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- He may be projecting backwards ideas of causality and explanatory structure.
- Thales may have said "all is water" in a cosmological, empirical or poetic way — not metaphysical.

### Rational explanations

- The first reason likely to occur to a modern mind is the only substance which can actually be observed, without any apparatus of experiment such as was not available to Thales, to change, according to its temperature, into solid, liquid and gaseous form. Some modern scholars like Burnet gives this reason behind Thales's choice.
- For Aristotle, the most likely thoughts to have been in Thales's mind are those which link water with the idea of life. Hence he observes that food and semen always contain moisture, and that