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The ship wherein Theseus and the youth of Athens returned had thirty oars, and was preserved by the Athenians down even to the time of Demetrius Phalereus, for they took away the old planks as they decayed, putting in new and stronger timber in their place, insomuch that this ship became a standing example among the philosophers, for the logical question of things that grow; one side holding that the ship remained the same, and the other contending that it was not the same.— Plutarch

Some questions to consider:

Is it the same ship after the pieces have been replaced?

Is there a point at which it changes?

Are you a different person after new teeth replace your "baby teeth"?

Is it a new car when we change the oil?

We would love to have your thoughts on the ship of Theseus, whether these questions or other ones. Send us your responses by email at QuestionsJournal@gmail.com