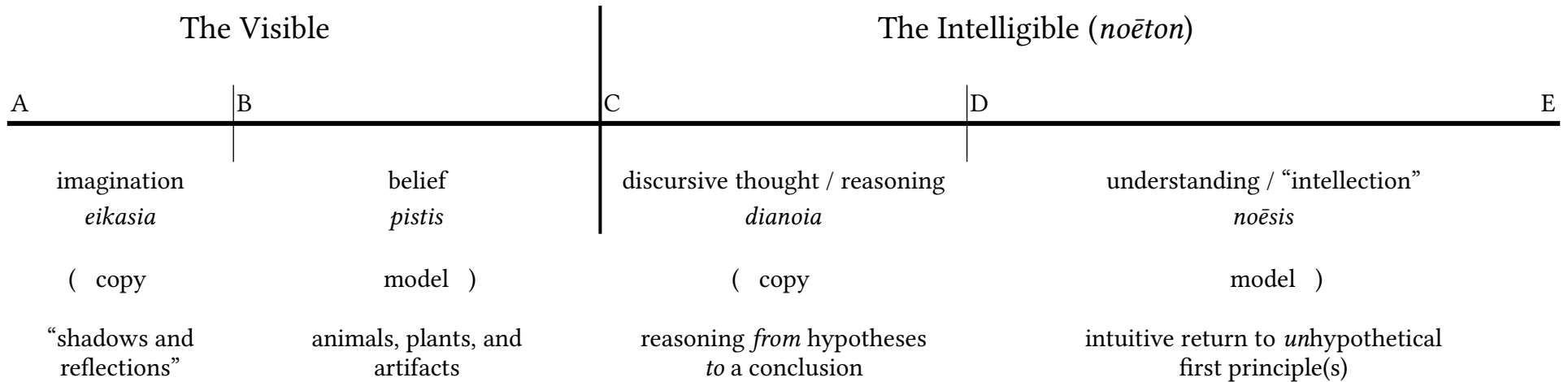


## The Doubly-Divided Line



### The Geometry of the Line

- Divided according to the “golden section,”  $\Phi$  (*Phi*).
- Small : Large :: Large : Whole
- $AB : BC :: AC : CE$
- $CD : DE :: AC : CE$
- $BC = CD$  (The two middle segments are of equal length.)
- $AC = DE$  (The first two segments together are equal in length to the fourth segment.)
- All other segments are incommensurable.
- All of the smaller segments are incommensurable with the line as a whole.

### Other Significant Features

- This is a single, continuous line →
  - The cosmos itself, and our cognitive grasping of it, are continuous and unified.
- All of the divisions are made by the same ratio (*logos*). →
  - The cosmos itself is crafted according to analogy (*analogia*).
- Larger and smaller divisions →
  - Diminishing power (but still genuine and connected).

### Questions

- What about the “vision of the Sun” and “the Good”, discussed by Socrates just before the divided line?
- In general, what does this image suggest about how we *as individuals* live and think?