

# I. Lorenz: If you square a lot ...

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*If you square a lot, you should sometimes also take a root.*

(From "Aphorisms and Quotations" by the author)

The analysis:

This aphorism contains a deeper meaning that can be metaphorically related to life and human experience.

In a mathematical context, "squaring" is multiplying a number by itself, so for example  $2 * 2 = 4$ . A "taking a root" is the exact opposite: it takes the square root of a number to get the original number. In this case, the square root of 4 would be 2.

Applied to life, this aphorism can mean that someone who always thinks or acts one way (by repeatedly squaring) should occasionally consider alternative perspectives or solutions (by taking a square root).

Here are some possible interpretations:

1. **Diversity of approaches:** The aphorism can point to the importance of not always thinking or acting in one way. It is good to explore different approaches and perspectives in order to develop a more comprehensive understanding of a situation or problem.
2. **Balance between extremes:** Squaring can be a way of intensifying or reinforcing, while rooting can be a way of reducing or defusing. It is important to find a balance between extremes rather than constantly getting caught up in one way of thinking.
3. **Rethinking decisions:** The aphorism can also mean that someone who keeps sticking to his decisions and is not willing to rethink them might

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have difficulties. Sometimes it is advisable to re-evaluate a decision and adjust it if necessary.

4. **Wisdom through experience:** The metaphor could also suggest that experience and learning from mistakes are crucial. By having different experiences (squaring) and learning from them (taking a root), one can improve one's wisdom and judgement.

In general, this aphorism encourages one to remain flexible and open, to use different approaches and learn from experience to develop a richer perspective on life. By not becoming attached to a single way of thinking or solution, one can develop personally and spiritually.

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