

‘Elemental Changes in Empedocles’

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This paper shows how recognizing that the Empedoclean roots – fire, water, earth, and air – are subject to forms of generation and destruction consistent with his rejection of generation from and destruction into nothing makes for improved understanding of the difficult verses at *Physika* 1.234-6 (31B17.3-5 D-K), the block of text in which they occur, and Empedocles' element theory more generally.