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Thomas Stanley's account → draws heavily  
upon the writings of

Diogenes Laertius

Life of Pythagorus (1818) by Lamblichus

Orpheus was the divine theologian,

Pythagorus the Great Scientist

Plato the inspired philosopher

•• Very little has survived of the authentic  
writings of Pythagorus

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1955 (ACE) → special observances  
were held on Samos to honor 2,500 years  
of the founding of the school.

• According to Pyth. each individual has within their basic nature certain qualities which, when cultivated under proper instruction → make it possible for him to mature into the likeness of a divine being.

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Disciples →

• Porphyry

• Iamblichus

• Diogenes Laertius

In Plato's Phaedo & Timaeus

ideas & ideals. Deep influence by Pythagorean

• The message (not Plato) → is that what one person has done each person can do.

Pyth. taught stressing  $\Rightarrow$  that

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each must attain integration of their soul  
for themselves,

2, since there is no vicarious  
attainment. Legitimate integration comes only  
from a depth of commitment to an  
insightful understanding & application of  
fundamental, Divine principles which being  
scientific, are the same for all mankind.

Pyth as a young man  $\Rightarrow$  temperance, serenity,  
gentleness, prudence ~ & general abilities  
abilities to relate to others (with others)

Thales heard about him, so does Bias  
called him the "fair-haired Samian."  
.. Not subject to excess. "No man ever  
saw him rejoice or mourn."

"He composed his soul with the Lyre  $\Rightarrow$

Pyth strove to maintain harmony  
with his being.

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tyrant Polycrates came to power →

Pyth left his country to found his  
Academy in Crotona.

Pyth married Theano → 7 kids, 3 sons, 4  
daughters → Damo kept writing for safer-  
keeping.

Folks that are influenced by Pyth.

Plato, Aristotle, Marcus A., Julian,  
Augustine, Aquinas, Francis Bacon ... etc.

Theracydes → first voyage mentor

also a disciple of Anaximander  
Pherecydes (student of  
Hermodanias)

Pyth studied in Egypt ø7.2ø<sup>25</sup>  
accepted into the mysteries of Isis @ Thebes

→ In Babylon the Magi received Pyth  
Kindly & initiated him into their  
arcana.

↳ Came into contact with Zoroastrians.

↳ Came into contact with Brahmins in India

↳ "allowed to share in profound doctrines  
@ Elephanta & Ellora

Instructed by Rabbis regarding the traditions  
of Moses.

↳ Went to Crete & Sparta to  
learn the laws of Minos

& Lycurgus