

Parmenides' World

Change	Description	Example	
Generation & Destruction	Coming into or out of existence	Birth of a dog, death of a cat, etc.	Illusion
Motion	Change in location	Walking to the store	Illusion
Alteration	Change in qualities	Water warming in a kettle	Illusion
Plurality	Being divisible into parts	A desk chopped into bits	Illusion
Empty Space	The unoccupied space between two	Space between two tables	Illusion

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.