

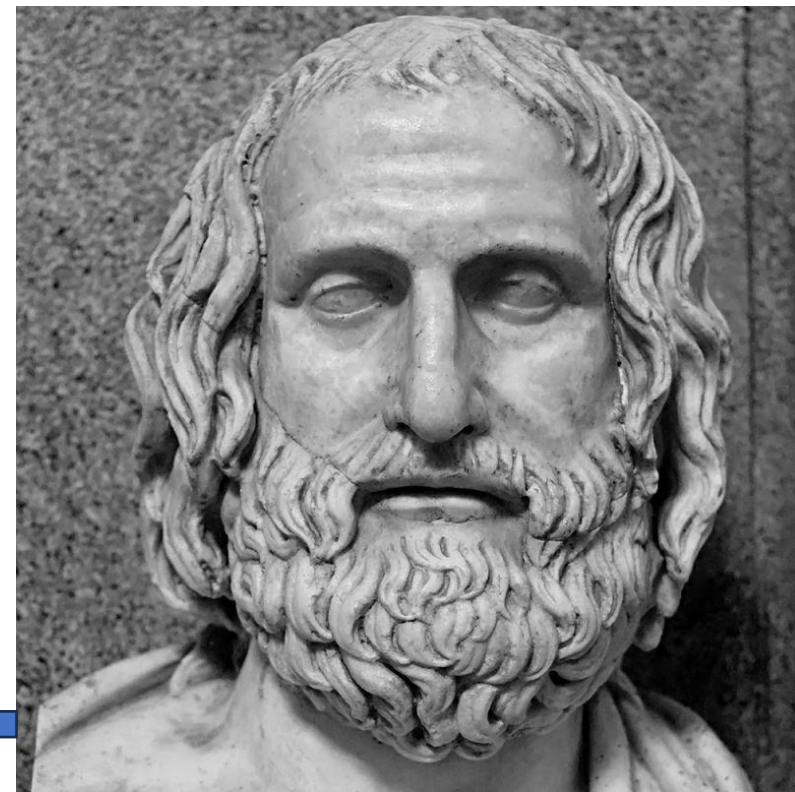
ANAXAGORAS OF CLAZOMENAE

Born about 500 BCE in Lydia (Turkey)

Died about 428 BCE in Mysia (Turkey)

Biography

- Socrates teacher
- Anaxagoras was from a noble family and in line to rule. He denounced this to dedicate himself to theoretical/philosophical life



Philosophy (major Ideas)

All things have existed in some way from the beginning, but originally they existed in infinitesimally small fragments of themselves, endless in number and inextricably combined throughout the universe. All things existed in this mass but in a confused and indistinguishable

He claimed the **First Cause of existence was Mind** and all things were constituted of indestructible “seeds” (or “stuff”; ideas?), originally a single mass, separated and arranged by Mind

proposed that the moon shines by reflected light from the "red-hot stone" which was the sun. The first such recorded claim. He also explained eclipses