

Chapter 5 - Assignment 3: The Three Milesian Physicists

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In order to solve the following problems, read pages 20—23 and 31—41 in Chapter 5.

1. Thales of Miletus, Anaximander of Miletus, and Anaximenes of Miletus were the three physicists of the Milesian School, and they each had something to say about souls.

(i) What did Thales have to say about souls?

(ii) What did Anaximander have to say about souls?

(iii) What did Anaximander's student Anaximenes have to say about souls?

(iv) On the question of whether or not souls are *material* things, did Anaximander and his student Anaximenes *agree* with Pherecydes of Syros? *Why* or *why not*? Explain.

2. Fill in the blanks. (Part 1)

ANSWER:- QUESTION	According to Thales, ...	According to Anaximander, ...	According to Anaximenes, ...
<i>What materials exist?</i>	... the 4 materials that exist are the only 5 materials are the 4 materials that exist are ...
<i>What's the original material? What's the ἀρχή?</i>			
<i>The stars are made of what material(s)?</i>			
<i>The sun is made of what material(s)?</i>			
<i>The moon is made of what material(s)?</i>			
<i>Below the sky, the land is made of what material(s)?</i>			
<i>What shape is the earth?</i>	- LEAVE BLANK -		
<i>Earth floats on what material?</i>			
<i>Souls are made of what material?</i>	- LEAVE BLANK -		

3. Fill in the blanks. (Part 2)

ANSWER:- QUESTION	According to Thales, ...	According to Anaximander, ...	According to Anaximenes, ...
<i>What are earthquakes?</i>	Yes.		
<i>What is wind?</i>	- LEAVE BLANK -		
<i>What's thunder?</i>	- LEAVE BLANK -		
<i>What's lightning?</i>	- LEAVE BLANK -		
<i>What are clouds?</i>	- LEAVE BLANK -	- LEAVE BLANK -	
<i>What are rainbows?</i>	- LEAVE BLANK -	- LEAVE BLANK -	
<i>What is rain?</i>	- LEAVE BLANK -	- LEAVE BLANK -	
<i>Which material is unlimited in quantity?</i>	- LEAVE BLANK -		
<i>Up in the sky above the land, are the stars higher than the sun & the moon?</i>			

4. On the quantity of each kind of material, Anaximander and Anaximenes disagreed about which material is unlimited (ἄπειρον).

(i) According to Anaximander, what is the only kind of material that is unlimited?

(ii) According to Anaximenes, what's the only kind of material that is unlimited?

(iii) According to Anaximander, is there an *unlimited* amount of the *original* material? Why or why not? Explain.

(iv) According to Anaximenes, is there an *unlimited* amount of the *original* material? Why or why not? Explain.

(v) Did Anaximander and Anaximenes agree that the original material (or ἀρχή) is also the only kind of material that is unlimited (ἄπειρον) in quantity? Why or why not? Explain.