

of, but was forced to admit. Thus things arise by separation and unfolding or development, so that matter is not without forms, but contains them all, and since it unfolds what it carries concealed within itself. It is in truth all nature and the mother of all things. If we have interpreted Moses' position correctly, it follows that he postulated Spirit or mind as the prius, and Matter as its vehicle or expression. The two being in combination act and react on each other. Moses found Mind and Matter in the Universe, but he did not decide or tell us which was first in existence. He started with Mind and Matter, and he left off with Mind and Matter. How are we at the present day?

The early Greek philosophers never raised the first question: viz., How do we come by our knowledge? but formulated the "Originative Principle" of all things under some Material expression, by the Originative Principle or Element of all things they meant, that of which all existing beings are composed, that which determines their coming into "Being" and into which they pass on ceasing to be. Where these philosophers differed from each other was simply in the answer, which they gave to this question: What was the Nature of this principle? The difference of view among them applies to the number, and to the character of the supposed element or elements.

The founder of Grecian Philosophy of this kind was Thales of Miletus, born about 640 B.C. He conceived the idea that "Water" was the "Source" and "Destiny" of Existence, viz., that everything came out of the water, and on ceasing to be, went back again to water; that the earth rested on water