

CHAPTER II.

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The "Source and Destiny of Existence." or the "Source and Destiny of the Universe" as conceived by Anaximenes is the unlimited, all-embracing, ever-moving "Air." Its fluidity, readiness, wide extension and Absolute Neutrality of Character, as regards color, taste, smell, form, etc., were obvious suggestions. Being, convinced to this hypothesis, because the "Air" (from which by rarification and condensation everything else is formed), surrounds the whole "Universe." And "Breath," which to him implied an "Identity" with the Life, was nothing but "Air," and the identification of Air with Life supplied just that principle of productiveness and Movement which was felt to be necessary in the Primal Element of Being. The fact of Being Heraclitus formulated into the famous dictum, "All things Pass." In the Eternal flow of Being consisted its reality, even as in a living body; wherein, while there is life, there is no stability, or fixedness, these are the attributes of the unreal image of life, not of life itself; "being or reality consists in never being," but always in becoming, not in stability, but in change. This eternal movement is an eternal strife of opposites whose differences consummate themselves in finest harmony. Thus, "Oneness" emerges out of Multiplicity, Multiplicity out of "Oneness," and the harmony of the Universe is of contraries. "War" is the father and king of all