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Practices to Interpret Divine Messages in Ancient Greece

Difficulties in life compounded with the sense of fear of being inferior amidst the vastness of nature resulted in humans' connection with gods in primitive times. Thinking that ^{the} gods sway over everything, they had been submissive to the wishes of ^{the} gods in all aspects of life. Soothsayers used to discern what ^{the} gods wanted from weather patterns, animal behaviors, and sacrificial practices. Interpretation of dreams and palmistry were also common. Additionally, there were prophets who used to deliver messages from ^{the} gods. One oracle was correspondent to a specific area, and Appolo was one to deliver message from Zeus at the Delphi. These were the practices to foresee future amongst the ancient Greeks.

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