Heraclitus made Fire and Material the Source and Destiny of Existence, together with Eternal "Movement." Thus, Fire is the symbol of the underlying reality of Existence, or the fact of being from which he formulated the famous dictum "All things Pass." Protagoras and Gorgias, did not bother themselves about Originative Principles, they simply taught Philosophy for pay.

Parmenides made "Universal" or "Absolute Being," or "Unity in Thought," as the Source and Destiny of Existence.

Empedocles conceived Fire, Matter and Air, or Fire, Atoms and Empty space, as the Origin of all things.

Democritus and Leucippus, conceived the process of Becoming under the Symbol of "Fire" the ultimate Elementary ground of Nature, is an Infinite Multitude of indivisible corporeal particles (atoms). No design but only law and life, from the finest atoms. Air, Earth, Fire and Water, or Fire, Heat, Atoms and Empty space in a Mass is the Origin of the Universe.

Two co-equal elements, the Full and the Empty or Being and Non-Entity.

Necessity or Fate: the Cause.

Epicurus and Lucretius, simply reproduced the Doctrine of Democritus.

The veritable existence in Nature are Atoms and Empty Space.

Melissus and Zeno were the Expositors and Defenders of the Doctrine of Parmenides, their chief Forte lay in the Ingenuity of their defence.

Pyrrho disbelieved in any one ever acquiring a