

Metaphysics: The Science of Being as Being

Act and Potency Pairs

- *Esse* and essence
- Matter and form
- Substance and accidents (10 categories of Aristotle)
 1. Quantity
 2. Quality
 3. Relation
 4. Location
 5. Time
 6. Position
 7. Possession
 8. Action
 9. Passion
- Substantial forms and accidental forms

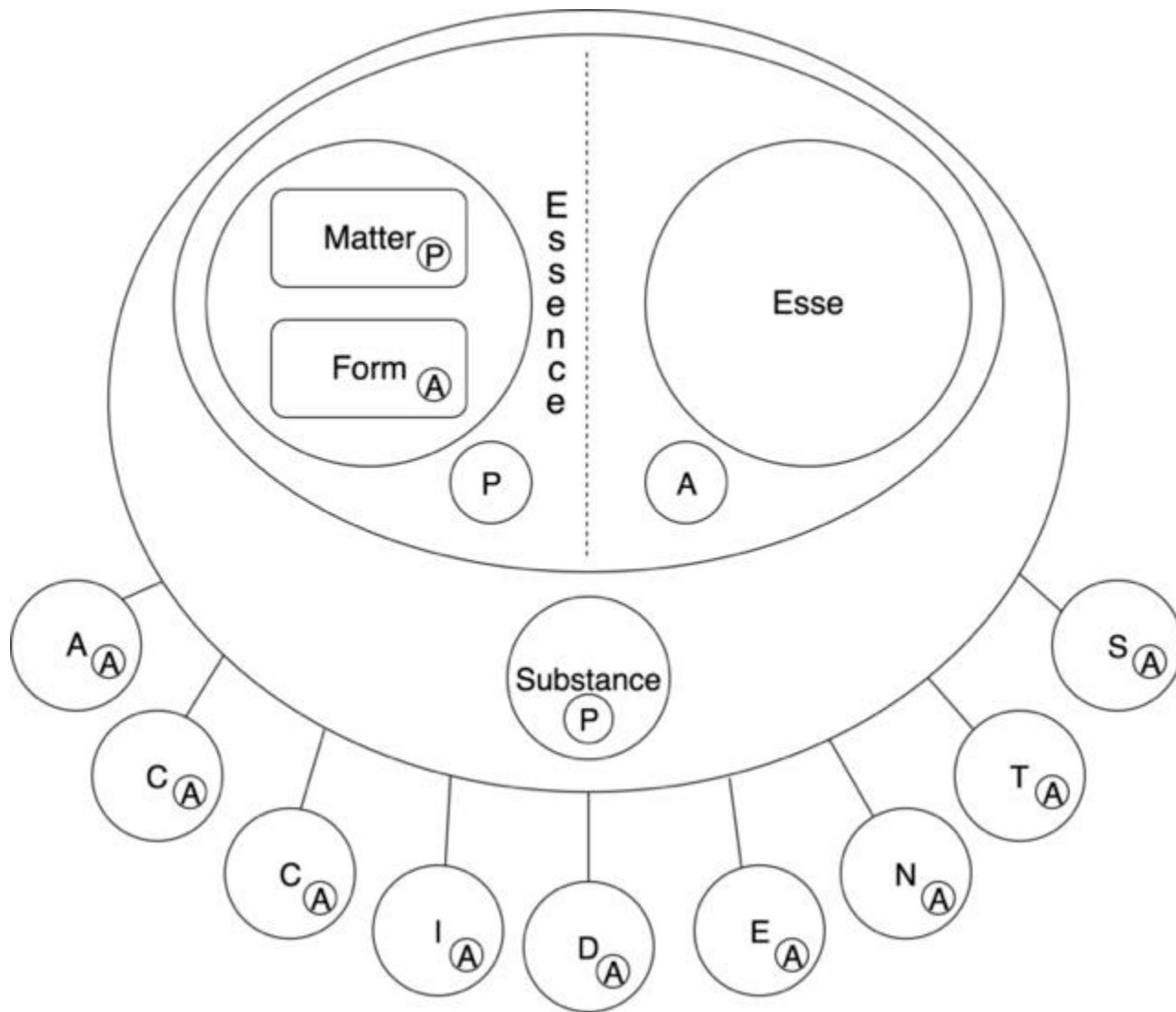
The Four Causes

- Material cause
- Formal cause
- Efficient cause (makes change happen)
 - generation/corruption
 - increase/decrease
 - alteration
 - local motion
- Final cause

Transcendentals

- **Definition:** General attributes of being which transcend the categories.
- *Unum, verum, bonum, pulchrum*
- **Article**

The “Metaphysics Blob”



The Human Soul

- How do we know it exists?
(Tim Staples article, seven proofs)