

A Straight Line

In geometry, a straight line is the shortest distance between two points.

The slightest departure from that straightness indicates curvature of that line, i.e., it is no longer straight.

While that departure leading to the curvature may well be so slight as to be undiscernible, in fact undetectable, to measurement by our senses or our mathematics, it is not impossible to our conjecture, and so we must by logic conclude that we cannot ever know if there is such a thing as a perfectly straight line.

So what?



What earthly practicality is to be derived from this fact?

None that I can conceive in the applications within our immediate world, except this:

Nothing in this universe can be viewed as being absolute!

This concept, in other fields of science, mathematics and the humanities, gives --- or should give --- us reasonable pause in our conjectures therein.