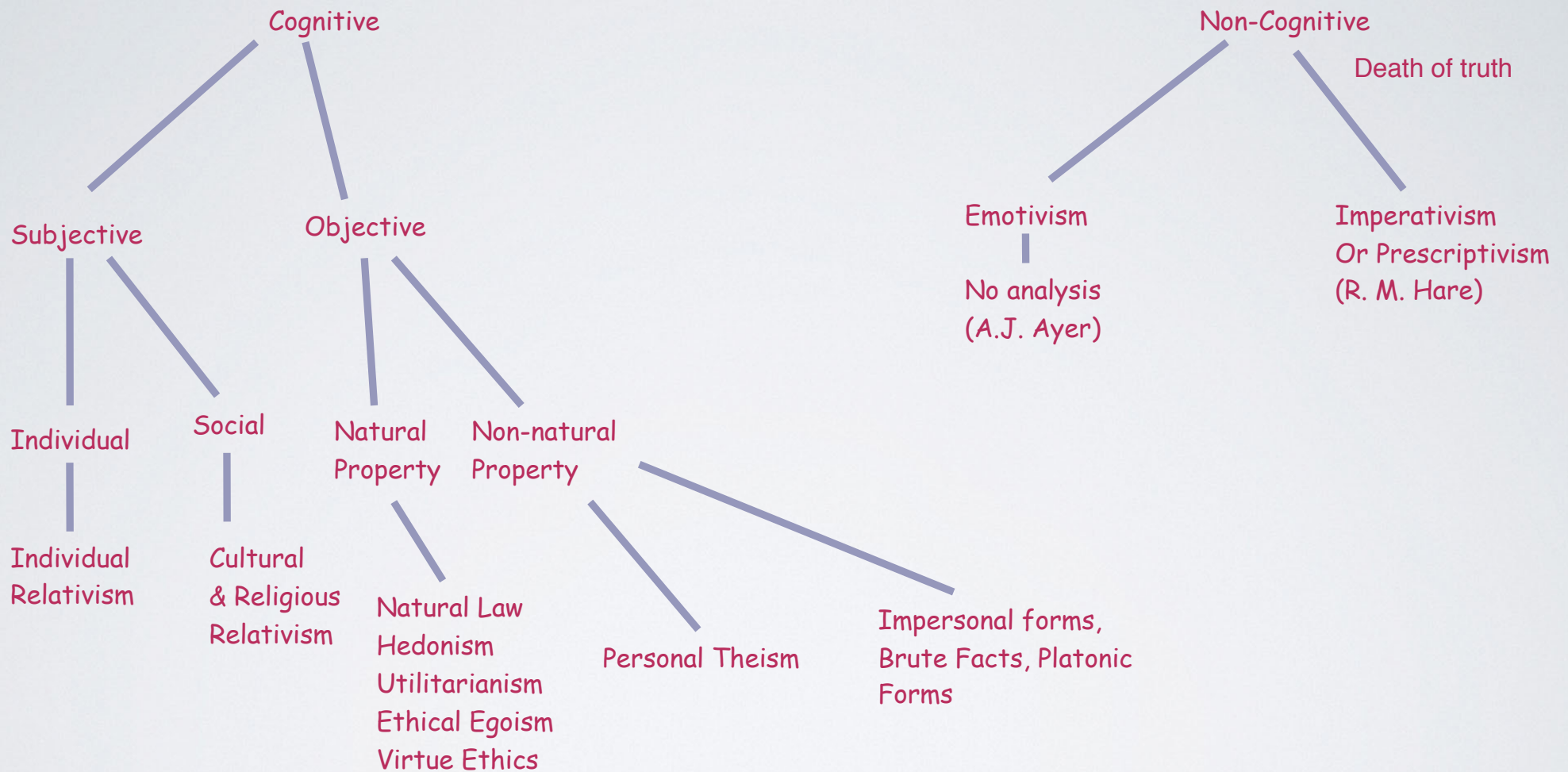


MORAL STATEMENT SCHEMA

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- Non-Cognitivism denies this; it implies moral knowledge is impossible

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 - e.g.: “goodness” and “rightness” cannot ultimately be just pleasure; G. E. Moore claimed that “Goodness” is simple, undefinable, non-natural property.’

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