



CHAPTER XXXII

Anaximander (610 - 546 B.C)

The Infinite

Anaximander, student and successor of Thales, is the first to have speculated that outer space together with earth, the stars, the sun and its planets are an organic whole, a solid unit that alone explains the meaning of the world.

Anaximander's universe has the Earth as its center; its parts and wholes are subject to a universal Law on which everything depends. The origin of beings on earth has absolute dependence on temperature changes which ultimately constitute the rules of evolution.

Anaximander passionately believed in the existence of the soul and considered that "the nature of the soul is airy."

