

Episode Nineteen - All Things Are Not Made of Tiny Pieces of The Same Thing, Or Of All Things (Anaxagorus' Homoeomery)

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The discussion on causes of fires in forests was interesting. It reminded me of the local largely, beech forest where I often go walking. During the coronavirus lockdowns when I was hiking there a lot, there is one place where when we went off on a little-used path we started to hear these strange eerie calls as we climbed up out of the valley that gave me goosebumps. At first I thought it might be wild pigs as we discovered this amazing system of wallows just 20m above the main path that I had never known was there, but in the end we realised it was the sound of branches high up in the trees rubbing together in the wind, which down on the forest floor was a lot less noticeable. I have heard the noise again in that part of the forest and have never heard it anywhere else, so it seems to be a relatively rare phenomenon at least round my way, but I think that in the right circumstances e.g. drought and high winds, that the friction that produced those sounds could lead to a fire.