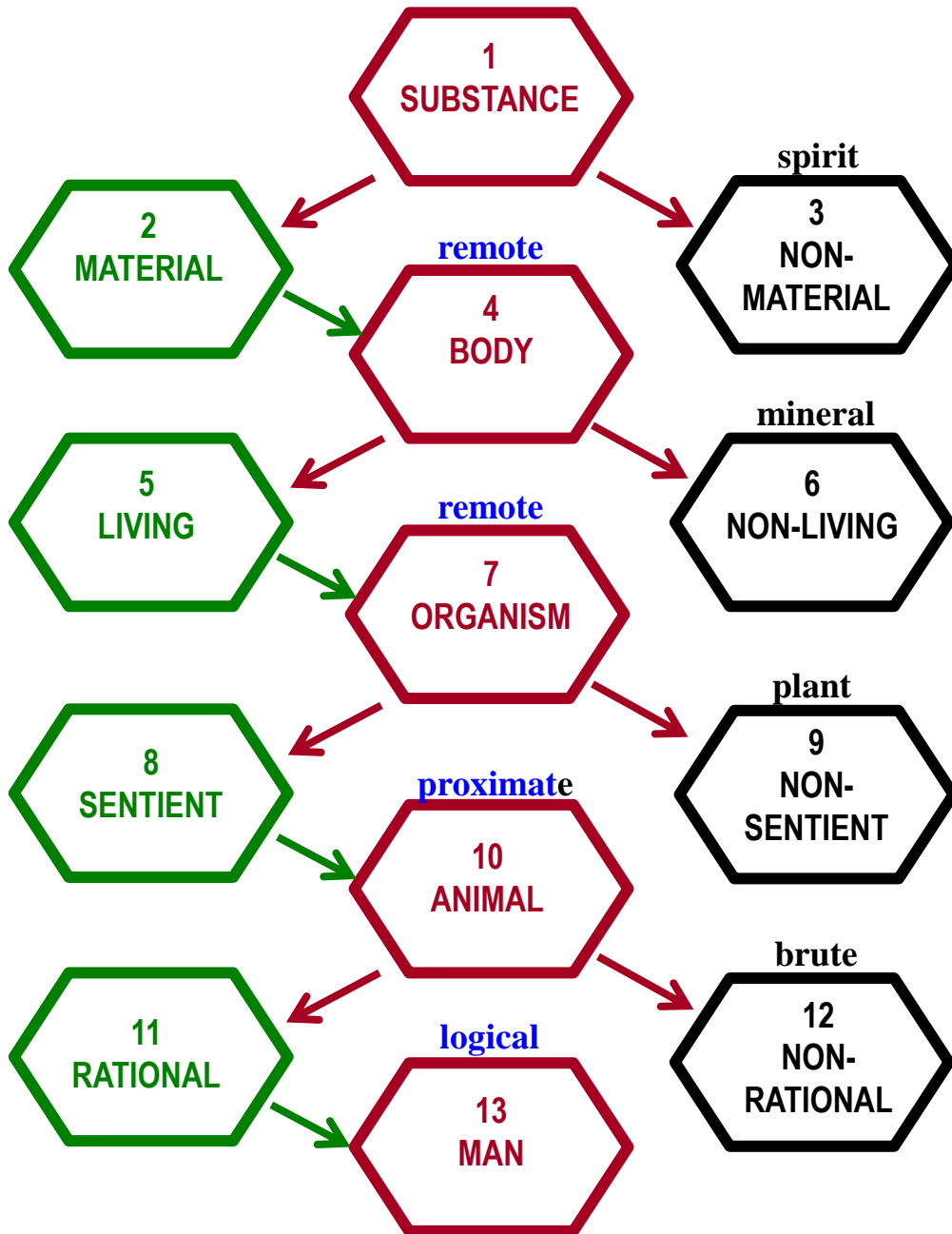


The Porphyrian Tree



Anything that exists is a (1) **substance**: either (2) **material** or (3) **non-material**.

A material substance has a (4) **body**, a non-material substance does not.

There are two kinds of material bodies: (5) **living** and (6) **non-living**. Living bodies are (7) **organisms**. Non-living bodies are things like rocks and minerals.

There are two kinds of living, material organisms: (8) **sentient**, having one or more of the 5 senses, and (9) **non-sentient**. Sentient organisms are (10) **animals** while non-sentient ones are plants.

There are many kinds of animal organisms that are sentient: (11) **rational** and (12) **non-rational**. The rational, sentient, living, material substance is (13) **man**. The non-rational, sentient, living, material substances consist of the brute beasts.

Man is rational and logical while the beasts, absent reason, are non-rational and illogical.

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