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## **Argument of Gorgias.**

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If not-being is not-being, not-being is not less than being, since not-being is not-being and being is being, for which reason, things no more exist than they do not exist.

If, however, not-being exist, being will not exist, for it is the contrary of not-being. If not-being exist, it cannot be but that being does not exist; so that thus also nothing would exist, unless being and not-being be the same. And if really these be the same, thus also nothing will exist, for not-being does not exist, and so does not also being, since it is held to be the same as not-being.

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