

Heraclitus and God

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It is wise to *listen* not to me but to my Word [*Logos*] and to *acknowledge* that all things are one (frag. 1).

This cosmos, which is the same for all, no one of gods or men has made; but it was ever, is now, and ever shall be an ever-living Fire, with measures kindling, and measures going out (20).

The sun will not overstep his measures; if he does, the Erinyes, the handmaids of Justice will find him out (29).

God is day and night, winter and summer, war and peace, excess and hunger; but he takes various shapes, just as fire, when it is mingled with spices, is named according to the *aroma* of each (36).

Homer was wrong in saying: "Would that strife might perish from among gods and men!" He did not see that he was praying for the destruction of the universe... (42).

War is the father of all and the king of all; and some he has made gods and some men, some *slave* and some free (43).

Good and evil are one (56).

To God all things are fair and good and right, but men hold some things wrong and some right (60).

We must know that war is common to all, and strife is justice, and that all things come into being and pass away through strife (61).

The wise is one only. It is unwilling and willing to be called by the name of Zeus (63).

The wisest person is an ape compared to God, just as the most beautiful ape is ugly compared to man (93).

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