

The "One and the Many" Question - Do You Fancy You Have Found Treasure of Wisdom In This? Do You Puzzle Your Friends And Even Your Dog About It? What In the World Is Socrates Talking About?

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I would like to be wrong on this, but it is my impression that most beginner philosophy student is run through this mill and forced to take a position on it one way or the other, or else be left to nihilism.

I think in the end it's like with propositional logic - we have to train people to be alert to the issues, and to the limitations of the standard approach, and they never really can come to grip with what is being discussed if we don't do that.

Not everyone will want to fight that battle, but it is probably where the Epicureans were ultimately defeated - when they stopped fighting it and gave in on the issue to the group that Torquatus says he agreed with.