QUIZ #2

Write a two- or three-page, double-spaced essay in answer to one of the following questions:

1. Explain the development of philosophers' views on the principle of things from Thales to Anaximander to Anaximenes. What is each philosopher's understanding of the principle of things? How might Anaximander think his views are superior to Thales' views and Anaximenes think his views are superior both to Anaximander's and Thales' views? (Be sure to explain each philosopher's views in your answer.)

2. In your own words, describe and explain Xenophanes' views on religion and on knowledge and then assess the strengths and weaknesses of his views. (Be sure to give reasons for your assessment.)

3. What is the relation between logos, fire and opposites in Heraclitus? (As much as possible, give arguments for your view of the relation. In your essay, respond to the following questions: Are these separate principles? Are they related? What types of principles are they?)

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Be sure your essay has a thesis. Support your thesis and your main claims by quoting the text—including some passages we did not discuss in class. After you quote passages, usually you will want to say what the passages mean—unless their meaning is obvious—and how they support your thesis or claim.

Essays will be word-processed or typed, double-spaced, in 10- or 12-point type. They will have a title and a title page. They will be in finished form and without errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation. All quotations will be accompanied by a reference in parentheses. Long quotations will be block-indented.