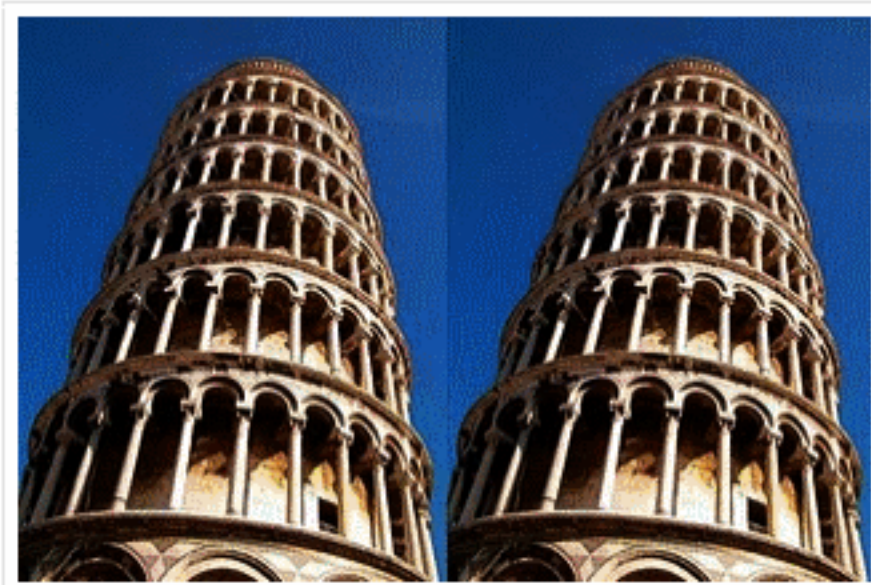


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*Things that interest, amuse, scandalise or shock me*

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## Do not adjust your set



These two images of the leaning tower of Pisa are identical, however when we look at them, it seems as if the one on the right is leaning further to the right. According to a recent book, *"Sleights of Mind: What the Neuroscience of Magic Reveals About Our Everyday Deceptions"* by Stephen L. Macknik and Susana Martinez-Conde,

this is down to our brains logic – which seems, at least to me, to be a bit off.

Under normal circumstances, when neighbouring towers rise towards the heavens - think the Petronas Towers in KL - their outlines converge as they disappear from sight. This, it seems, is *"one of the iron clad laws of perspective"*. In the above picture, our brain views the two pictures as a single image, and because the towers do not converge, then the brain assumes that the two towers therefore must be diverging. So you see divergent towers.



It does not matter how hard you try to make them look parallel, you can't – I know, I've tried. The brain is a wonderful thing, is it not!



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