I do not know the meaning of justice. No words come to mind when describing it. Justice is supposed to bring right to a wrong situation, but does it not just bring more wrong? Killing someone for killing others seems like a contradiction to me. On the other hand, should someone who has so much evil in their heart be allowed to associate with others? People say justice is exactly like fairness, but I have been told since I was a child “life is not fair.” I believe humans replace revenge with the word justice because it does not sound as bad. I do not think justice actually exists, or at least, for humans to use. Justice is the act of receiving fairness, and revenge is the act of receiving fairness out of hatred. Is hatred not the reason people seek “justice”? Hatred of the person against what they did? I think God never intended for humans to use justice because the incentive behind it is never pure. However, it is human nature to seek revenge if someone has been wronged. I also think there is no expiration date to how long a person can keep hatred towards another even though we are called by God to love and forgive. Most people would agree when I say the perpetrators never fully get what they deserve.
The victims of Erna Wallisch would know all about justice never capturing the killer. Wallisch, originally Pfannstiel, was born on February 10, 1922, in eastern Germany. At the age of nineteen, she joined the NSDAP and underwent training to become a female Nazi prison guard. The notorious guard started at the Ravensbruck concentration camp and was transferred to the Majdanek concentration camp one year later. Erna met Georg Wallisch at Majdanek and married him in 1944. She was a vicious guard, beating women and children on the way to the gas chambers. Wallisch was especially involved in choosing the prisoners to be sent to the gassing rooms. Survivors recall a pregnant guard beating a boy to death with a wooden stick. In a letter sent to Austrian Justice Minister, Dr. Maria Berger, by Israel’s chief Nazi hunter, Dr. Efraim Zuroff, Zuroff declared, “People like Erna Wallisch do not deserve sympathy. The fact that they have not previously been convicted is a travesty of justice which can now be corrected” (“Wiesenthal”). While many people believe this, nothing was ever charged against Wallisch. She was tried in 1965 and in 1970, but both were dismissed because the prosecutor was unwilling to pursue. In 2005, she was tried once again, but no charges were made for lack of evidence. The Wiesenthal Center put her on the list for most wanted war criminal after the last trial. Wallisch caused unbearable pain in so many lives, and she never had to deal with the consequences. On February 16, 2008, Wallisch dies in a hospital bed along with all hopes of revenge. She died
with all of the pain she caused, the crushing weight on her chest. Wallisch was not alone in this sport, though. Dozens of others killed many more, and none of them will ever receive what they dished out.

Injustice is as much of an issue today as it was forty, even 2,000 years ago. One night in April 2014, Jennifer Buckles was driving down a two-lane road on the way to her house in Deer Creek, Oklahoma. She was by herself, when out of nowhere, another car driving the opposite direction collided with her. The other car has been swerving all over the road with its headlights off and crossed over into the wrong lane. The ambulance came and took both people to the hospital. Jennifer had several fractured ribs and enough damage in both feet to require surgery. The man driving the other car has walked away just fine. He was an uninsured driver on drugs, and he got away with no jail time, while Jennifer had to pay her own medical and car repair bills. She was in a boot on each foot for months, and the impact of the collision has caused severe, permanent pain in her back and neck. Jennifer is my aunt, and I want more than anything for this man to be put where he cannot hurt anyone else. He deserves all the things he should have gotten: sued, jail time, and rehab. I find it very difficult to not want revenge. In the end, I know the pursuit of revenge will not change what has happened in the past, and it will not make the world a better place.
Overall, I believe that justice and revenge are the same because both are always out of hate. Yes, people do suffer the consequences of their crimes, but I do not think they should be killed. People who commit crimes need to live alone with what they did. Then again, life is rarely ever fair, and justice will hardly ever be served in today’s world. All we can do is bring light to the wrongness of the crime committed.
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