PHIL 211
Ancient Philosophy
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XENOPHANES

Physics
1. The *kosmos* is eternal.
2. The principles of things are earth and water
3. The upper limit of the earth is at our feet; the rest goes down infinitely.

Theology
*Negative:*
1. people attribute immoral qualities to the gods
2. people attribute human qualities to the gods (anthropomorphism)
3. people attribute qualities of their own people to the gods
   (ethnocentrism)
*Positive:*
1. one, eternal, unchanging, non-anthropomorphic god (not like human beings in 1) body or 2) thought)
2. an unmoving mover that sets all things in motion, effortlessly, by thought
3. who sees as a whole, thinks as a whole, hears as a whole

Epistemology
1. seeming (belief) is wrought over all things;
   therefore, knowledge is not possible for human beings (or, ours is partial),

Ethics
1. to be mindful of the gods is good
2. wisdom is superior to strength