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What does transformation mean?

A transformation is a change in state, form or appearance. Transformations can be physical, emotional, psychological or even spiritual, and can only occur after a period of metamorphism.

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Which characters showed transformations in the play?
Prospero

Throughout the play, Prospero goes through a period of metamorphosis. At first, he has his eyes set on killing his enemies: "Let them be hunted soundly. At this hour lies at my mercy all mine enemies" (4.1.256-257). However, as the plot progresses, Prospero begins to realize that his plan for vengeance will profit him nothing, so he chooses to forgive his adversaries: "For you, most wicked sir, whom to call brother would infect my mouth, I do forgive" (5.1.130.131)
Caliban is another character that went through a significant period of metamorphosis. In the beginning of the play, he curses Prospero, and has a heart of hatred towards him: "As wicked dew as e'er my mother brushed with raven"s feather from unwholesome fen drop on you both" (1.2.322-324) Caliban's character changes in the end, as he seeks grace for plotting to kill Prospero, and for associating with fools: "Ay that I will; and I'll be wise hereafter, and seek grace. What a thrice-double ass was I to take this drunkard for a god and to worship this dull fool" (5.1.292-295).
Alonso

King Alonso was one of Antonio's co-conspirators in the plot to usurp Prospero's dukedom. In the end of the play, Alonso changes his ways and apologizes for his hand in Prospero's fall: "Thy dukedom I resign, and do entreat thou pardon me my wrongs" (5.1.118-119)
Prospero's spirit Ariel appeared to be rebellious to her masters commands in the beginning of the play: "Since thou dost give me pains, let me remember thee what thou hast promised, which is not yet performed" (1.2.242-244). However throughout the course of the play, Ariel does Prospero's works more willingly, and finally earns her freedom: "My Ariel, chick, that is thy charge. Then to the elements be free, and fare thou well" (5.1.314-316)
Is change bad? Why or why not?

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