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- It is clear that without temporal differences, there can be no change. For change involves the world being different from one time to another. For those differences to occur, you'd need things coming into or going out of existence.

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- Parmenides' follower **Melissus** (fl. 441) wrote that something confirming this.
- If something were to change, what was previously the case would have to cease to be the case, and what previously was not the case would come to be the case.

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- For instance, suppose my Bentley changes color, e.g., it becomes Gator purple. Its being purple *comes* into existence. But a thing's "coming into existence" has been ruled out before.

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- There is no movement.

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- Melissus's version:
- Movement can occur only if the moving thing has an empty space to move into, and that *the empty* is the same thing as *nothing*, or *not-being*. But not-being can't **be**. So there can't be any movement.

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- Parmenides' view:
- Movement is just a kind of change of location.
- Change cannot occur unless temporal differences are real. But Parmenides has rejected temporal differences so there can't be movement.

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- Let's say you move from San Jose to Hollywood. That means that you are in San Jose at one time and in Hollywood at another time.
- But that's impossible! There's no difference between the way the world is at time-1 and time-2.