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Heraclitus was a man of great wisdom, who was also a brilliant being and it was said that he was a man who self taught. Heraclitus claimed to be Greek but ironically he was from Ephesus, the Greek-inhabited coast of Asia Minor, that which, today, is now known as Turkey. In Heraclitus life time, his mind sought that “everything is a flux,” in understanding so, he means that everything goes through a state of change. Very little is known of this philosopher’s life, the bit that is known, was sourced from another Greek philosopher. Heraclitus was known as a philosopher of nature, one who sought all forces that were composed that of nature.

“Opposition brings concord: Out of discord comes the fairest was harmony.” This contradiction was one of Heraclitus’s great aspects on life. He means that both positive and negative realities are required so that harmony, (value or reason,) may exist. During the time of Heraclitus, written tradition had just begun and Greece had begun to inhabit as a predominant power. Justice is an example, where during his time; it did not exist as it does today. His concept is created by one subject, or object, pushing up against one another, in order for things to be harmonized, or to come to some sort of an agreement between two different aspects. Heraclitus uses “shooting an arrow with a bow” to show discourse-rhetoric as an example of his ideal between discord and cord. The arrow cannot be shot without the pulling of the bow or tightening of the strings, yet without either of the two, there is no harmony when tempting to shot the bow and arrow, in other words, the bow is useless. The two feed off another to be useful, ideally, creating harmony.

This concept of needing the two in order for there to be one rhythm of harmony features a lot in history. Justice over time has evolved. And today man is supposed to be “created equal.” Yet at a point in time man was not looked upon as equal because of the color of their skin-tone, but because justice was served people of color were seen as that, as a person. Through all the *negative* looks and disgusting fights and remarks came today, the *positives*, the law that all are created equal, no matter the sex, gender or race. Heraclitus states without discord there can be no concord; without discrimination (negative) there would be no equality with every man and woman (positive,) no justice.

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