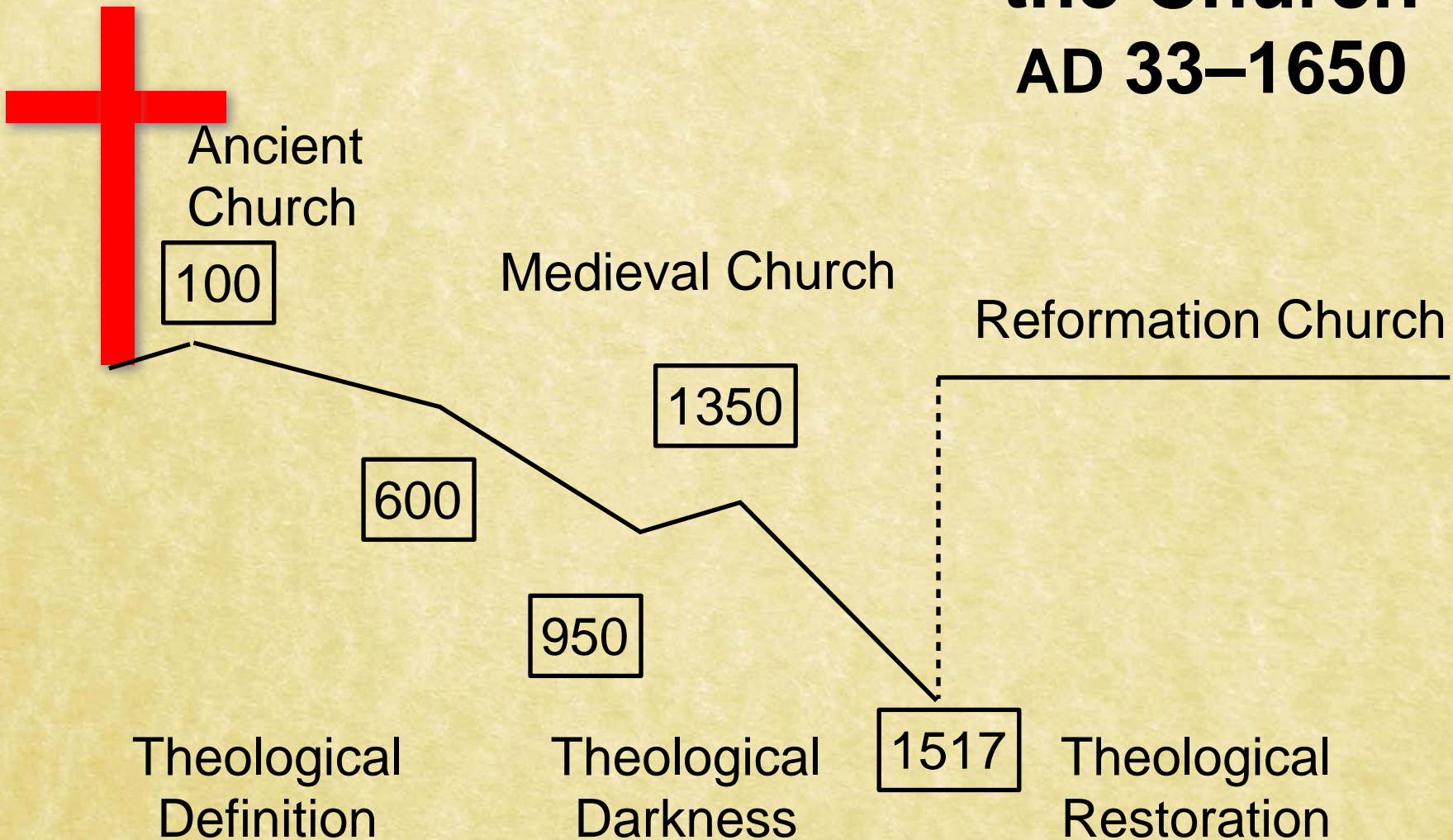


**HT 501 Church History**  
**Class 5; Lecture 1**  
**The Theologians: Augustine**

**AD 300–600**

# The History of the Church AD 33–1650



# THE ANCIENT CHURCH

A.D. 100–600

AGE  
OF THE  
APOSTOLIC  
FATHERS

AGE  
OF THE  
APOLOGISTS

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OF THE  
THEOLOGIANs

A.D.  
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## **Who were the Theologians?**

- (1) Augustine (AD 354–430), Bishop of Hippo**
- (2) Ambrose (AD 340–97), Bishop of Milan**
- (3) Jerome (AD 340–420), translated the Vulgate**
- (4) Chrysostom (AD 345–407), “golden mouth”**
- (5) Theodore of Mopsuestia (AD 350–428), Bishop of Mopsuestia**
- (6) Eusebius of Caesarea (ca AD 263–340)**
- (7) Gregory of Nazianzus (AD 329–389)**
- (8) Basil of Caesarea (AD 330–379)**
- (9) Gregory of Nyssa (ca AD 330–394)**
- (10) Cyril of Jerusalem (ca AD 315–386)**

**AQUINAS: The Doctor of the Church**

**ABELARD: Moral Encouragement**

**ANSELM: Substitutionary Atonement**

**AUGUSTINE: Sin and Grace**

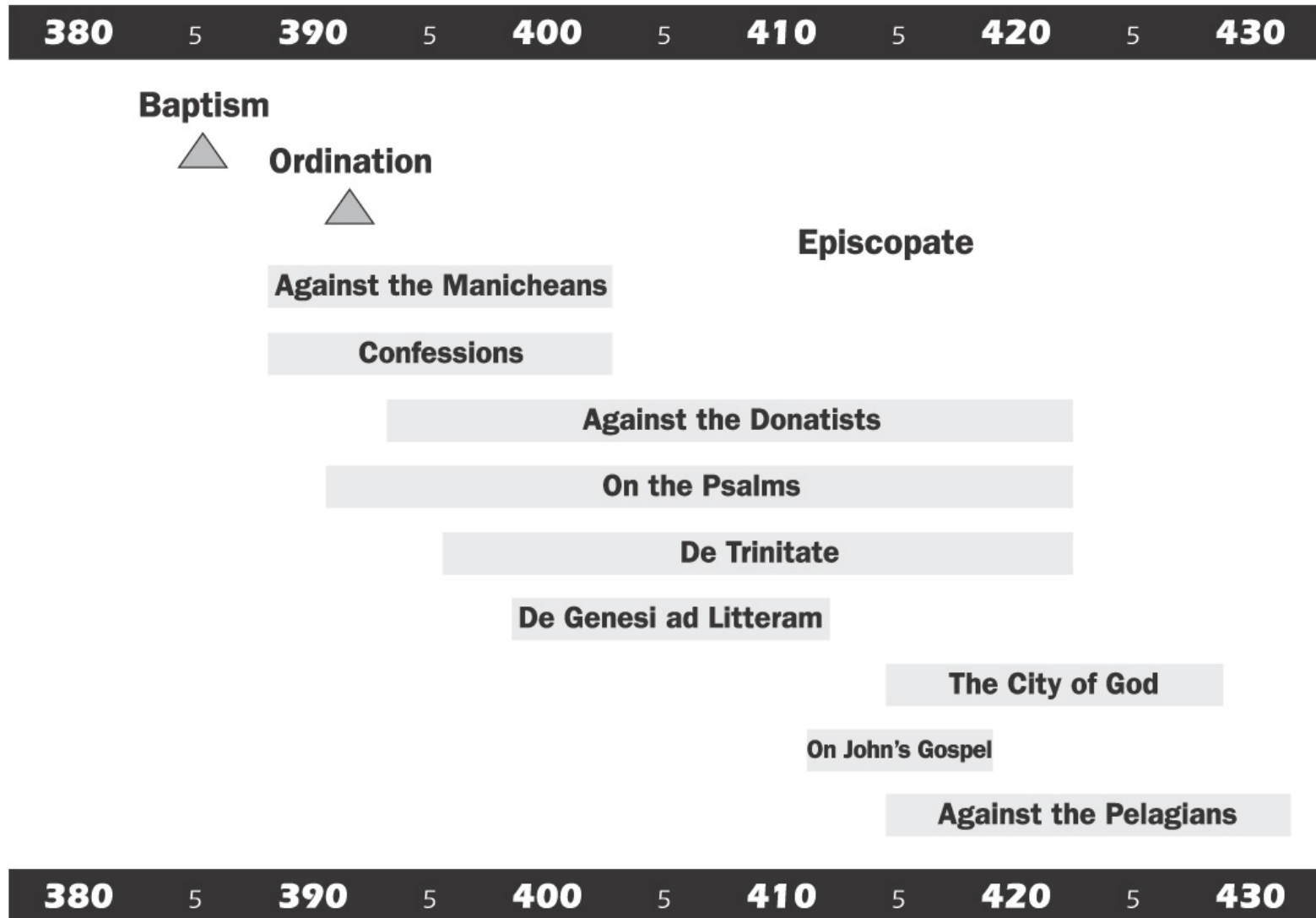
**ATHANASIUS: The Trinitarian Controversy,  
Arianism**



Birthplace:

**Thagaste, Numidia, North Africa**

# The Ecclesiastical and Literary Career of Augustine



## **(2) A basic chronology**

**354 – born in Tagaste, which is in modern Algeria, North Africa, to an upper middle class family.**

**371 – takes a concubine of lower social standing.**

**372 – His son, Adeodatus, is born.**

**373 – became associated with the Manichees.**

**374 – went to Carthage to teach rhetoric.**

**383 – went to Rome; rejected Manicheism.**

**384 – moved to Milan. Becomes devoted to Neo-Platonism and begins to listen to Ambrose's preaching.**

**386 – experienced conversion in Milan.**

**387 – Easter eve, baptized in Milan along with his son, by Ambrose. Monica dies in the fall.**

**388 – began writing against the Manichees; returned to Africa; set up a monastery.**

**391 – ordained as a presbyter and moved to Hippo.**

**394 – Council of Carthage. Already embroiled in the Donatist debate.**

**395 – became co-bishop of Hippo with Valerus; debated Donatus, a bishop.**

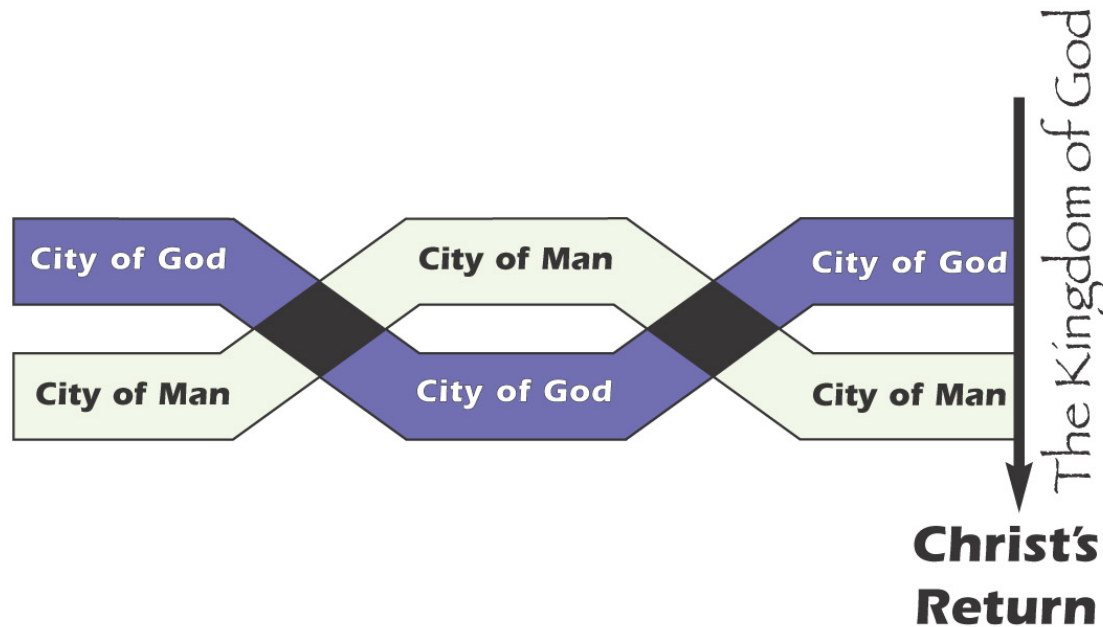
**400 – completed the *Confessions*.**

**412 – began writing against Pelagianism.**

**413 – began writing *The City of God*  
(completed in 426).**

**430 – died (August 28<sup>th</sup>) while Hippo was  
under siege by the Vandals.**

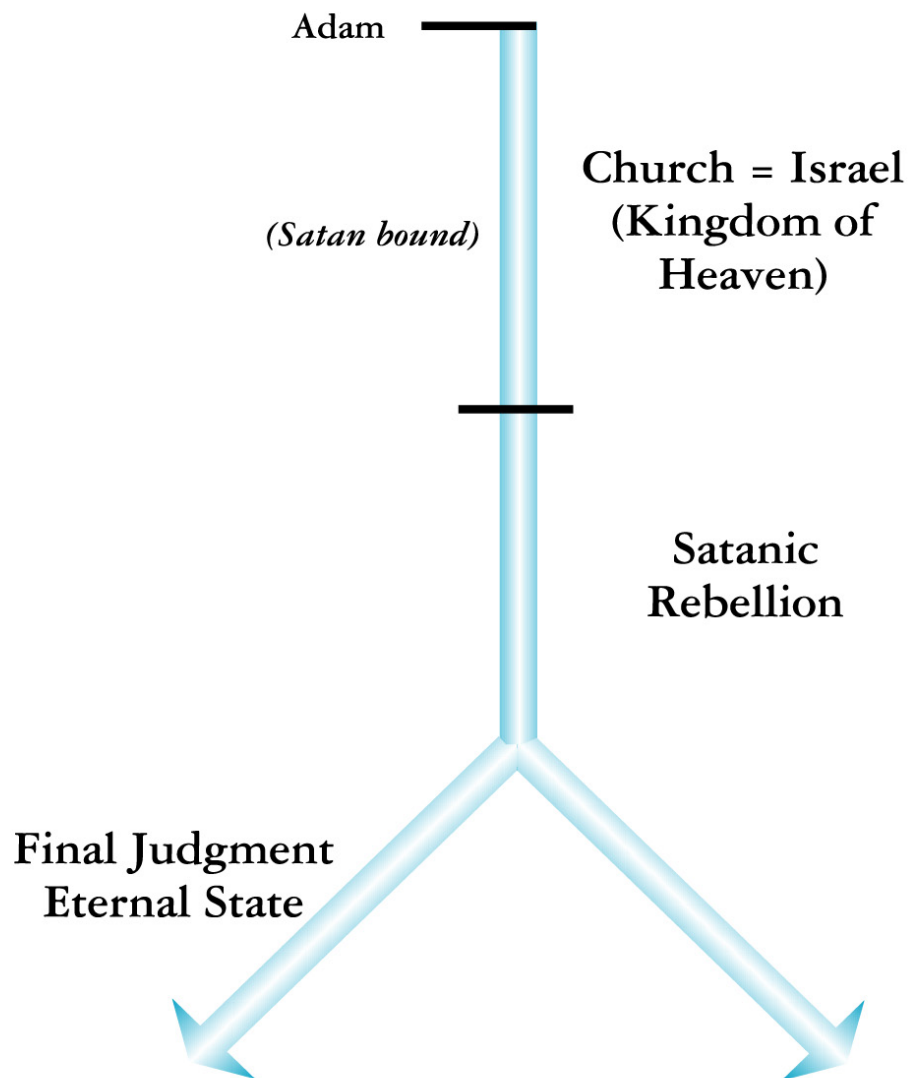
# Augustine's Theory of History: The Two Cities



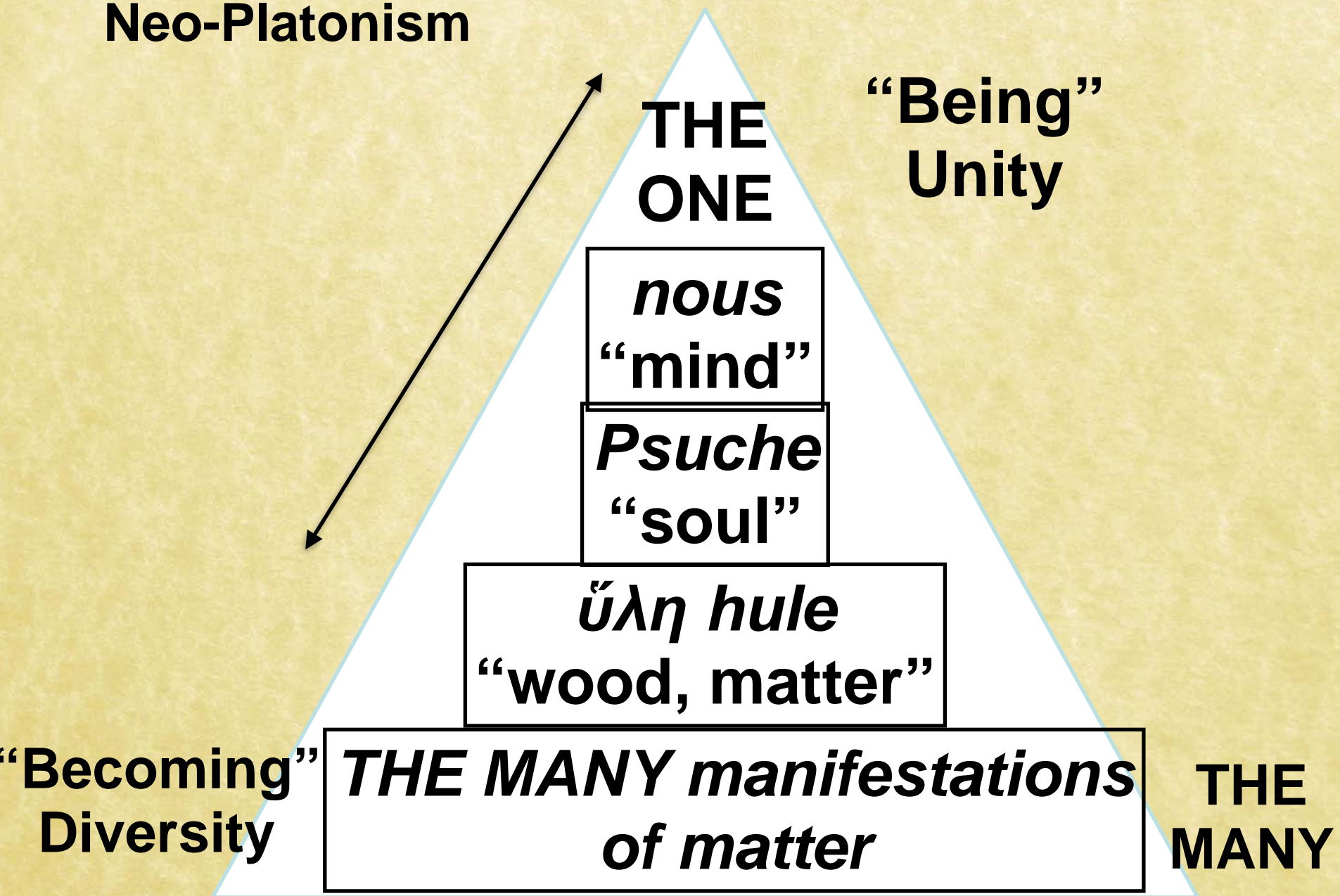
## Characteristics:

- Dualism (constant struggle)
- Alienation (constant secularity)
- Denial of progress of the city of God in history
- Rejection of prophetic fulfillment in time

# Augustine and the Triumph of Amillennialism



# Neo-Platonism



*The Great Chain of Being*

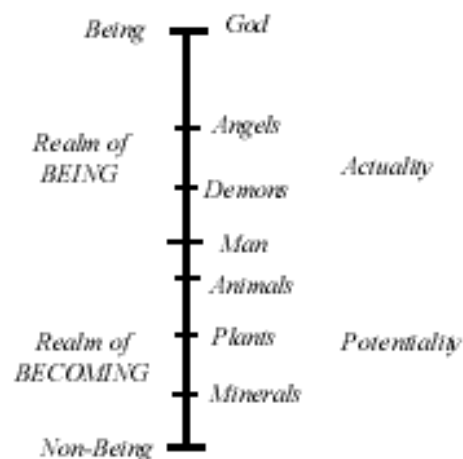


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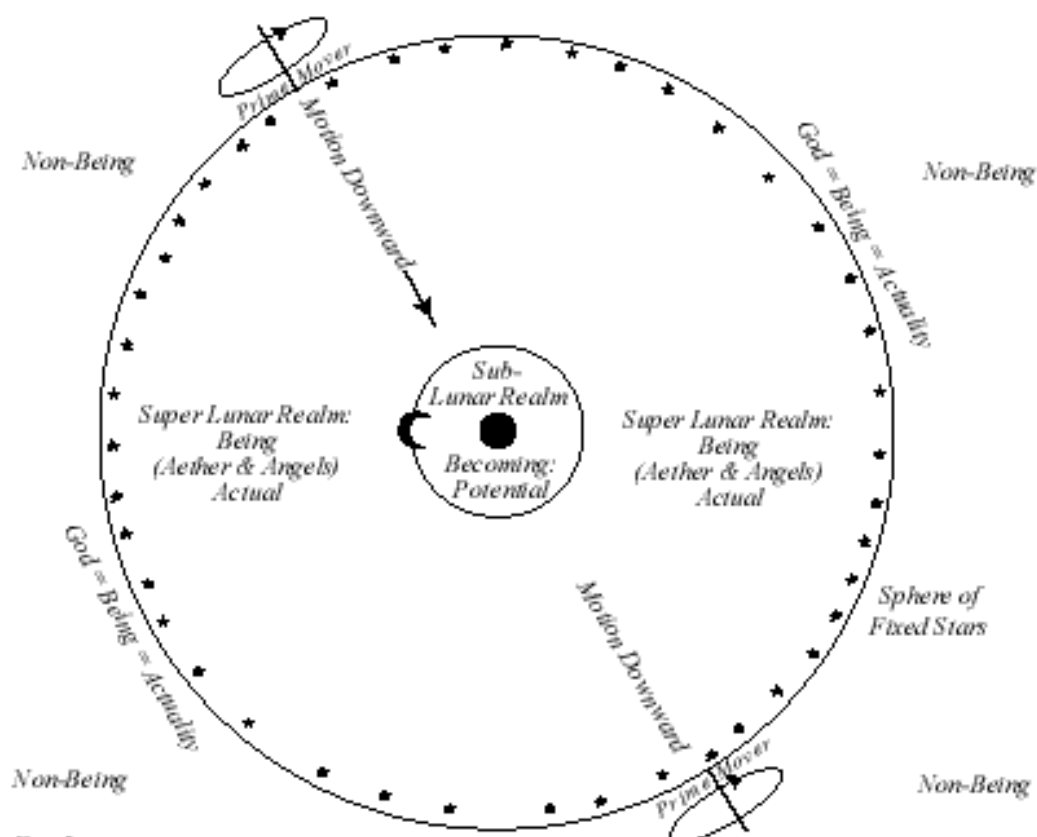
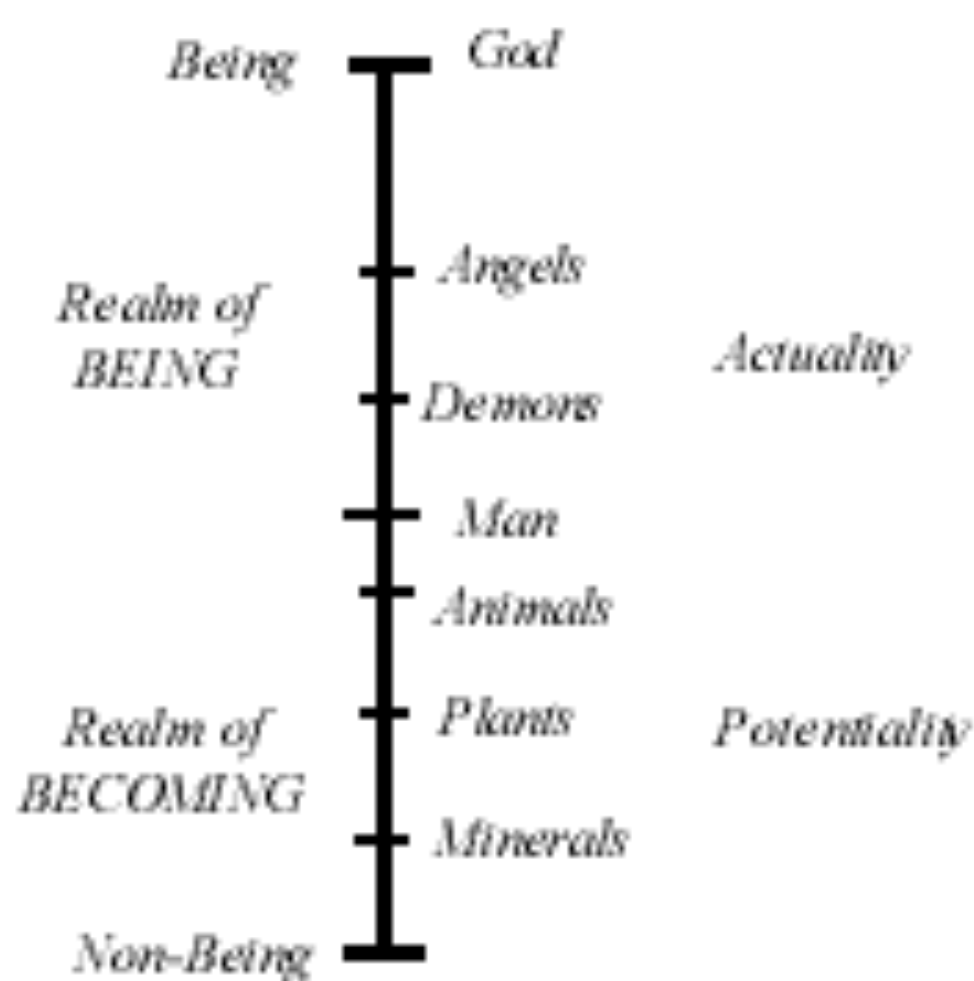


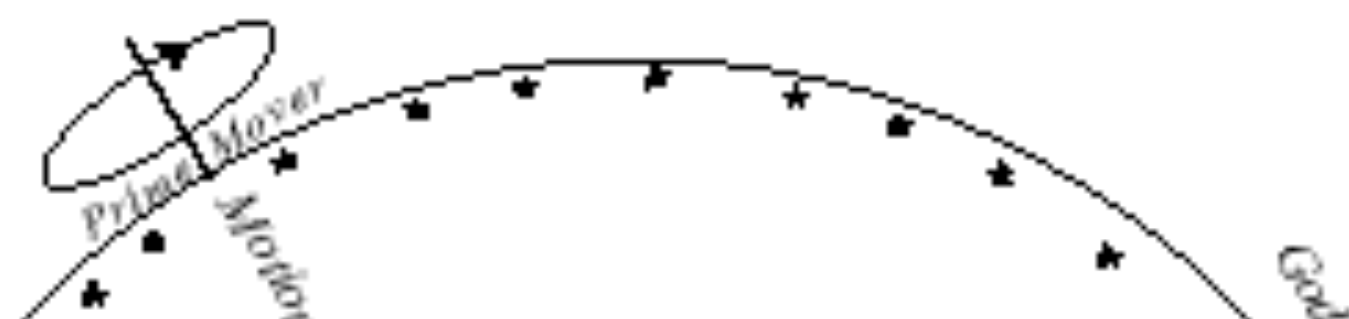
Fig. 2

*Aristotle's Hierarchically ordered Cosmos*

*The Great Chain  
of Being*



*Fig. 1*



# Chain of Being Emanating from “god”

**“god”**

**Angelic or  
spirit beings**

**Human beings**

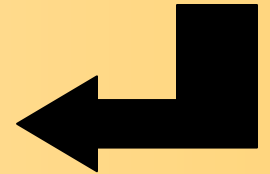
**Animals**

**Vegetation**

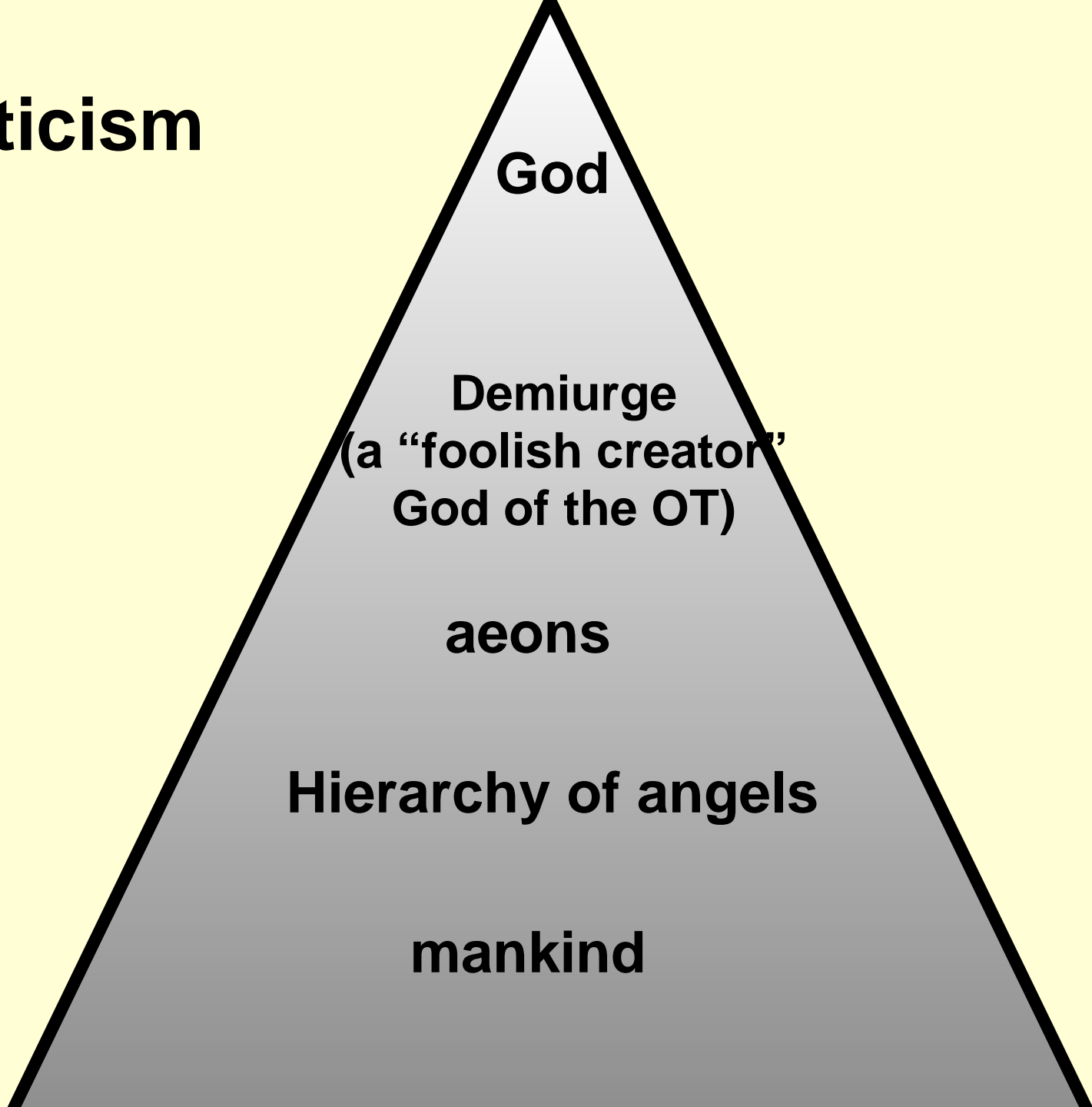
**Rocks, dirt, water**

**Astronomical & geophysical  
environment (incl. climate)**

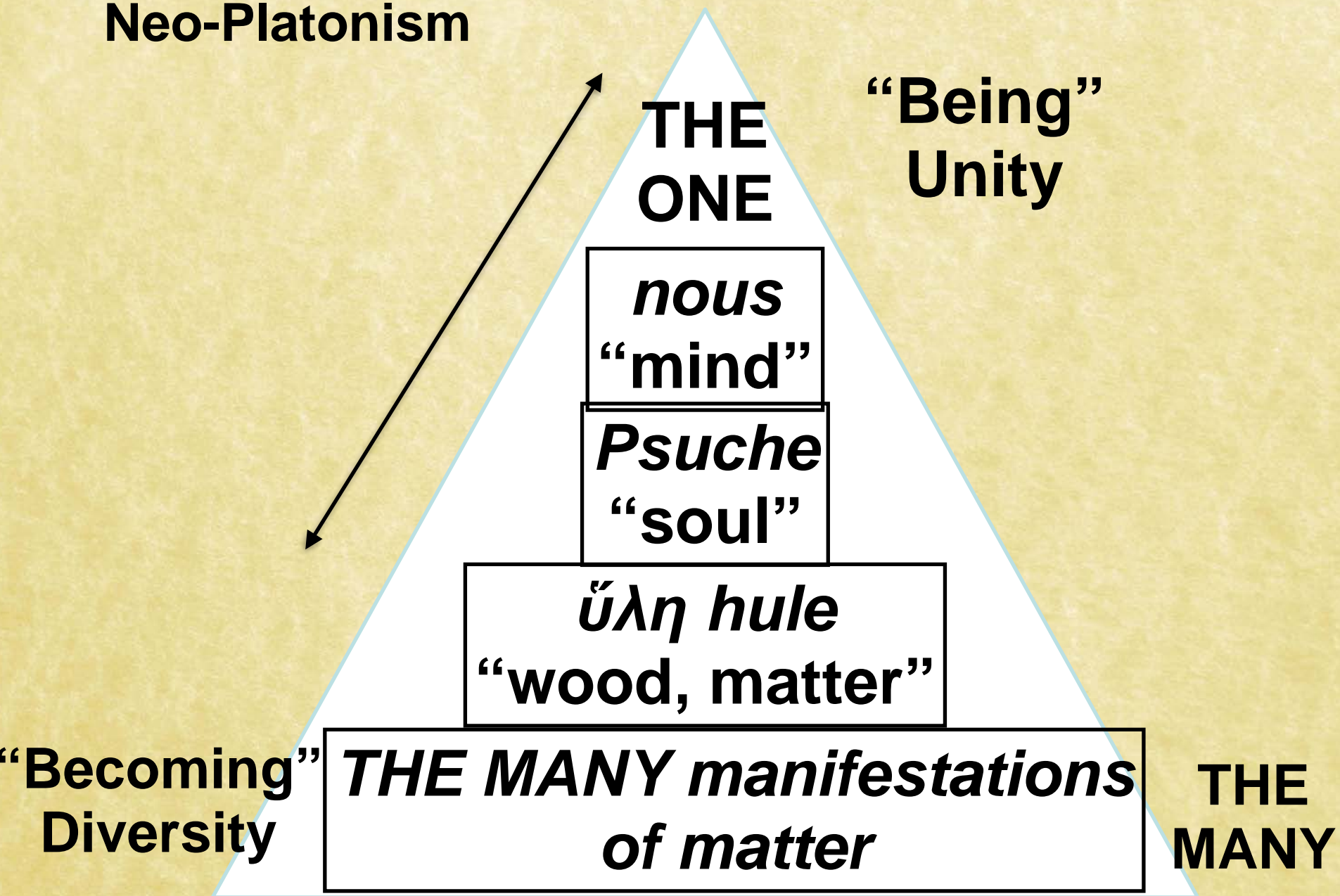
**Being or  
raw  
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itself**



# Gnosticism



# Neo-Platonism





**GOD**

**Personal-Infinite**



**FINITE UNIVERSE**

*angels*  
*man*  
*animals*  
*vegetation*  
*matter/energy*

**INFINITE-  
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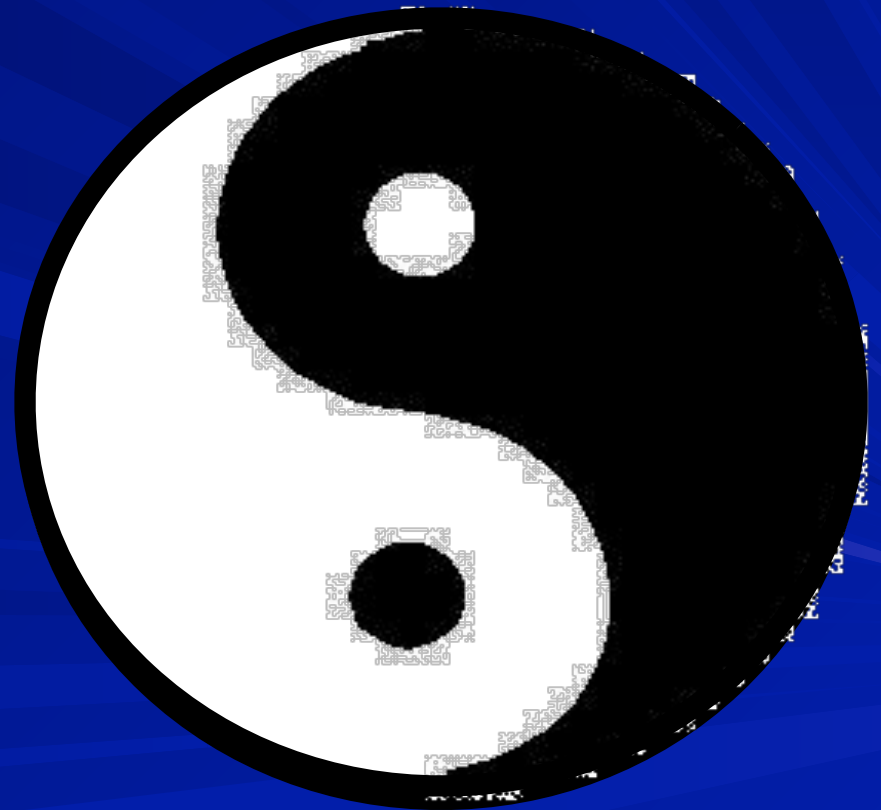
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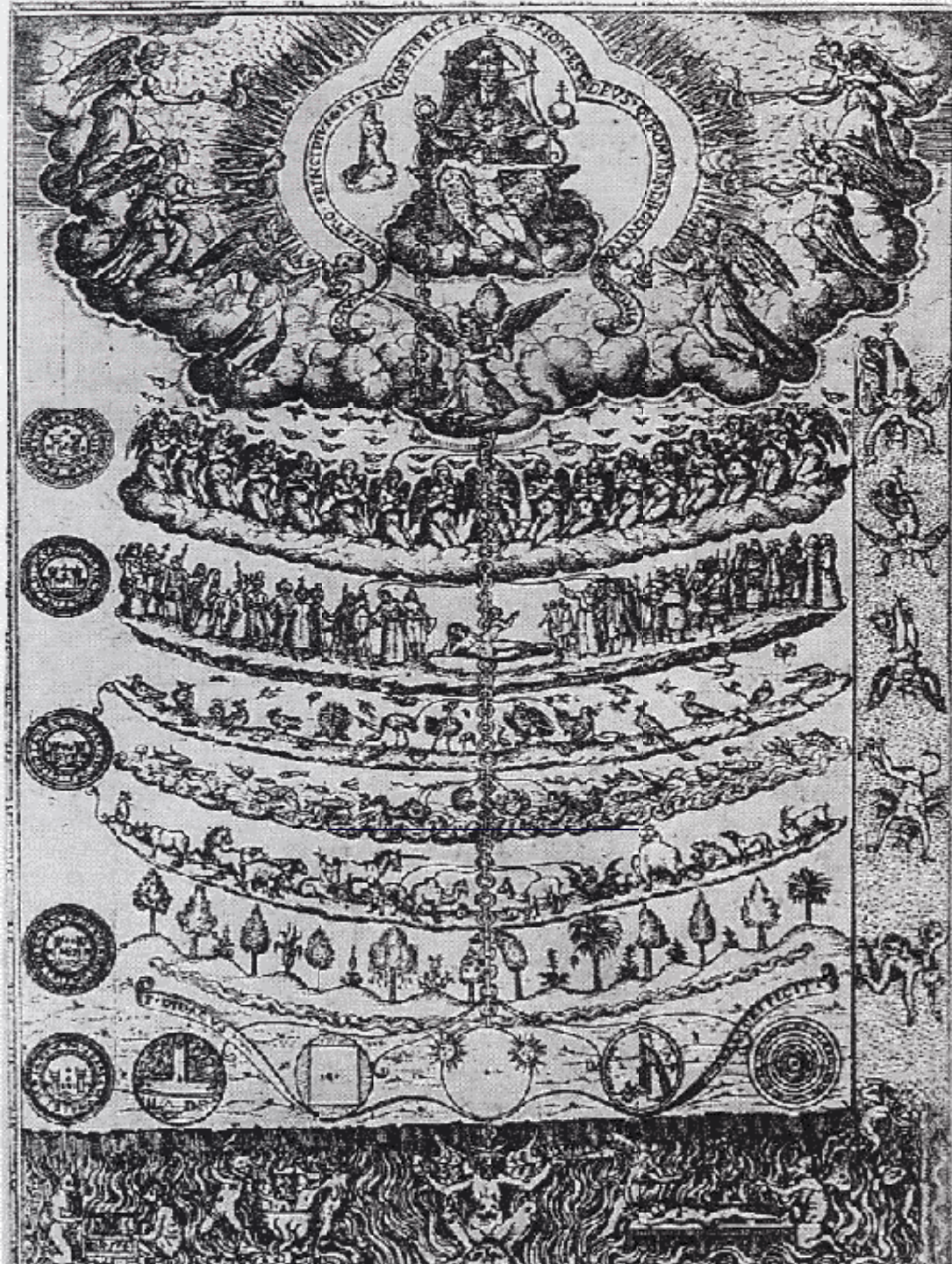
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**God**

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