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visual illusion of the year 2007

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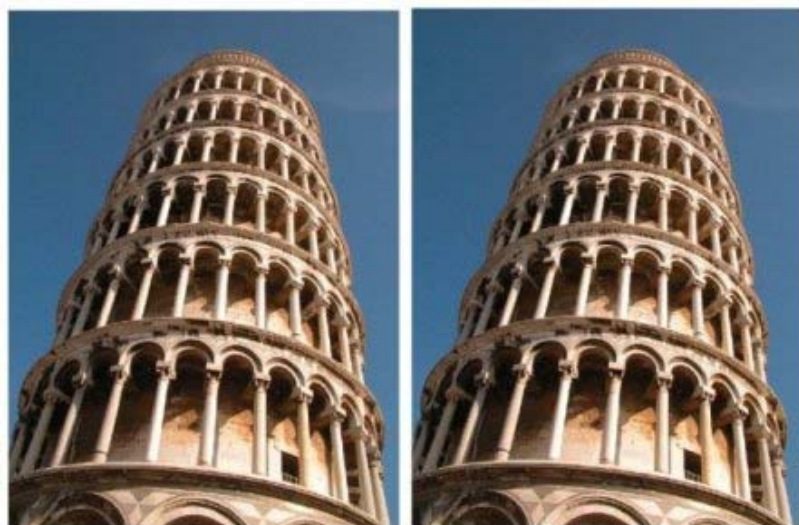
it's the result we've all been waiting for....

honestly, why does this competition exist?

'1st , 2nd, and 3rd prize awardees will be chosen by election from the attendees of the Gala Contest Ceremony each year, rather than by a small committee. The Best Visual Illusion of the Year Contest is furthermore an optimal venue to bring visual science to public awareness and to highlight important visual science contributions to the media. '

ahh, that's why.

here's this years winner.



the illusion?

both photos are identical, the tower on the right doesn't lean more than the one on the left.



'The reason for this is because the visual system treats the two images as if part of a single scene. Normally, if two adjacent towers rise at the same angle, their image outlines converge as they recede from view due to perspective, and this is taken into account by the visual system. So when confronted with two towers whose corresponding outlines are parallel, the visual system assumes they must be diverging as they rise from view, and this is what we see.'

so there.

you can see all the finalists [here](#).

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