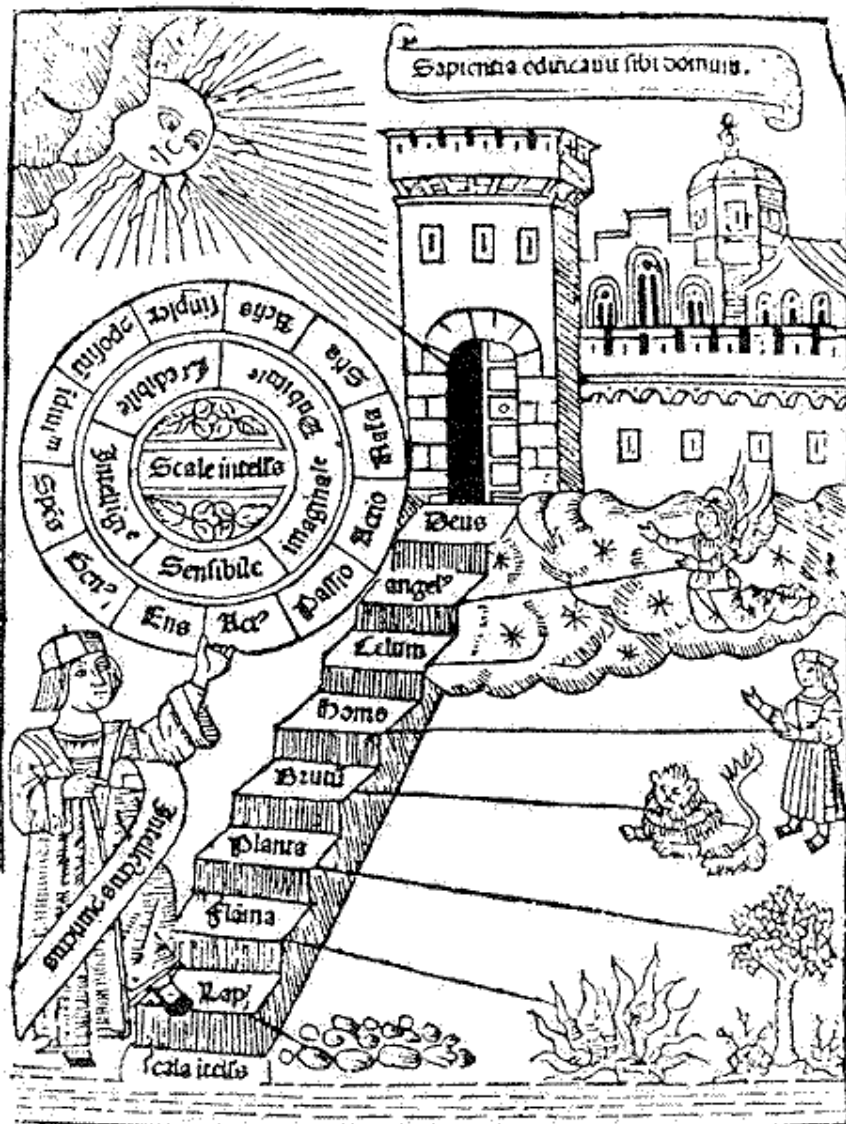


INTELLIGENT DESIGN IN NATURE

Nothing is random or by chance.

The whole of Nature exhibits an inherent intelligence and acts under Law.

A Traditional Great Chain of Being



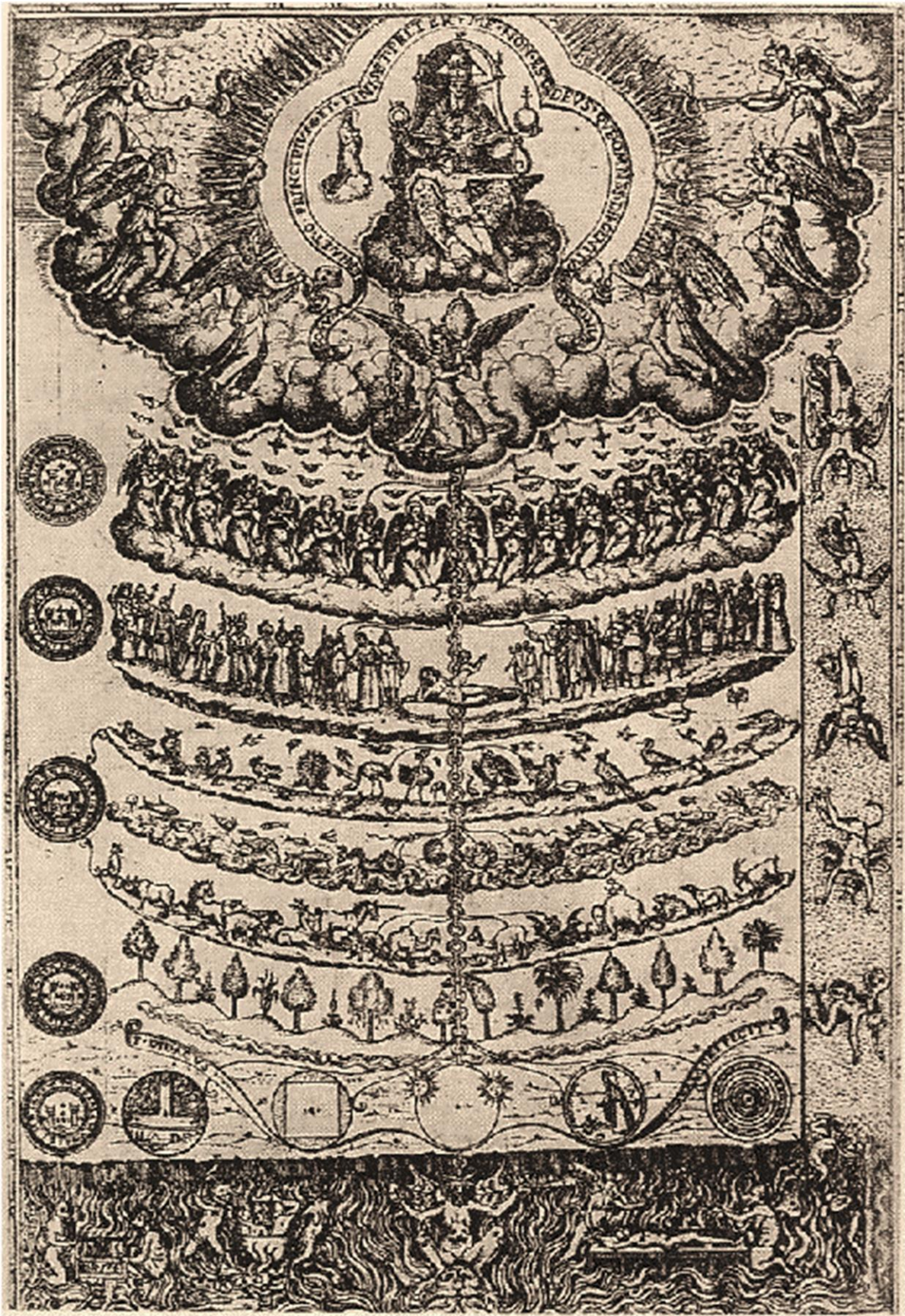
'The Great Chain of Being' or *scala naturae*, literally 'ladder,' or 'stairway of nature', is a concept derived from Plato and Aristotle, and developed in Neo-Platonism.

It details a strict hierarchical structure of all matter and life, believed to have been divinely decreed.

The chain starts from 'God'/Divine Principle and progresses down to the angels, demons, stars, moon, kings, princes, nobles, men, wild animals, domestic animals, trees, plants and minerals.

Each part of the hierarchy is interlinked with every other part.

Great Chain of Being - a renaissance image



AN ORPHIC HYMN to ETERNAL LAW

(translated by Thomas Taylor)

The holy king of men and Gods I call,
 Celestial Law, the righteous seal of all,
 The seal which stamps whate'er the earth contains,
 Nature's firm basis, and the liquid plains:
 Stable, and starry of harmonious frame,
 Preserving laws eternally the same.

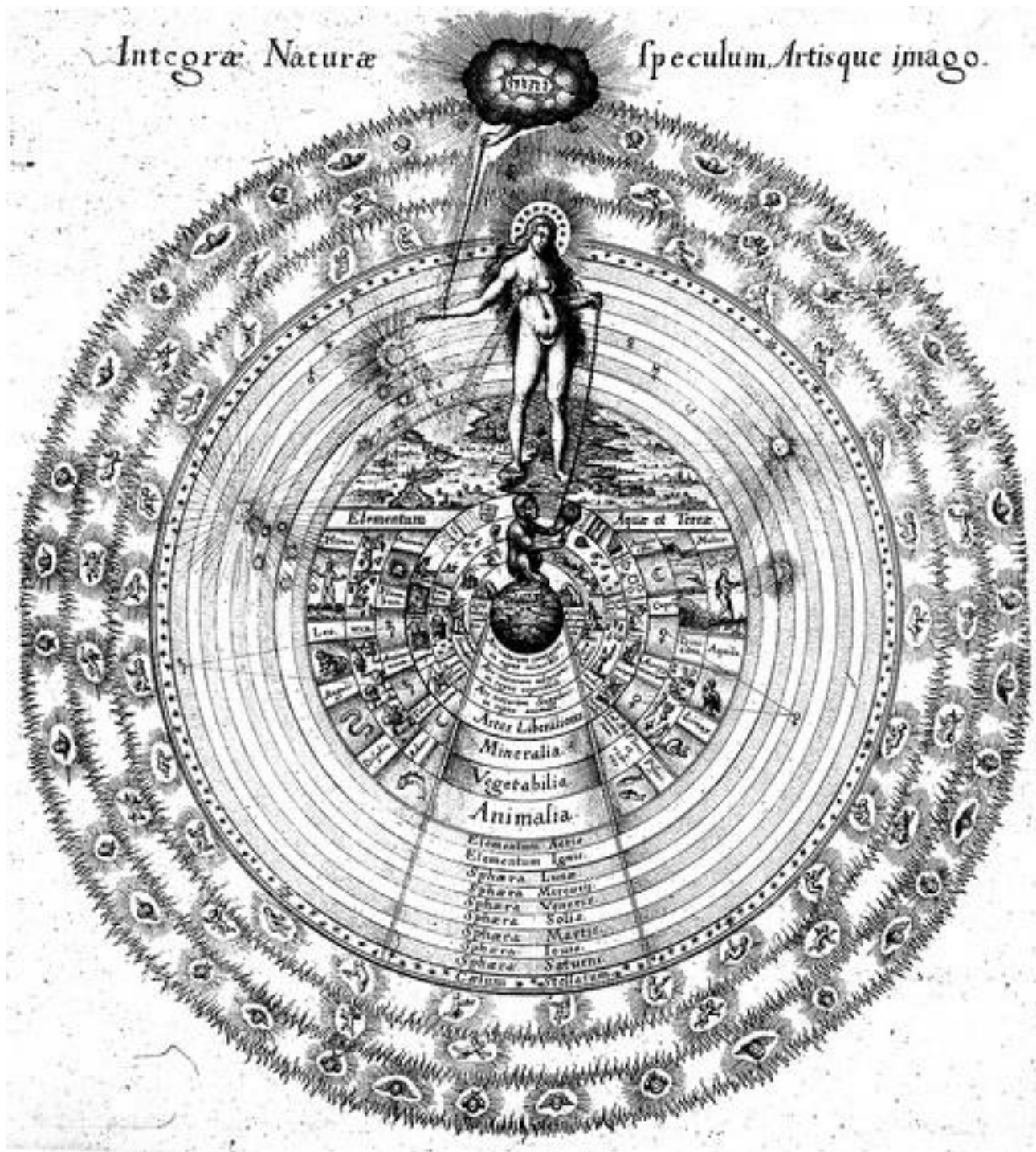
Thy all-composing power in heaven appears,
 Connects its frame and props the starry spheres;
 And shakes weak Envy with tremendous sound,
 Toss'd by thy arm in giddy whirls around.
 'Tis thine, the life of mortals to defend,
 And crown existence with a blessed end;
 For thy command, and alone, of all that lives,
 Order and rule to ev'ry dwelling gives.

Ever observant of the upright mind,
 And of just actions the companion kind;
 Foe to the lawless, with avenging ire,
 Their steps involving in destruction dire.
 Come, bless, abundant pow'r, whom all revere,
 By all desir'd, with fav'ring mind draw near;
 Give me thro' life, on thee to fix my fight,
 And ne'er forsake the equal paths of right.

"The chief difficulty, which prevents men of science from believing in divine as well as in nature Spirits, is their materialism." H. P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 1, p. 276

"God created man. Men create God. That is the way it is in the world - men make gods and worship their creation. It would be fitting for the gods to worship men!"

The Gnostic Gospel of Phillip



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Image Description: The macrocosm showing the human body as the world soul; a nude female figure is chained on the right hand to God and on the left to a monkey representing man; astrological and alchemical symbols fill inner circles; hierarchy of angels form outer circles.