

## Matter in Z3

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## Overview

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## On Denuding

“ If matter is not a substance, it is hard to see what else could be; for when all else is taken away, nothing appears to remain. “

(1029a10–12)

## “Τόδε τι”

“ I call matter that which is in its own right neither said to be such (τι), nor so many (ποσόν), nor anything else by which a thing may be determined. For there is something of which each of these is said, and which itself has a being different from that of each of the categories—for while others are said of substance, the latter is said of matter—and so the last thing will in its own right be neither such, nor so many, nor anything else at all. “

(1029a20–3)

## “Τόδε τι”

Τόδε τι

This such - a substance

τόδε τοιόνδε

This in a certain shape - an artefact

τόδε + τι + τοιόνδε

A substance in a certain shape

## “Τόδε τι”

τόδε **τι**

what something is

This such - a substance

τόδε **τοιόνδε**

how something

looks and feels

This in a certain shape - an artefact

**“Τόδε τι”**

τόδε + ~~τι~~ + τοιόνδε

this + ~~man~~ + snubnosed

**The *Timaeus***

“ Rather, the safest course by far is to propose that we speak about these things in the following way: what we invariably observe becoming different at different times, such as fire, we should in any case not call this (τοῦτο) but in each case [we should call] that which is such (τὸ τοιοῦτον) fire, nor should we call this but always [call] what is such water. ... ”

**The *Timaeus***

“ ... But that in which they each appear to keep coming to be and from which they subsequently perish, that is the only thing to refer to by means of the expressions “that” and “this.” A thing that is some “such” or other, however, hot or white, say, or any one of the opposites, and all things constituted by these, should be not called any of these [i.e. “this” and “that”].”

(49D-E)

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“what is such”:

x such that Fx

“fire is hot”:

For all x: if x is F, then x is H

**The *Timaeus***

“ For those who adopt this point of view, matter turns out to be substance. But this is impossible, since substances seem to be most of all separate and a τόδε τι, and for this reason the form and the compound would seem to be substance more than matter is. ”

(1029a26–30)

### **Separability**

Matter, in this sense, is not separable:  
“τόδε” does not refer in isolation

Matter is potentially a substance:  
“τόδε” potentially refers to a substance  
when combined with a “τι.”

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