

Classical Thought



1. What does the word Philosophy mean?
2. How do we know that only Christians can do philosophy correctly?
3. Philosophy aims to answer the basic questions of life. Connect these questions to the correct technical name of the discipline which aims to answer it.

How do we know what we know?	logic
How should we live our lives?	ethics
How can we reason correctly?	metaphysics
What is the nature, structure and origin of reality?	epistemology

4. Where did philosophy begin?

5. Which is which?

Idea 1: monism

Idea 2: atomism

Approach 1: empiricism

Approach 2: rationalism

= we know by experiencing.

= everything is made up of things that are different.

= everything is fundamentally one.

= we know by thinking and reflecting.

This philosophers and their ideas are jumbled up. Sort them out into correct pairs.

Thales	Everything is air.
Anaximander	The universe is a unity, uncreated, indestructible and unchangeable because there is no nothing.
Anaximenes	All reality must have an explanation that is mathematical.
Pythagoras	Everything is “the boundless” or <i>ἄπειρον</i> .
Heraclitus	You cannot step into the same river twice. All reality is like fire.
Xenophanes	Everything is god. (Pantheism.)
Parmenides	The universe is composed of atoms which are identical but differently arranged to form different objects.
Zeno	Invented puzzles to prove Parmenides was correct.
Empedocles	The universe is made up of an infinite number of infinitely small seeds.
Anaxagorus	Everything is water. All is full of “gods.”
Democritus	The universe is made up of 4 different “roots” earth, air, fire and water.