

Episode Ten - The Void And Its Nature

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I really enjoyed the discussion of the Zeno paradoxes in this episode and the extra context that the discussion of the ideas of Parmenides gave to the listener. The information about the ancient Greeks and calculus was brilliant. Also as a walker I love the phrase 'solvitur ambulando' (it is solved by walking) and I remembered I had read that it had been used to counter the paradox - 'Diogenes the Cynic is said to have replied to Zeno's paradoxes on the unreality of motion by standing up and walking away' (from wiki entry on Solvitur ambulando). I like the idea that Diogenes just walked off in response.

I also appreciated the advice in the podcast for people who might be faced with logical paradoxes in the future, especially for the people who might not be able to marshal up enough logic of their own to counter them - it was like you guys were talking directly to me! I feel I am being prepared for a dangerous philosophical world out there, full of potential traps and false detours.