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Précis

- o Title:- "COMMUNICATION WITH THE DIVINE IN ANCIENT GREECE"

The urge to communicate with the gods was created in human beings when they faced the problems of life and inferiority as compared to the infinite nature. In ancient Greece, the soothsayers started acting as intermediaries between man and the gods to decipher the whims of the latter. The interpretation of certain omens, signs, signals as well as dreams and palmistry became popular ways of foretelling the future. In most cases, the gods used to communicate directly with the chosen prophet or often prophetess in their state of ecstasy. These intermediaries then conveyed the gods' messages to their people. Apollo

was a prominent soothsayer, who used to transmit the decisions of the god Zeus to the people. However, Zeus assisted the oldest god Dodon

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