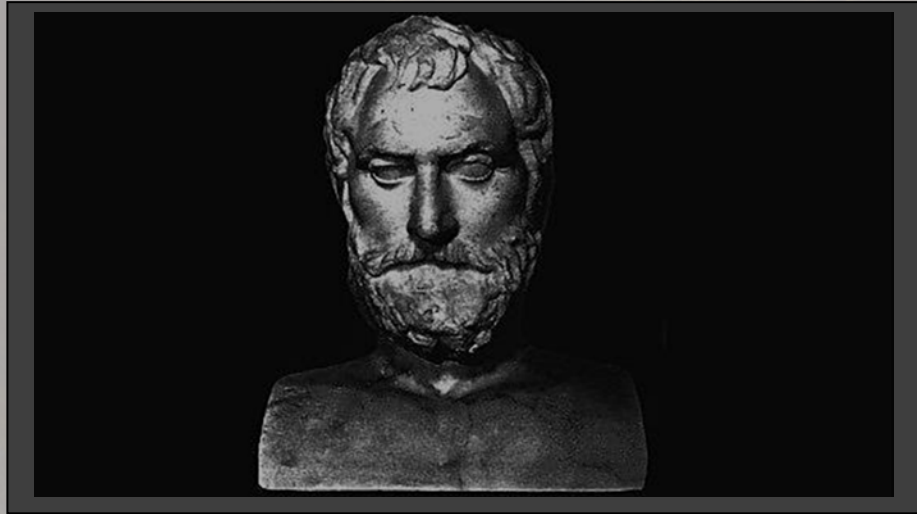


# Anaximander of Miletus



1. Water is the arché (principle) of the universe.
2. Nature is eternal and does not age.
3. All beings are derived from other, older beings by successive transformations.
4. Things are full of Gods.
5. There are many worlds and many systems of Universes that exist all at the same time, all of them perishable.
6. The undefined is unborn and incorruptible, for that which begins necessarily has an end; and all corruption has a term.
7. Unlimited has no principle, for in such a case it would be limited.
8. Immortal and indestructible, it surrounds everything and destroys everything.
9. The undefined is divine, for it is immortal and imperishable.



10. The earth is cylindrical, three times as wide as its depth, and only the top is inhabited. But this earth is isolated in space and the sky is a complete sphere in the center of which, without support, our cylinder, the earth, is situated at the same distance from all points of the sky.
11. The original principle of things is aperture. That is where they arise, that is where they later perish by reason of necessity.
12. Things originate from the separation of the opposites.
13. The age of humans cannot be explained without their ancestors.
14. The principle and element of things is the undefined.
15. Anaximander of Miletus affirmed that the infinite is the first principle, and that all things are generated from it, and are corrupted through it. The infinite is nothing but matter. (Plutarch)
16. Whence things have their origin,  
Thence also their destruction happens,  
As is the order of things;  
Giving justice and reparation  
– to one another for their injustice –  
In conformity with the ordinance of Time.

Anaximander of Miletus (610 B.C. – 545 B.C.) was a philosopher and geographer of special importance in Greek thought.

Like his master Thales, Anaximander was born in the city of Miletus, and shared teachings and reflections with Anaximen, who was his disciple. Anaximander's main contribution refers to *arché*, the beginning of all things.