

SUMMARY.

Thales made "Water" the source and destiny of all things, and said that the Universe had a Spirit in it, with Divine indwelling powers. Electricity is the Soul.

Anaximander suggested "An Infinite" as the Originative Principle of all things, "Infinite" itself causes things to come into "being" and recalls them back from being. Xenophanes conceived "Spiritual Substance" or "Unity" and the "Perfection" of a "Deity," as the Origin of the Universe. The Earth rose out of the Sea.

Anaximenes said the "Air" is the Origin of the Universe, from which all things are formed by compression.

Anaxagoras formulated two principles of Existence, "Matter" and "Mind."

Mind or Eternal Intelligence, and Matter as Atoms are the Origin of the Universe and all that is in it. Order through the influence and operation of this mind suggests a soul, with an "Aerial Body."

Pythagoras said "Number" is the Essence of all things. Things are only a copy of Numbers. Numbers are things themselves. "Finite and Infinite," "Odd and Even." All things in the Universe result from a combination of the Finite and Infinite. Man's Soul partook of the nature of the Central Fire, possessing three elements, Reason, Intelligence and Passion.