

# Upshot Example 1: Generation & Destruction

- P1. If Obama was born (came into existence), then there was a time when Obama did not exist.
- P2. If there was a time when Obama did not exist, then it must be possible to think and say that Obama did not exist.
- P3. It is impossible to think and say that Obama did not exist (for it is impossible to think and say that anything does not exist).
- C. Obama was never born.

# Example 2: Alteration

- P1. If Socrates sickens, then he has changed from being healthy to being sick.
- P2. If Socrates changes from being healthy to being sick, then his health goes out of existence and his sickness comes into existence.
- P3. The changes described in 2 involve generation & destruction, which are both impossible (for it is impossible to think and say that anything does not exist).
- P4. Therefore, Socrates cannot sicken.