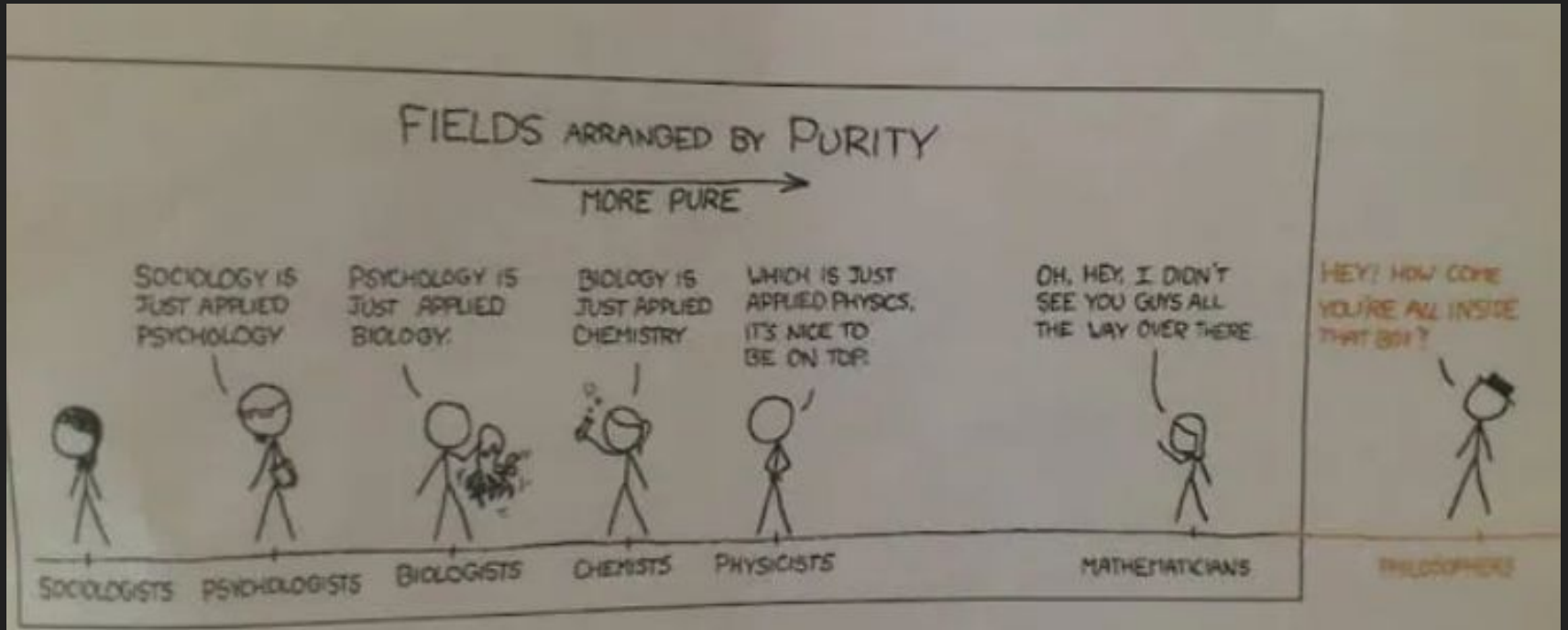


Philo 101

aka “why should STEMtards care about philosophy?”

aka “intro to Philosophy but its memes”

Motivation



Meaningless Abstraction?

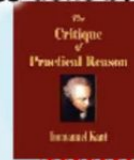
STOP DOING ETHICS

- **MORALS WERE NEVER SUPPOSED TO BE UNIVERSAL**
- YEARS OF **MORAL DEBATE** yet NO REAL-WORLD USE FOUND **BEYOND MAKING YOU FEEL GUILTY FOR ENJOYING THINGS**
- Wanted to **CREATE A PERFECT SOCIETY FOR A LAUGH?** We had a tool for that: It was called **UTOPIAN DREAMING**
- "Yes please give me **ABSOLUTE MORAL AUTHORITY** Please **BESTOW UPON ME THE DEFINITION OF GOOD AND EVIL**" Statements dreamed up by evil wizards

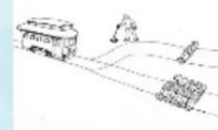
LOOK at what **PHILOSOPHERS** have been demanding your Respect for all this time, with all the **INTUITIONS** & **DILLEMAS** we built for them (This is **REAL ETHICS** done by **REAL PHILOSOPHERS**):



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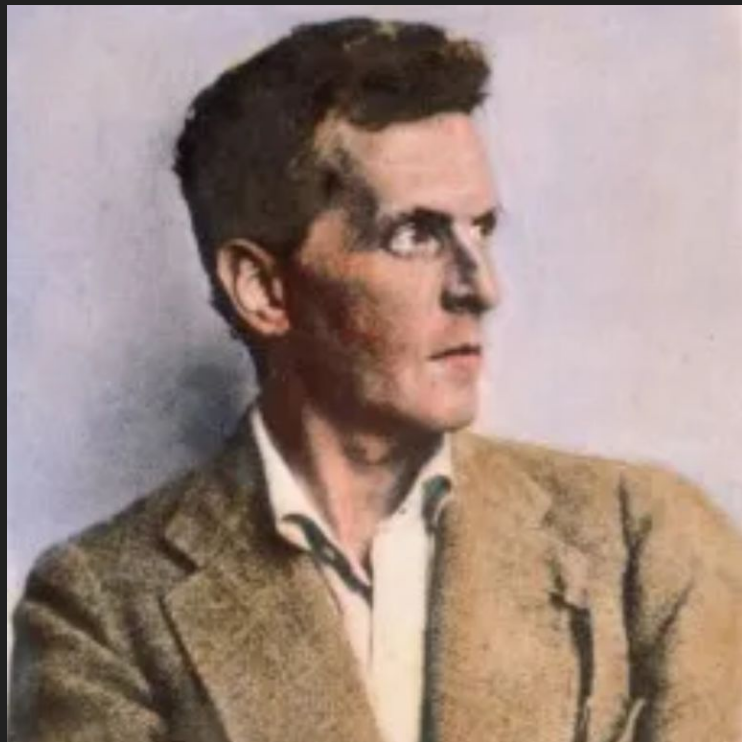


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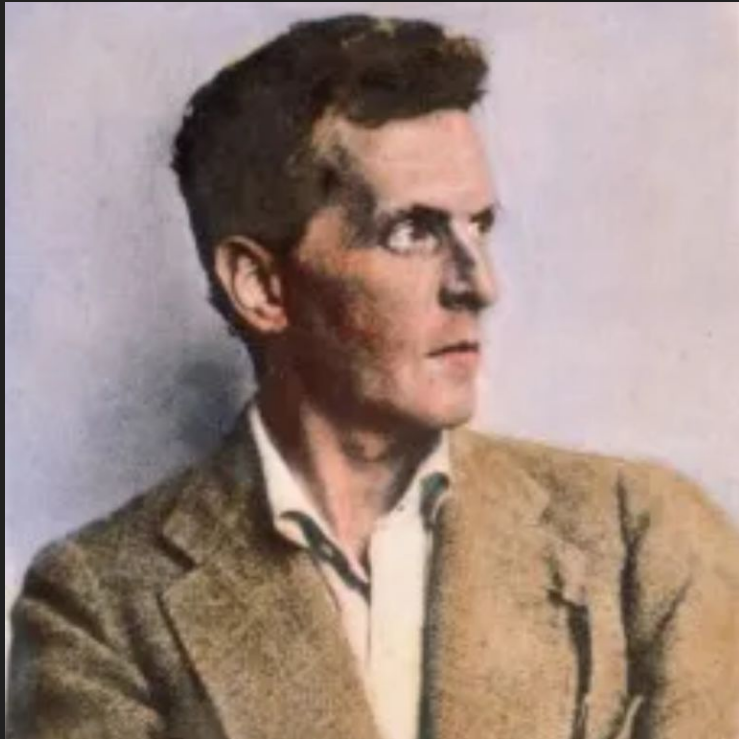
"Hello I would like **A UNIVERSAL GOOD** please"

They have played us for absolute fools

(Not) Meaningless Abstraction



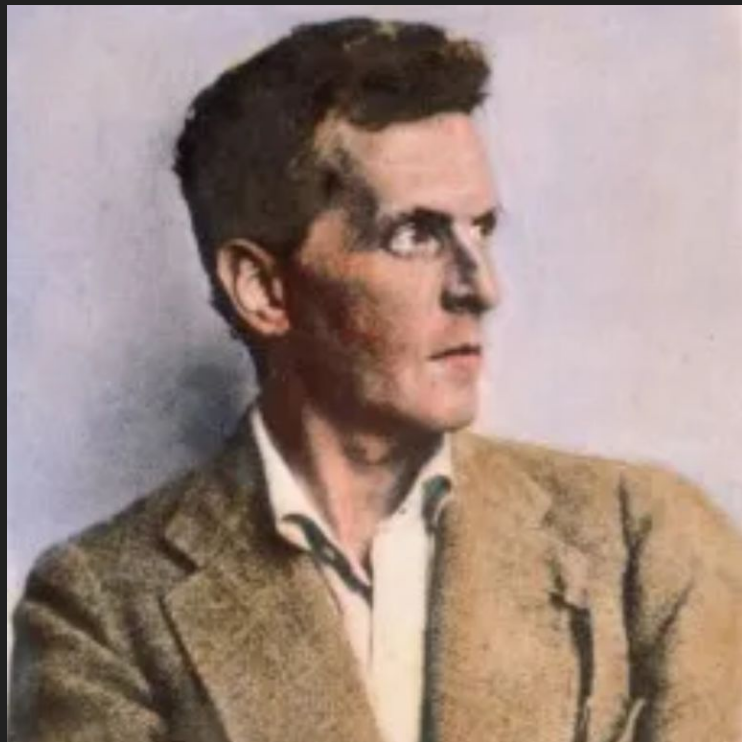
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**WHAT WE CANNOT SPEAK
ABOUT WE MUST PASS OVER IN
SILENCE.**

- LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN -

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We need language to point others towards problems that we see.

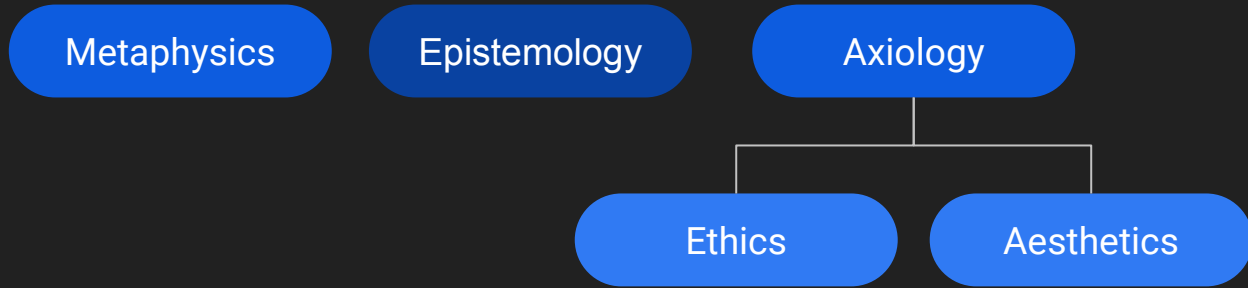
The language we have to solve a problem also shapes how we see the Problem.

We have seen this happen in math and physics as well.



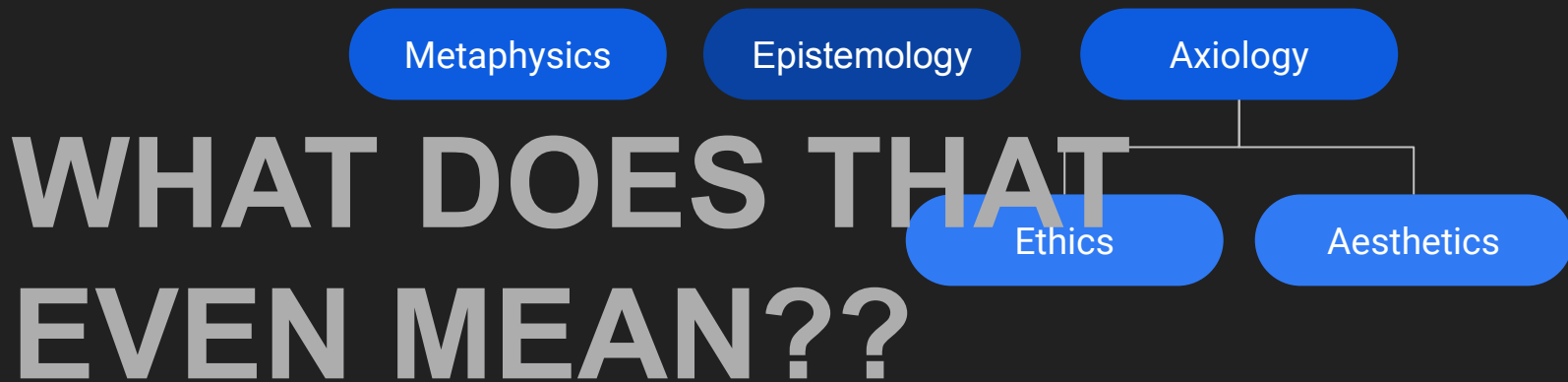
Categorization

Think of this as a taxonomy of the types of questions we can ask; The questions themselves are more important



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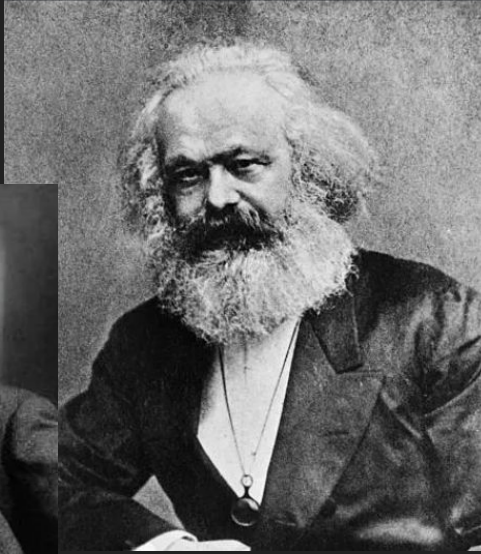
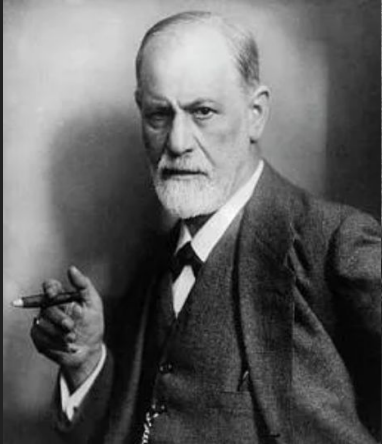
Metaphysics

“meta” (μετά) + “physiká” (φυσικά)
= study of nature of reality
aka “I am 14 and this is so deep”

- ❖ What is reality?
- ❖ What is god? Is it real?
- ❖ What is the nature of reality?
- ❖ Is the universe deterministic?

What is the nature of Reality?

Materialist



Idealist



(Applied) Metaphysics

What is the meaning of my life?

Nihilism (Optimistic)

(Applied) Metaphysics

What is the meaning of my life?

Nihilism (Pessimistic)

(Applied) Metaphysics

What is the meaning of my life?

Absurdism

(Applied) Metaphysics

What is the meaning of my life?

Existentialism

(Applied) Metaphysics

What is the meaning of my life?

Religion?

(Applied) Metaphysics

Is the universe totally determined?

Fatalism

Free Will

Epistemology

Episteme (“ἐπιστήμη”) + Logos (“λόγος”)
= “the study of knowledge” or “the science
of understanding”.
aka “Uhm ... Ackthually”



- ❖ What is knowledge?
- ❖ What is the scope of my knowledge?

What is Knowledge?

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What is the scope of my knowledge?

“Epistemic Circularity”

“It’s just a theory bro”

(Aside on) Epistemology

Science and Technology

Science is a process, not a monolith

Falsifiability leads to predictive power.

Technology is when you leverage the predictive power of a scientific theory.

Axiology

Axios = “value”+Logos: meaning “science”

“The science of value” or “The study of worth”.



Axiology (1): Ethics

- ❖ What is good?
- ❖ What is the “correct” thing to do in a situation?

What is the correct thing to do here?

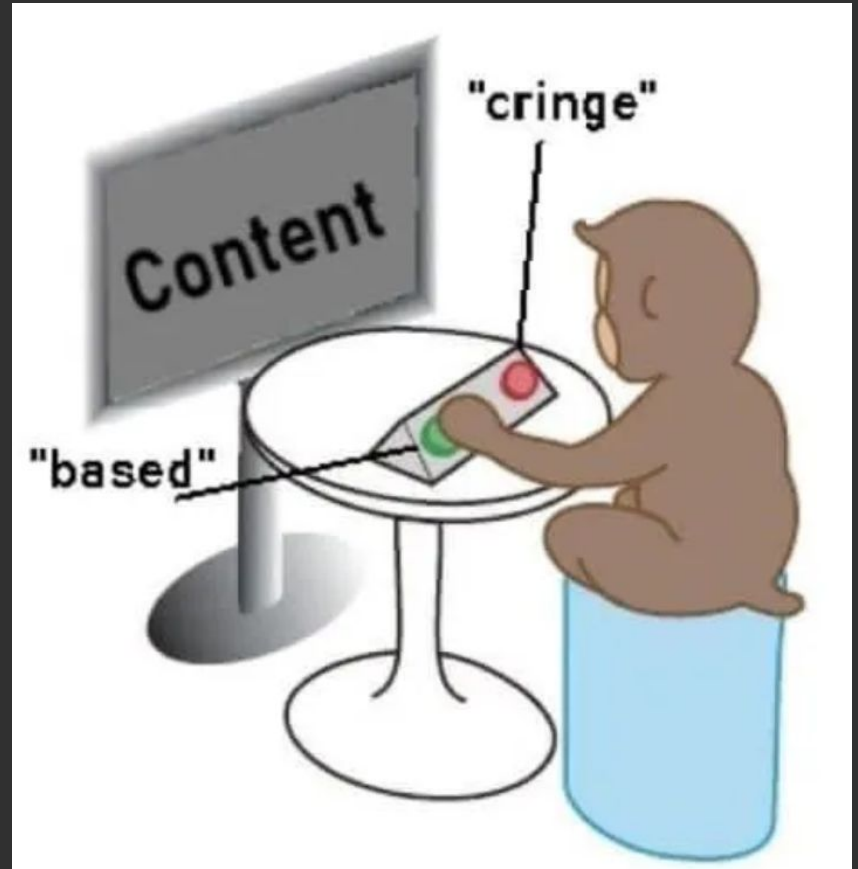


- Consequentialism?
- Virtue Ethics?
- Deontology?

These give you the language to think through your own internal intuition for these problems

Axiology (2): Aesthetics

aka “based vs cringe”

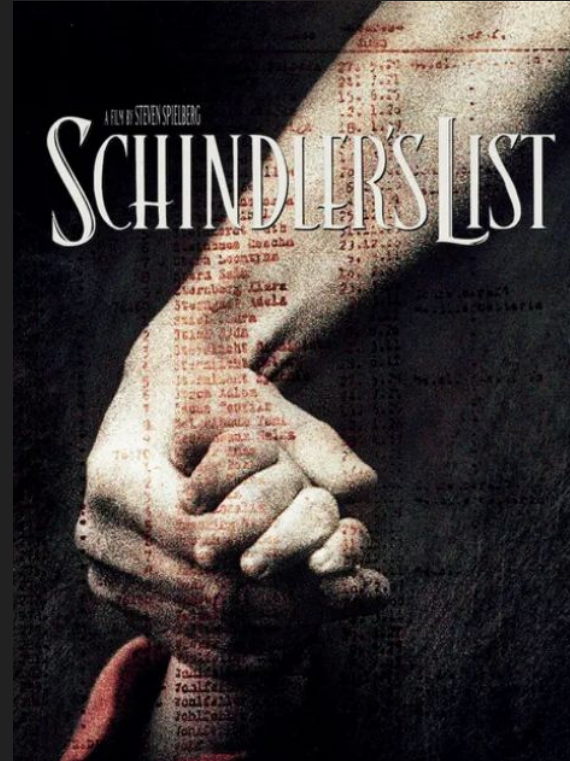


- ❖ What is beautiful?
- ❖ What makes it beautiful?

What makes something beautiful?



What makes these movies good/beautiful?



What makes these movies good/beautiful?



What makes these movies good/beautiful?

