone slavery and anti-Semitism, and thereby separate ethics and theology.”

The fallacy here is that biblical theology always links love and truth. Thankfully, an increasing awareness of the dangers of love without truth is growing, especially among those who were once [part of the LGBTQ+ lifestyle]. And those in our churches need to be aware of truth expressed without love.

~Mary Jackson: “Mainline Slide: the Push to accept homosexuality gutted traditional Protestantism—Evangelical churches are headed down the same road” (*WORLD Magazine*, October 21, 2023, Volume 38, Number 20) 44–49.

Helping Young Children Resist the LGBTQ+ Appeal



“The kids that are more vulnerable to falling into gender ideology are the ones who have preexisting psychiatric issues. And due to those issues, such as being on the autism spectrum or being depressed or having [a] history of anxiety or trauma, they already are having some social issues, difficulty finding their group in school. And you know, there's nothing more important, especially once you get into middle school and high school, you want to have somebody that you're sitting with at lunchtime. You want to have your friend group. A lot of these kids do not. They have a lot of pain from that.

When they begin to learn about gender ideology, and they're told that, 'This could be the reason for your distress, that you're not making friends and you don't like yourself, you don't like your developing body because you are in the wrong body.' And they come to believe that all their problems are going to be solved by this one solution. They go through the process, their bodies are permanently disfigured from hormones and surgery, and their mental health problems have not been addressed.”

~Dr. Miriam Grossman: For detailed information especially for parents, and her books, see [Gender Ideology | Miriam Grossman MD](https://www.miriamgrossmanmd.com/) (<https://www.miriamgrossmanmd.com/>).

Practical Helps for Ministry in our Present Culture

- 1. For parents needing help in guiding their children in managing digital tools.** See website *internetmatters.org* for age groups preschool (0–5), young children (6–10), pre-teen (11–13), and teens (14+).
- 2. For managing conversations with those with whom we spiritually differ** in a calm, unthreatening way yet sowing thought-provoking seeds of the Word of God. See Gregory Koukl, *Street Smarts: Using Questions to Answer Christianity's Toughest Challenges* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2023), 15, 7. “My three-fold plan is a formidable tool to keep you in the driver’s seat of otherwise difficult or discomfiting conversations with skeptics and challengers—yet in a safe, genial, and amazingly effective way. . . . People are individuals that sit at different places along the continuum between total rejection of God and complete surrender to Christ. We must craft our communication uniquely to each person.” (cf., Colossians 4:5–6)