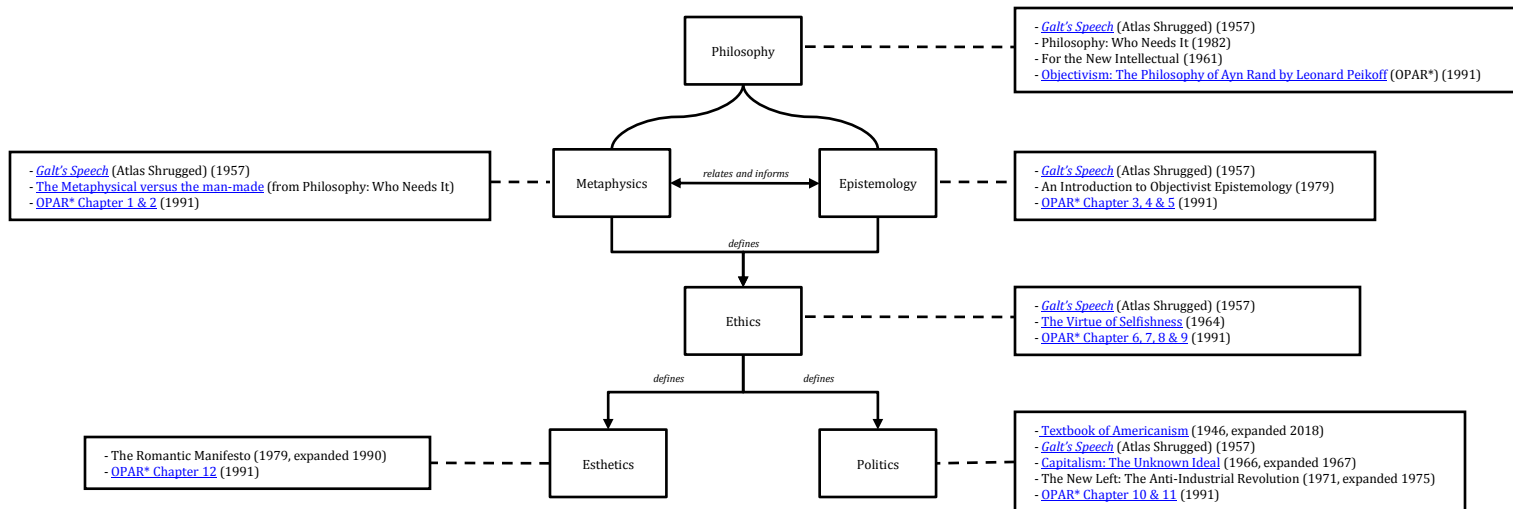


"I am confident enough to think that if you accept the importance of philosophy and the task of examining it critically, it is *my* philosophy that you will come to accept. Formally, I call it Objectivism, but informally I call it a philosophy for living on earth."

- Ayn Rand in her 1974 lecture "Philosophy: Who Needs It" at West Point Academy.

"If you want to know what Objectivism is, learn it from me and my publications."

- Ayn Rand during Q&A after her 1971 Ford Hall Forum lecture.



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