Chapter 9 - Assignment 1 (*i.e.* Chapter 8 - Assignment 4): Melissus of Samos

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In order to answer the following questions, read pages 54—63 in Chapter 8, and then read pages 2—9 in Chapter 9.

1. According to Melissus, if *something* exists, then what are the two main facts about its existence across time? (Note: He agreed with his teacher Parmenides.)

2. According to Melissus, why is it impossible for anything at all to move from one place to another? (Hint: He drew that conclusion from which two premises?)

3. According to Melissus, if everything that exists is *unlimited*, then why does only *one* thing exist?

4. According to Melissus, everything that exists is *unlimited*, because nothing has a beginning or an ending, and beginnings and endings are limits. Hence according to him, how many things exist? Explain. (Hint: Think of the *modus ponens* syllogism.)

5. Parmenides of Elea and his students Zeno of Elea and Melissus of Samos were the Eleatic School of philosophy. What were the two main tenets (or beliefs) that each one of the three Eleatic philosophers espoused?