



Uncreated, Eternal, Infinite

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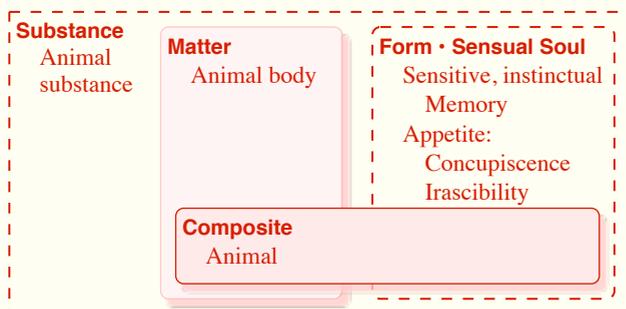
**Mortal, Finite**

**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**

**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