

What is a book?

Fungibility of Books and Their Composite Words

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Abstract

Books capture the essence of knowledge distilled into a verbal consolidation. In this sense the physical medium that constitutes the books proper is not what compels attention. What truly continues to rapture our imagination is the stability of the written word. Written documents have proven that communication can be stored, transmitted, reproduced and expressed in a variety of ways. All wealth of actions that the written word commands can be done all without every modifying the original communication. This is the essence of the word and the books that house them. This can only be done by accepting certain fungible facets of words, books and knowledge. A word is a word and knowledge can be built incrementally without regard to any purported **sine qua non** that may lurk in the shadows. In this document, I make the case for the fungibility of the written word.

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