

ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY

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OUTLINE OF SECTION 2

HOMERIC GREECE TO SOCRATES

LESSON 1 **Fundamental concepts of ancient Greek thought, 1** 26 minutes

φιλοσοφος | σοφία | κόσμος | δικε | θεος
philosopher wisdom order way god

A | *Origin & nature of the Greek concept of 'philosophy'*

- 1 | Pythagoras & the 'philosopher' (φιλοσοφος) 1:05
- 2 | The philosopher & wisdom (σοφία), the virtue linked with order 2:04

B | *Philosophy as description of the given order*

- 1 | Philosophy, awe, & order (κόσμος) 2:53
- 2 | Greek philosophy as science? 4:20
- 3 | Description & the example of justice (δικε) 9:08

C | *The Greek awe of order*

- 1 | The banality (to us) of order – or, our banality, Greek *thinking* 11:17
- 2 | Greek philosophy as the characterization of (divine) nature – the concept of *theos* (θεος) 14:43
- 3 | “Bow before the divine” 18:44

PROPOSITION **1** TO THINK IS TO ENCOUNTER THE DIVINE ORDER,
THE COSMOS, TO WHICH WE RESPOND WITH AWE,
AS WE ARE FIT TO DO

PROPOSITION **2** THE ESSENTIAL INSIGHT OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY IS
THE FUNDAMENTAL DUALITY OF WHAT IS DIVINE &
WHAT IS NOT DIVINE (HUMAN) & IT IS THE DIVINE
THAT HAS PREEMINENCE

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