

Plato's Timaeus vs. On Nature, Book 14

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If so, atoms are constantly moving, and in that sense, void is constantly relocating

I would not think that the void can relocate. Void can in no way be altered. In fact, that malleability is what makes Plato's receptacle so different from the void:

"This all takes place at once, like the rotation of a wheel, because there is no such thing as a void." (79c)

"There is no void, these things push themselves around into each other, all things move by exchanging places." (80c)

Plato is very clear that the "**(3) The receptacle, or what everything comes to be in**" is not void, because void does not exist.

"There is no void into which anything that is moving could enter" (79b)