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Do you see any difference? Is there a difference?

- a) yes
- b) no



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- Resistance to new ideas comes about because, invariably, new problems arise from them (ellipses, perturbations of Uranus)