



- For the entire series:
- this is the context, or canvas (backdrop), in which **all** subject matter will be presented.
 - keep the definitions in mind (the textual descriptions will be absent).

Eternity

Uncreated, Infinite

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

Uncreated Spirit

- Single pure Form
- Eternal (permanent)
- Utterly changeless



Created

Creation

Mortal, Finite

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

Created Matter

- Composite, of Matter (sensible) and Form (intelligible not sensible)
- Ceaseless accidental change
- Substantial change possible

Æviterinity

Immortal, Finite

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

Created Spirit

- Form only, no Matter
- Substantial permanence
- Accidental 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

Asirvadem

St Anselm
St Augustine
St Thomas

Sheed

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