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• The belief that men are the playthings of powerful but morally imperfect deities may seem to put them in a very humble and pitiable position, and expressions of pessimism about the human lot are frequent in Homer. At the same time it contains an assumption almost of arrogance, which the advent of a more philosophical outlook must dispel; for at least it assumes that the ruling powers of the universe concern themselves intimately with human affairs.

Note: According to me, ignorance \neq arrogance:

The Ancients before PreSocratics simply lacked the conceptual tools.

• Under the influence of the earliest philosophical thinking, the 'Father of gods and men' and his divine family were dissolved into an impersonal 'necessity', an affair of natural laws and the interaction of 'airs', ethers, waters and other strange things', as Socrates calls them in the **Phaedo**.