

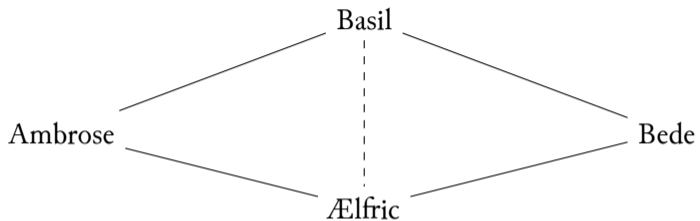
Creation



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The *Hexameron* Tradition



Other sources of Ælfric's *Hexameron*:

- ▶ Gregory
- ▶ Isidore
- ▶ Alcuin
- ▶ Augustine

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The Place of the Angels; and of Fallen Angels/Demons

- ▶ **Origen** (s. II):
 - ▶ the spiritual world was created prior to the six days of creation
 - ▶ angels are the waters above, demons the waters below
- ▶ **Augustine** (ss. IV-V): virtuous and sinful angels are light and darkness

Ptolemaic Cosmology



Figure: Ptolemaic universe (1661 CC-BY-SA NBL Map Center)

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