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would say it means to make it become even but actually what it means, doubtless, is to make it appear even, to make it so that when you look at it you see an even line, although in that case the two are so close together that you couldn't draw a conclusion from it that it meant what justify does in common parlance yet you can see how it would develop out of that.

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It is perfectly right to speak of Christ or of God as being justified. If Franklin D. Roosevelt were living today I am sure he would be extremely anxious to justify to the American people what he did at Yalta when he gave half the world over to Stalin. I don't think that would mean that he would be trying to make it right. He might be trying to do that, of course. I've been told that Stimson said that in the latter months of his life he saw that it had all been wrong and was very angry at the Russians for fact/^{that} after he gave them half the world they didn't make it all democratic and treat everybody with the noble principles that he thought they ought to but whether that is true or not, he would be anxious to make it evident to us that what he did was right. He would be anxious to convince us. In other words, to justify himself. And so it is entirely proper for one who is said to be a malefactor, a sinner, one who deserves death for his rebellion for him to say "He is near that justifies me. I do not fear the adversary. I do not fear them because I have the power of God who will raise me from the dead as justification of me for that which I have done, that I have been right, that I am truly the Son of God and have been evidence of justification of those who believe on His name. (Student) Justification--yes, as we commonly use it, I think it is vindication. We seek to justify ourselves, meaning we seek to vindicate our reputation, or our claims to be right but of course as it is used in Christian usage, it is not vindicating one but it is giving them the righteousness of Christ so that "justify" hardly fits with "vindication" in that sense, though in this particular case it would fit vindication very excellently. He says, "Who is mine