

Heraclitus

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The content of your character is your choice. Day by day, what you choose, what you think and what you do is who you become.

~Heraclitus

There is nothing permanent except change.

~Heraclitus

Big results require big ambitions.

~Heraclitus

No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man.

~Heraclitus

Good character is not formed in a week or a month. It is created little by little, day by day. Protracted and patient effort is needed to develop good character.

~Heraclitus

Dogs bark at what they don't understand.

~Heraclitus

Change alone is unchanging.

~Heraclitus

Those who are awake all live in the same world. Those who are asleep live in their own worlds.

~Heraclitus

What is divine escapes men's notice because of their incredulity.

~Heraclitus

Those who approach life like a child playing a game, moving and pushing pieces, possess the power of kings.

~Heraclitus

Day by day, what you do is who you become.

~Heraclitus

All things flow, nothing abides. You cannot step into the same river twice, for the waters are continually flowing on. Nothing is permanent except change.

~Heraclitus

A man's character is his fate.

~Heraclitus

A hidden connection is stronger than an obvious one.

~Heraclitus

Those who love wisdom must investigate many things

~Heraclitus

Man is most nearly himself when he achieves the seriousness of a child at play.

~Heraclitus

When men dream, each has his own world. When they are awake, they have a common world.

~Heraclitus

The most beautiful ape is ugly when compared to a human. The wisest human will seem like an ape when compared to a god with respect to wisdom, beauty, and everything else.

~Heraclitus

Learning many things does not teach understanding

~Heraclitus

It is hard to contend against one's heart's desire; for whatever it wishes to have it buys at the cost of soul.

~Heraclitus

Religion is a disease, but it is a noble disease.

~Heraclitus

If you do not expect the unexpected, you will not recognize it when it arrives.

~Heraclitus

Eyes and ears are poor witnesses to people if they have uncultured souls.

~Heraclitus

It would not be better if things happened to men just as they wish.

~Heraclitus

You cannot step into the same river twice.

~Heraclitus

The best of men choose one thing in preference to all else, immortal glory in preference to mortal good; whereas the masses simply glut themselves like cattle.

~Heraclitus

War is the mother of everything.

~Heraclitus

Time is a game played beautifully by children.

~Heraclitus

To get everything you want is not a good thing. Disease makes health seem sweet. Hunger leads to the appreciation of being full-fed.

Tiredness creates the enjoyment of resting

~Heraclitus

It is better to hide ignorance, but it is hard to do this when we relax over wine.

~Heraclitus

To be evenminded is the greatest virtue. Wisdom is to speak the truth and act in keeping with its nature.

~Heraclitus

To God everything is beautiful, good, and just; humans, however, think some things are unjust and others just.

~Heraclitus

The sun is new each day.

~Heraclitus

If you do not hope, you will not win that which is not hoped for, since it is unattainable and inaccessible.

~Heraclitus

Presumption must be quenched even more than a fire.

~Heraclitus

What are men? Mortal gods. What are gods? Immortal men.

~Heraclitus

Abundance of knowledge does not teach men to be wise.

~Heraclitus

The unlike is joined together, and from differences results the most beautiful harmony.

~Heraclitus

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

~Heraclitus

Nothing is, everything is becoming.

~Heraclitus

There is nothing permanent except change. [Therefore enjoy what good you have while you have it and endure and outlast what bad you can't cure immediately]

~Heraclitus

Eyes are more accurate witnesses than ears.

~Heraclitus

Even a soul submerged in sleep is hard at work and helps make something of the world.

~Heraclitus

The world is nothing but a great desire to live and a great dissatisfaction with living.

~Heraclitus

Everything flows, nothing stays still.

~Heraclitus

No same man could walk through the same river twice, as the man and the river have since changed.

~Heraclitus

Because it is so unbelievable, the Truth often escapes being known.

~Heraclitus

Couples are wholes and not wholes, what agrees disagrees, the

concordant is discordant. From all things one and from one all things.

~Heraclitus

The Cosmos was not made by gods but always was and is eternal fire.

~Heraclitus

It is difficult to fight against anger; for a man will buy revenge with his soul.

~Heraclitus

Our envy always lasts longer than the happiness of those we envy.

~Heraclitus

Opposition brings concord. Out of discord comes the fairest harmony.

~Heraclitus

History is a child building a sand-castle by the sea, and that child is the whole majesty of man's power in the world.

~Heraclitus

Under the comb, the tangle and the straight path are the same.

~Heraclitus

It is in changing that things find purpose.

~Heraclitus

What sense or thought do they have? They follow the popular singers, and they take the crowd as their teacher.

~Heraclitus

No one that encounters prosperity does not also encounter danger.

~Heraclitus

You won't discover the limits of the soul, however far you go.

~Heraclitus

Immortal mortals, mortal immortals, one living the others death and dying the others life.

~Heraclitus

Knowledge is not intelligence.

~Heraclitus

Stupidity is better kept a secret than displayed.

~Heraclitus

Justice will overtake fabricators of lies and false witnesses.

~Heraclitus

From out of all the many particulars comes oneness, and out of oneness come all the many particulars.

~Heraclitus

The nature of things is in the habit of concealing itself.

~Heraclitus

If we do not expect the unexpected, we will never find it.

~Heraclitus

Those who hear and do not understand are like the deaf. Of them the proverb says: "Present, they are absent."

~Heraclitus

Applicants for wisdom do what I have done: inquire within

~Heraclitus

Not I but the world says it: All is one.

~Heraclitus

To do the same thing over and over again is not only boredom: it is to be controlled by rather than to control what you do.

~Heraclitus

It is harder to fight pleasure than to fight emotion.

~Heraclitus

The best people renounce all for one goal, the eternal fame of mortals; but most people stuff themselves like cattle.

~Heraclitus

Wisdom is the oneness of mind that guides and permeated all things.

~Heraclitus

You may travel far and wide but never will you find the boundaries of the soul.

~Heraclitus

The unexpected connection is more powerful than one that is obvious.

~Heraclitus

Men who wish to know about the world must learn about it in its particular details.

~Heraclitus

Nothing endures but change. There is nothing permanent except change. All is flux, nothing stays still.

~Heraclitus

The way up and the way down are one and the same.

~Heraclitus

Wisdom consists in speaking and acting the truth.

~Heraclitus

How can you hide from what never goes away?

~Heraclitus

It is by disease that health is pleasant; by evil that good is pleasant; by hunger, satiety; by weariness, rest.

~Heraclitus

The Lord whose oracle is at Delphi neither reveals nor conceals, but gives a sign

~Heraclitus

Hide our ignorance as we will, an evening of wine soon reveals it.

~Heraclitus

Lifetime is a child at play, moving pieces in a game. Kingship belongs to the child.

~Heraclitus

Knowledge of divine things for the most part is lost to us by incredulity.

~Heraclitus

Things of which there is sight, hearing, apprehension, these I prefer.

~Heraclitus

The world, an entity out of everything, was created by none of the gods or men, but was, is and will be eternally living fire, regularly becoming ignited and regularly becoming extinguished.

~Heraclitus

The majority of people have no understanding of the things with which they daily meet, nor, when instructed, do they have any right knowledge of them, although to themselves they seem to have.

~Heraclitus

Knowing many things doesn't teach insight.

~Heraclitus

The only thing that is constant is change.

~Heraclitus

The universal cosmic process was not created by any god or man.

~Heraclitus

All things come into being by conflict of opposites.

~Heraclitus

If it were not for injustice, men would not know justice.

~Heraclitus

Greater dooms win greater destinies.

~Heraclitus

Men who are lovers of wisdom [i.e., philosophers] must be inquirers into many things.

~Heraclitus

Everything flows and nothing abides. Everything gives way and nothing stays fixed.

~Heraclitus

Things keep their secrets.

~Heraclitus

Eternity is a child playing, playing checkers; the kingdom belongs to a child.

~Heraclitus

You cannot step twice into the same river.

~Heraclitus

Where there is no strife there is decay: 'The mixture which is not shaken decomposes.'

~Heraclitus

There is nothing permanent in the world except change.

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