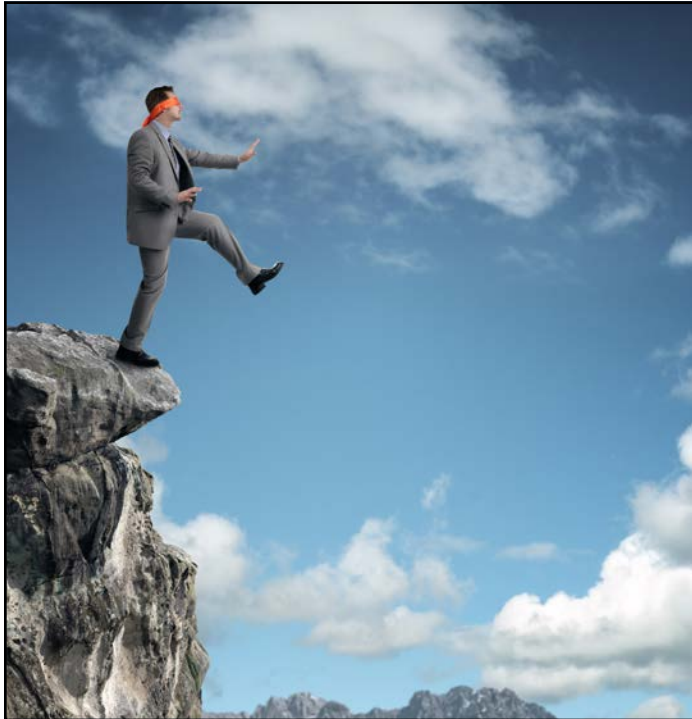




Steps to the Third Alternative

1. I see me
2. I see you
3. I seek you out
4. I synergize with you

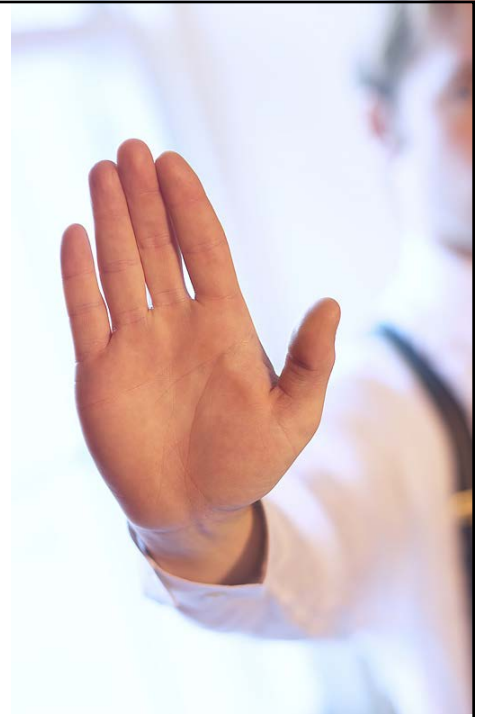


The Nature of Belief

- Our lives operate on faith
- Most of what we think we know we actually only believe
- We believe that things others have told us are true because we had faith (confidence) in the person who told us
- But what if they were wrong?
- If we examine ourselves we will see that we really don't know most of what we think we know

People Fear New Ideas

- All human advancement is met with resistance in all fields of human activity
- Why?
 - First, because we simply don't like to admit that we were wrong about anything
 - Second, because we're social and don't like standing apart from the groups to which we belong
 - Third, because our identity is bound up on the "labels" we place on ourselves as reflections of our ideas and beliefs



Enlightenment

"What is enlightenment?"

"Seeing Reality as it is," said the Master

"Doesn't everyone see Reality as it is?"

"Oh, no! Most people see it as they think it is."

From: Awakening: Conversations with the Masters by Anthony de Mello



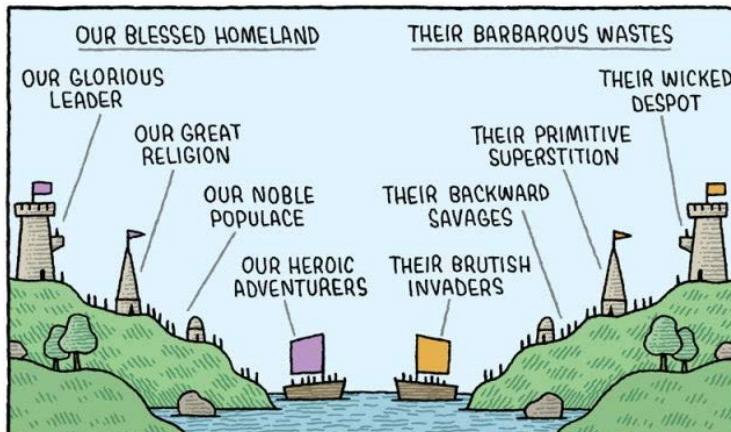
Stereotypes, Prejudice and Straw Men

- When we argue we are typically not seeing the complex individual before us
- We are seeing them through the lens of our “labels” (i.e., our prejudice)
- We are arguing with a stereotype
- We often argue with straw men



Faith versus Dogma

- Faith is open ended
 - “All things are possible to him that believes”
 - “What the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve”
- Dogma is closed
 - It assumes it already knows truth and therefore has to defend its position
 - Dogma causes people to ridicule, oppose and resist those with differing ideas



Perspective

...as a child, he overheard his father, a famous politician, sharply criticize a part member who had crossed over to the opposition.

“But, Father, the other day you were all praise for the man who left the opposition to join your part.”

“Well, my son, you might as well learn this important truth early in life: Those who go over to the other party are traitors. Those who come to ours are converts.”

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The Illusion of Choice

I find myself called upon to stand up and be counted, to declare myself on one side or the other, which do I prefer—gin or rum, cigarettes or cigars, tea or coffee, heroin or LSD, the Red Rose or the White... Whigs or Tories, Catholic or Protestant, Republican or Democrat, black power or white power, land pirates or sea pirates, commissars or corporations, capitalism or communism? The devilish neatness and simplicity of the thing is the easy illusion that I am choosing between good and evil, when in reality two or more evils by their rivalry distract my attention from the real issue. The oldest trick in the book for those who wish to perpetrate a great crime unnoticed is to set up a diversion, such as a fight in the street or a cry of fire in the hall, that sends everyone rushing to the spot while the criminal as an inconspicuous and highly respectable citizen quietly walks off with the loot.

- **Hugh Nibley, “How Firm a Foundation, What Makes it So?” Address given in Provo, UT at the Maxwell Institute**

There Are Always Other Options

If you are resigned or dedicated to a regime that you do not really like, or that wastes your talents, then you are a prisoner indeed—in Satan's power.

In short, when you say, "There is no other way," the game is lost and he has won. The number of possible solutions to any problem is legion, limited only by our own mental resources... and God is anxious to give us all the light and guidance we are willing to receive in solving our problems



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**Has Belief in "Science"
Become a Religion?**

Can You Articulate the Opposing Point of View Accurately?

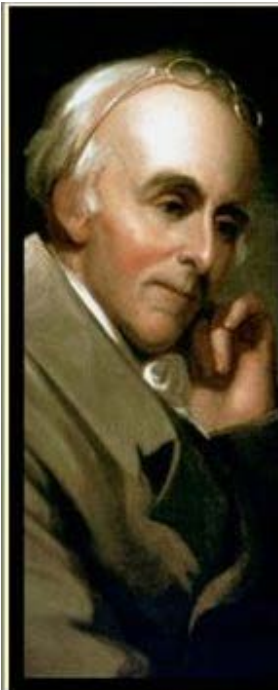
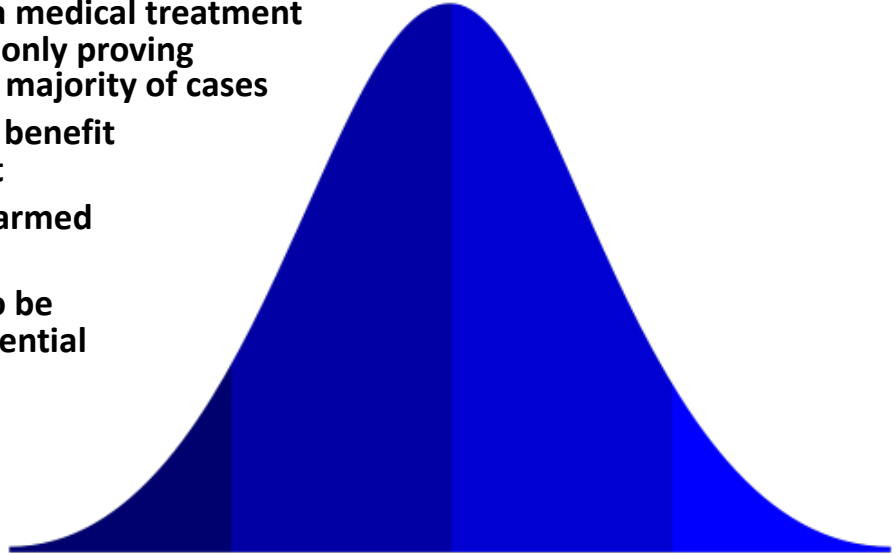


Third Alternative Thinking About Vaccines



Medical Treatment is Not an Exact Science

- When we “prove” a medical treatment is effective, we are only proving that it works in the majority of cases
- Some people don’t benefit from the treatment
- Some people are harmed by it
- So a decision has to be made: “Do the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks?”



Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize an undercover dictatorship. To restrict the art of healing to one class of men, & deny equal privilege to others, will be to constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic, & have no place in a Republic. The Constitution of this Republic should make special privilege for medical freedom as well as religious freedom

- Benjamin Rush MD

Signer of the Declaration of Independence

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