

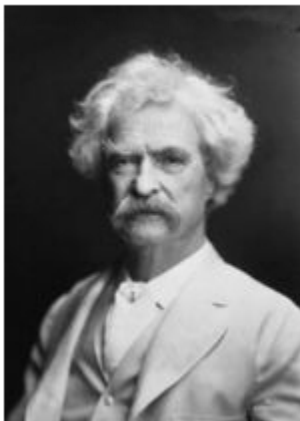
Tactics In Combatting Word-Game Trickery

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In philosophical discussion we frequently confront word games, especially in arguments that deal in Stoic/Platonic dialectical trickery. Some people love to make contentions that appear sound when read in a limited context, but are ridiculous when considered in full context of human life.

Here is a phrase that captures this rule: "We must reject literal interpretations that are literally absurd."

It would be useful to collect other "sayings" or quotes for the same proposition. Below is one



"The difference between the *almost right* word and the *right* word is really a large matter. 'tis the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning."

— Mark Twain, *The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain*

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