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Humans, when faced with mysteries of life and vast nature, are afraid of it. So they need to communicate with a supernatural and divine power who control their lives. This led to the art of giving oracles. The soothsayers decoded the signals from lightning, thunder, some specific animals and birds etc in ancient Greece. And that is how, humans would know what gods want from them. But in some cases, gods would not reveal themselves to soothsayers. Instead, they manifested themselves to their chosen prophets directly and then prophets ~~were~~ had told it to people. There were many famous soothsayers in ancient Greece but Apollo was at the top. He conveyed the messages of Zeus while Dodona worked with the assistance of Zeus.

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