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Error of Protagoras was in attributing the measure of things to individual as not-plural rather than to individual as individual.

Knowledge (says Grote) is a bi-polar, bi-lateral phaenomenon.

The reason of a thing is that which explains it, that which accords being and thought. [...]

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