



Uncreated, Eternal, Infinite

Created

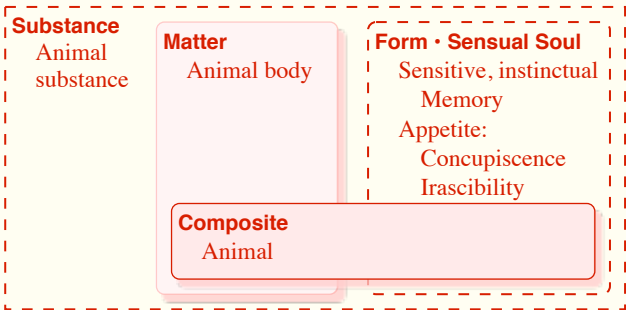
Mortal, Finite

Created Matter

- Composite, of Matter (sensible) and Form (insensible but known)
- Ceaseless accidental change
- Substantial change possible

Time & Space

- Has Beginning & End
- Successive Now
- Duration of Time



Created Matter • Animal

- (Vegetative soul, first level, not shown)
- Animal soul (second level) is directed to the senses
- Animal soul is neither immortal nor subsistent
- Soul, but not spirit

Immortal, Finite

Created Spirit

- Form only, no Matter
- Substantial permanence
- Accidental change

Æviternity

- Has Beginning, No End
- Successive Now
- Duration of accidental change

Infinite Being

- Single pure Form
- Utterly changeless

Eternity

- No Beginning, No End
- Eternal Now
- Duration of that which does not change

Source

- This merely paraphrases the work of the great apologist Francis 'Frank' Joseph Sheed, *Theology and Sanity* Imprimatur ✠ Morrogh Bernard Vicarius General, Westmonasterii, 1946
- Sheed's work is based heavily on our Angelic Doctor, St Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae* 1270
- Ss Anselm; Augustine; & Thomas use the formal concepts established by Aristotle in 350BC

Aristotle

St Anselm
St Augustine
St Thomas

Sheed

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Across
Four
Layers

Formal Logic

- **Language, Semantic** (Aristotle; St Thomas)
 - Demonstrated herein, without formal introduction
- **Abstract concepts**
 - The Infinite cannot be defined, let alone by a finite mind
 - The Infinite, God, cannot be drawn in a circle, or on a page
 - At best, this is knowledge by analogy, per St Thomas, constrained by Formal Logic