

## When arguing is futile, it's best to be quiet

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It's one of the most difficult things in the world: to stay silent when a bumbling idiot has spoken or written something. I have interjected myself into these ridiculous conversations many times, mainly to enlighten the audience that they are being led into a fog of false narratives, wrong assumptions, and insane ideas. But in the end, it didn't really matter what I contributed to the conversation or thread because the majority of the audience had blinders on. I achieved no more of a difference speaking up than if I had stayed silent all along. No amount of common sense or explanations in bunny rabbit terms was going to change anyone's mind.

Eventually I learned to stop arguing with the bumbling idiots of the world after I read the following fable:

*Once upon a time, there was a heated debate between a donkey and a tiger.*

*The donkey told the tiger: “The grass is blue.”*

*The tiger replied: “No, the grass is green.”  
The discussion became heated and*

*the two decided to submit the issue to arbitration, and to do so they approached a lion.*

*Before reaching the clearing in the forest where the lion was sitting on his throne, the donkey started screaming: “Your Highness, isn't it true that the grass is blue?”*

*The lion replied: “True, the grass is blue.”*

*The donkey rushed forward and continued: “The tiger disagrees with me and contradicts me and annoys me. Please punish him.”*

*The king then declared: “The tiger will be punished with 5 years of silence.”*

*The donkey jumped with joy and went on his way, content and repeating: “The grass is blue...the grass is blue...the grass is blue.”*

*The tiger accepted his punishment, but he asked the lion: “Your Majesty, why have you punished me? After all, the grass is green.”*

*The lion replied: “In fact, the grass is green.”*

*The tiger asked: “So why are you punishing me?”*

*The lion replied: “That has nothing to do with the question of whether the grass is blue or green. The punishment is because it is not possible for a brave, intelligent creature like you to waste time arguing with a donkey, and on top of that, to come and bother me with that question.”*

*- Adapted from an unknown author.*

Hopefully this fable enlightens you the way it enlightened me. The worst waste of time is arguing with a fool and fanatic who doesn't care about truth or reality, but only the victory of his or her beliefs and illusions. Never waste time on discussions that make no sense.

There are people who, no matter how much evidence is presented to them, are not in the capacity to understand, and others who are blinded by ego, hatred, and resentment, and the only thing that they want is to be right even if they aren't.

When ignorance screams, intelligence shuts up. Your peace and quiet are worth more. When arguing is futile, it's best to be quiet.

~ The End ~