

Table 6A

THE ANCIENTS' ONTOLOGICAL ORDERS ¹

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Strata	0	1	2	3	4a	4b	4c	4d	5	6											
Days of Creation	<i>Nihilo</i> - nothing	<i>Primordial realm</i> - materia prima - undifferentiated something - chaos	<i>Possible realm</i> - materia secunda - possibilities	<i>Probable realm</i> - materia tertium - quantum stratum - probabilities	<i>Mineral kingdom</i> - elements & compounds	<i>Plant kingdom</i> - energy-binding, unconscious life	<i>Animal kingdom</i> - fish & birds - energy-and-space-binding, conscious life - animals - energy-and-space-binding, conscious life	<i>Human kingdom</i> - energy-and-space-and-time-binding, self-conscious life	<i>Celestial realm</i> - Angels, demons	<i>Divine realm</i> - The Godhead											
											<i>Inorg. Realm</i>	<i>Organic Realm</i>									
											Elemental World				Actual or Natural World				Supernatural World		
											Inanimate (unconscious)						Animate (conscious)				
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[1] My acceptance of the Ancients' ontological orders owes much to Wolfgang Smith's three books: The Quantum Enigma (1995, 3rd ed. rev. 2005), Sophia Perennis, Hillsdale NY; Cosmos and Transcendence (1984), Sherwood Sugden and Company, Peru IL; and The Wisdom of Ancient Cosmology (2003), The Foundation for Traditional Studies, Oakton VA.