

## Birth of Philosophy

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1. What is it? Lover of wisdom
  - a. Philo = love, beloved, friendly
  - b. Sophia = wisdom
  - c. Knowing/understanding the 1st things or 1st causes of things
2. Pre-Philosophy
  - a. What are we and where do we come from
    - i. Everything comes from this starting point
  - b. 1st things
    - i. Indo-Europe: We come from our parents, our ancestors
      1. Domestic religion of worshiping ancestors/dead
    - ii. Religion of Nature
      1. Man relies upon natural forces but is also threatened by them
      2. These forces have agency/intelligence
        - a. Homeric Gods: Zeus, Hera, Apollo etc.
3. Discovery of Nature
  - a. Desire a 1st hand account
  - b. Art (artificial and human) distinguished by the natural
4. Philosophy looks to study of nature
  - a. Wisdom is acquired through understanding nature/cosmos
    - i. Pre-socratic
      1. Study of elements (material of which things come to be: fire, earth, water, air)
5. Socrates
  - a. Brings philosophy from heaven to earth
    - i. Beginning of political and human philosophy
      1. What is virtue, what is justice, what is the best way of life?
      2. Human nature/human beings are part of nature
        - a. Virtue and justices are not conventional
        - b. There is a right way to live according to nature.