

## WHO IS MAN?

### *A Basic Catholic View of Human Nature*

#### **Four Primary Causes:**

- ⇒ Material Cause (matter) - What physical material(s) makes up this thing
- ⇒ Formal Cause (form) - Design, Idea, Pattern directing how this is to exist (immaterial, abstract)
- ⇒ Efficient Cause - (agent) Who made it
- ⇒ Final Cause (end, purpose) - Why was this made

(1) **Who** made you? God made me. *Efficient Cause*

- Downward spiral of the Revolution :Deny Church, Deny Christ, Deny God
- Errors of Evolution (denies that God is the Creator)
- Errors of Eastern Paganism: Reincarnation.Nihilism. "The Force."
- Errors of Gnosticism: New Age. Wicca. Occult. (very popular today!)

(2) **Why** did God make you? *Final Cause*

God made me to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this world,  
and to be be happy with Him forever in the next.

- Now we have where we came from and where we are going; that's our road map.
- This question shows who we are and who God is (know, love, serve, happiness, eternity)
- So many do not know that God loves them and made them for this purpose.
- Pray for these things at Mass - for the grace to know Him, to love Him, and serve Him more.

(3) To whose **image and likeness** did God make you?

God made me to His own image and likeness.

(4) Is this likeness **to** in your **body** or in your **soul**?

This likeness to God is in my soul.

#### **Man is a Body-Soul Composite**

- The human body is man's *Material Cause*
- The human soul is man's *Formal Cause*