

In this chapter, we see philosophers of the ancient world grappling with questions that we still wrestle with today. In this assignment, page 128, you will be giving your opinion rather than doing a lot of research.

How would you define your answers to questions about the nature of the cosmos, social order and individual ethics in today's world? These ideals still guide our societies and shape our frame values.

A good way to organize your response is to list the questions posed in the Axial Age (page 105). Then answer them in full as to their meaning in today's world. What do you base your responses on? - your religious faith? your political ideals? some of the founding documents of our nation? or is it your culture and traditions?

What is the nature of the cosmos and the natural world? What constitutes and justifies proper social order? And what principles guide ethics, or individual decisions about right and wrong behavior.

The nature of the cosmos is how the whole universe is an interacting community of beings inseparably related in space and time. I believe that God created nature and the cosmos. God created the heavens and the Earth, the sun, the stars, the sky, the land, the sea, the plants and animals and everything else on earth. As humans we have created social hierarchies where a few have more power, wealth and control than the many. We have created a selfish way of living where God says we are all equal because we are all one in Christ Jesus and that we should love your neighbor as yourself. God gave us a text to follow to teach us how to live our life according to him. The ten commandments and the Bible give us the guidelines on how to live our life as a christian and according to God.