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NEVER THE SAME

My favorite Maxim of Justice is, “A thing similar is never exactly the same.”

It can be written many ways.

Two things that are alike cannot be identical, because “alike” is not “identical”.

When this simple truth (about which no reasonable persons can disagree) is embedded in the minds and hearts of *all* people, we’ll have fewer wars and other destructive disagreements.

It is part of knowing Truth.

Many arguments arise when it is ignored.

“You *never* wash the dishes,” is only true if the victim of this attack had in truth *never* washed the dishes. Things aren’t what we wish them to be unless the *are* what we wish. Truth is the only way out of the mess we humans make by demanding things *be* what we want, instead of what they actually *are*.

Twisting truth *always* brings bad results ... both for the twister as well as the victims who are abused by lies and half-truths and innuendos, inferences, guesses, and blind accusations.

Things that are similar, like apples and oranges that are both rather “round”, are never *exactly* the same ... but people persist in ignorance to promote dischord and even violence when they ignore this Maxim. Apples and oranges are both fruit. They are both edible if ripe. But no amount of conjuring or convincing will ever make them “the same”.

Too obvious? Sure, when one thinks of apples and oranges, but it doesn’t take a lot of searching to uncover things that pop up in our lives to disrupt Peace when claims are made that this or that are one and the same, when they are clearly not identical.

Consider an automobile accident resulting in death. Green car operator was exceedingly drunk when his vehicle crossed the median to collide with a red car filled with frolicking teenagers. Red car driver was under age, had no license, was also drunk, and now is dead. Both drivers at fault? Some people would say so. Both were negligent. Only one was guilty.

Water and gasoline are both liquids. Similar in one respect only. Not the same.

Peanuts and grasshoppers are both about the same size. Similar. Not identical.

Reality and what we want reality to be are sometimes similar. Never the same.

Most male and female humans have two legs and in that regard are similar.

Caring for a neighbor and caring for a neighbor are similar to some degree, but one is not the other, because they are merely similar. One is a feeling. The other is an action. Both care.

Harboring a fugitive and helping an innocent person escape persecution are similar in some ways. One is punishable at law. The other is not.

The application of this Maxim is most important when the two things under consideration are extremely similar. Indeed, that phrase itself is challenging. Two extremely similar things are nonetheless *never the same*.

Peace prospers in Truth.

Trouble arises in shadows ... always from the dark side ... never from the Light.

To teach our children this Maxim requires nothing more than an apple, a peach, a banana, and a tennis ball.

The four items are set on a shelf, perhaps by some animated forest creature who can make the children smile and, perhaps, more readily trust what's being presented for their young minds to contemplate.

Three fruits. Two fruits nearly the same shape. One not.

Four items.

The minds of children eager to know what we much older people took too long to learn.

Please know that their future depends on what YOU do, whether you promote education that illuminates their minds with ancient truths or allow them to remain in the darkness of this present modern age so-called where Truth is bargained for by fools.

Your help is needed.

Your help is greatly needed.

Respectfully yours,

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