

## CHAPTER XXXIX



## Empedocles (495 - 435 B.C)

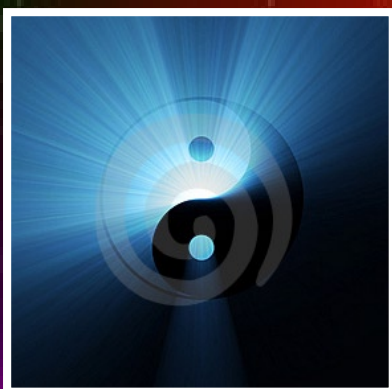
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One of the most useful theories of Empedocles regarding Immobility and Mobility is that Being, that is, the entire Universe, when seen as a totality, is Immobile, while, on the contrary, when seen in terms of its parts, they are all mobile!

From the standpoint of the Unity and Wholeness of the cosmos, Empedocles held that we can think of it only as Immobile and Imperishable. The structural elements of the cosmos are Soil, water, Fire and Air, while all the beings of nature are formed by these four elements.

Empedocles holds that nothing comes from nothing, and nothing leads to nothing. Every change in nature is explained by the motion of molecules, that is, the atoms of matter, which in their structural basis are immutable. These transformations are not limited only to the domain of the creation of the planet Earth, but also in the entire Universe.

The view of the great philosopher constitutes a cruel and violent disruption to those who today try to highlight with an unrepeatable Big Bang that at some time the Universe began from a zero space and zero matter and zero time.



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