

METAPHYSICS 101 : CHART 06

HOW DOES A BEING BECOME *THIS* BEING (AND NOT *THAT OTHER ONE*)?
IN OTHER WORDS, HOW ARE BEINGS INDIVIDUATED?

GOD	Pure ESSE	God's pure ESSE makes Him unique. He is set apart from other beings because only He is.
PURE SPIRITS (ANGELS)	Composed of 1. Esse – Essentia 2. Substance - Accidents	Each angel is a species (an essence) in itself. Difference between two angels is like difference between Rose and Sparrow.
MATERIAL BEINGS	Composed of 1. Esse – Essentia 2. Substance – Accidents 3. Matter - Form	1. FORM actualises MATTER (gives matter the <i>esse</i> or act of being). 2. Accident QUANTITY arises from matter. 3. Quantity means DIMENSIONS or PARTES EXTRA PARTES (parts distinct from each other). 4. The dimensions of the body DISTINGUISHES or SETS APART this body (quantified being) from other bodies. 5. MATTER, thus singularised by QUANTITY (<i>MATERIA QUANTITATE SIGNATA</i>), individuates the specific FORM.