

CHAPTER XXXVI



Zeno (490 - 430 B.C)

The Immobile

Zeno firmly believed that if we could make a series of philosophical reflections about the universe, we would reach the conclusion that, in the end, the totality of the cosmos, taken as a whole, does not have substance, does not have motion, and is absolutely Immobile.

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If space belongs to the "Being of the world", then in what part of the world is it? If the entire universe is in space, then space would have to be in another space, and that space in still another space." Since this is impossible, then, simply, space does not exist.

Zeno abolishes the virtual properties that people attribute to space, time and motion, and his views today preoccupy many serious researchers, theoretical physicists and mathematicians in the international scientific community.



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