

Tolerance

April's virtue that is going to be discussed in the Socrates Café is tolerance.

tol·er·ance

1. the ability or willingness to tolerate something, in particular the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with:

I am going to take a little different approach to this virtue this April. I want to focus less on theory and more on real life application.

“In all things tolerance – except evil.” This is a paraphrase of a quote I saw on Facebook. It seems to me every time a person hears an opinion that is different from their own, they are obligated to voicing their opinion. But as the statement above we are only required to take action if something rises to the level of evil.

What differentiates opinions that can be tolerated and those that are evil?

What should the primary goal be when discussing a topic with someone who's opinion differs from your own?

Currently people seem to be stating their opinions overly aggressively. How do you make sure that you state your opinions in proportion to the subject being discussed?