To what extent can one properly regard metaphysics as the abstractable moment of reflection or understanding in faith, analogously to the way in which one may regard ethics as the abstractable moment of reflection or understanding in morals?

The analogy seems apt enough, although the existence of religion and philosophy, as distinct both from faith and from morals as well as metaphysics, poses an interesting question.

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