

Simple Persistence

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Abstract

In this paper, I discuss how theories of persistence are affected by the possibility of persisting mereological simples. Specifically, they entail the falsity of perdurantism, unless the perdurantist adopts other costly metaphysical theses. In §1, I define some terms and then argue that, necessarily, mereological simples lack temporal parts. I then consider popular answers to the Simple Question. Only MaxCon allows for simples to have temporal parts. In §2, I offer some implications of this. In §3, I discuss conclusions.