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1. Like children with their dolls and horses, the greeks began by deifying
the great phenomena of Nature, and particularly those which have on human
life an influence beneficial or destructive: Earth and Fecundity, Light, Storm,
Sun, Night, Moon.

2. Material things are now no longer gods, but dwellings, representations of
the Gods. The Conception of an invisible being was formed from the human
soul. The Gods were a transcendant, idealised, enlarged humanity. The world
is their work; we exist for their pleasure. The problems of life and death, etc.,
were explained naïvely by religious tradition.