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Separation of the Theory of 'Indivisible Particle' and 'Atomism' form the Perspective of Refutation

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Abstract

At the surface, atomism, which is commonly widespread nowadays, is similar to the theory of indivisible particles and the proof of prime matter depends on denial of the indivisible particle. The present paper provides answers to the following questions: Did the proof for disproving the particles refute atomism? Did the philosophers directly initiate disapproving atomism? In either case, is belief in prime matter compatible with atomism? The answer is that refutations of the indivisible particles constitute an independent element and they neither affirm nor deny atomism. So the philosophers were wrong in refuting

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Democritus' theory as affirming the prime matter is not related to refuting atomism.

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