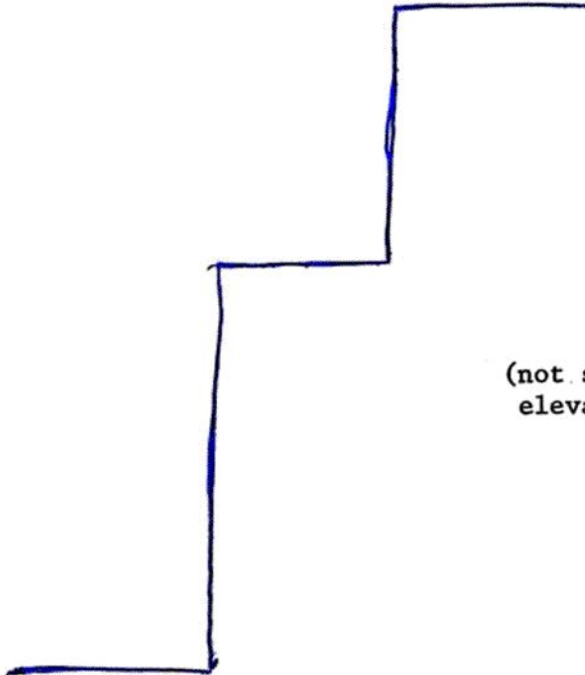


Crude demonstration of Neo-Platonism

GOD

unknown, undiminished,  
unfeeling. (all good)



(not steps, gang, but levels of  
elevation)

MAN physical, mortal,  
earthly, (all bad)

composed of body, mind  
and soul.

Shadow Substance

Man draws from the shadow substance and moves towards God through a series of steps...elevations towards the great oversoul. Abnegation of the physical, etc. constitute a part of this but any teaching that allows us to accept the reality of this life is poor. We cannot know God ..we can hope to be absorbed into Him.