

Must All Things That Have A Beginning Have An End?

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Letter to Herodotus: "Furthermore, the atoms, which have no void in them--out of which composite bodies arise and *into which they are dissolved*--vary indefinitely in their shapes ..."

For every quality changes, but the atoms do not change, since, *when the composite bodies are dissolved*, there must needs be a permanent something, solid and indissoluble, left behind, which makes change possible...

For all these, whether small or great, have been separated off from special conglomerations of atoms ; and *all things are again dissolved*, some faster, some slower, some through the action of one set of causes, others through the action of another. [It is clear, then, that he also makes the worlds perishable, as their parts are subject to change. Elsewhere he says the earth is supported on the air.]