

# 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

# Main Strategy

1. Parmenides argues that nothing can (i) be created or destroyed, (ii) alter, grow, or, move, (iii) be divided into parts or from any other being, (iv) be incomplete, i.e., lacking in some size.
2. He argues that since i-iv are true, the only thing that exists is something that lacks these traits, i.e., he argues for monism, the claim that only one thing exists.
3. His argument for 1 relies on the claim that each predicate mentioned in (i)-(iv) would entail the existence of non-being, i.e., a location that the sphere is not, a time when the baby is not.
4. His argument against non-being relies on some relationship between thought/language and its referents.