

**Unit 8 - Classwork 2: Parmenides the Pythagorean**

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In order to answer the following question, read pages 17—25 in Unit 8.

1. Parmenides had certain opinions about the soul.
  - (i) According to Parmenides, is the soul material or immaterial? Explain your answer.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - (ii) According to Parmenides, what's the difference between the the soul (ψυχή) and the mind (νοῦς)?
  
2. Ameinias taught Pythagoreanism to Parmenides.
  - (i) According to the Pythagoreans what is the ἀρχή?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - (ii) Heraclitus promoted the unity of opposites theory. Yet according to Parmenides, the unity of opposites is also part of Pythagoreanism. Why did he think so? (Hint: It has to do with how Pythagoreans understood what the ἀρχή is.)

3. How did Parmenides conclude that only one thing exists?
4. In epistemology, the two main theories of knowledge are rationalism and empiricism.
  - (i) What is *rationalism*? (If you don't remember, you can look it up.)
  - (ii) What is *empiricism*? (If you don't remember, you can look it up.)
  - (iii) Was Parmenides a rationalist or an empiricist?
  - (iv) *Explain* your answer to the previous subquestion.
  - (v) Did Parmenides and Heraclitus agree on epistemology? Why or why not? Explain.