

Right, Wrong or Simply Different ...

There are a lot of different ways to look at the world. Up, down, left, right, over, under, right thinking and action, wrong thinking and action....

We get into disagreements and arguments when we believe that our way of thinking is better than someone else's – that it's the "right" way to think or be or do something. When different people have very strong and opposing opinions, conflict erupts. And as that escalates, somewhere along the line the original point of disagreement is forgotten all together and the goal then becomes to "win."

But if you really stop and think about it, who is *really* right? If you think about it, the truth is that *no one and every one is always right*. That's because when it comes right down to it, our most cherished "facts" are really just *opinions!* That's right, they're not facts at all but opinions based on our perceptions. And our perceptions are based on our experience.

How We Approach Our Differences

Given that *differences stem from opinions based on our perceptions created by our experiences*, how do we best approach them to create peace and harmony in our lives?

Judgment – The first, and probably most prevalent way people deal with differences, is judgment. Someone may not accept or tolerate a difference in another and thus they judge them. This leads to attitudes like "I know better than you", "my way is better", "why can't you just be like this", "if you love me you would...", and so on. Let's face it – we all want the world to revolve around us. We all want things to go our way and people to act the way we want them to. When we judge we are saying that "I am right and you are wrong." We tend to see everything in terms of right and wrong (instead of just different) and may even become a victim (when other people don't do what I want then it's personal against me). In the extreme this can lead to situations like those in the Middle East. We become so judgmental and intolerant we begin to persecute anyone who doesn't fit into our mold.

Reluctant Tolerance – Moving on from judgment is reluctant tolerance. We realize that the world doesn't revolve around us (though we still want it to). We begin to kind of throw up our hands and say, "there's nothing I can do about it anyway so why bother." This can lead to a very apathetic view of life. There's nothing we can do so it's all useless. People with this viewpoint still judge and try to control those close to them because it gives them a sense of order. As with judgment, there are still many double standards (I can do this but

you can't), but it tends to go more "underground." Instead of outright controlling, there is more grumbling under one's breath, gossip, holding grudges and the like.

True Tolerance – When one begins to recognize that we are all truly unique and different, and that right and wrong is not as obvious as one might first think, then they are on the path to true tolerance. Here we practice "live and let live" and try to get along as best we can in a world that is very complicated and sometimes confusing. In some ways this is easier than the first two viewpoints though because we are no longer trying to control anyone else. Instead we concentrate on our own lives and let everyone else do the same.

Along with true tolerance begins compassion. We can begin to feel for others whose lives seem worse than ours, and help in whatever way we can. This is done in the spirit of sharing, a genuine offer to help rather than an attempt to control or make people do things your way.

Embrace our differences – Finally we began to embrace our differences. This is a step beyond true tolerance. We can now look at others and find joy in their uniqueness. New ideas and ways of doing things begin to seem exciting instead of scary. We begin to look for new experiences and viewpoints in our own life. We are excited about life and constantly expanding with each new discovery. We view the world with childlike wonder and look forward to each new day.

Embracing Differences For Personal Growth

Once we get to the point where we can embrace our differences, we enter a place where we can love and support one another in expansion, growth, and development. As we continue to grow, we honor the uniqueness and beauty in everyone, and delight in what we can learn from them.

Our fellow humans are gifts to help us learn, grow, and expand into the truly divine beings we are. Welcome them with open arms...and joyously and gratefully embrace the beauty and uniqueness in all of them.

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