

## Balance And Contradiction

Balance. Imaging a teeter totter going up and down. That is a person trying to balance. When we observe that person struggling to be balanced we see them both up and down. This is not them being in contradiction, unstable, waffling... we are seeing the process of balancing in action.

To say, "They are contradicting themselves, which one is it?" is our being overly simplistic. Short sighted. Nieve.

Balance is not a set, fixed position. On practically any topic we are constantly moving up and down, even just a little bit, trying to stay honed in on a specific comparison of two extremes.

We may sway a little up and down, but that is the human process of remaining stable. We may sway just the slightest bit, practically undetectable but still in motion.

In this process of Balance there are often many outside forces trying to influence the process towards one pole or the other. Part of the process should be to recognize those attempts at influence and determining whether or not they should influence the balance.

New information, the correction of errors, the rejection of errors all have a legitimate potential to influence our Balance.

That becomes a very complicated process that if every potential influence were taken into account we would become overwhelmed and frozen out of Balance with no idea which direction leads to Balance.

At this point another principal comes into play. When driving down the road, we are doing many things at the same time allowing each to influence each of the others.

Press the gas pedal, or press the breaks. Turn left, or turn right. How much to press a pedal. How much to turn the wheel. Check the mirror. Which mirror to check. Turn on the turn signal, or change stations on the radio.

The list of things to consider. Weighing them against one another. Adjusting a decision after it has been made.

Driving presents us with an overwhelming number of factors to be considered and reconsidered. Driving is even more complicated when we need to preform two or more actions at the same time.

So how do we make driving possible? We group two or more actions together making them one action.

Turning a corner is one thing. But it is a collection of actions we take at the same time. Turn the wheel. Determine how much to turn the wheel. Which direction to turn it. Press the break pedal. Check the mirror. Decide which mirror to check. On and on. All combined into one thing, turning a corner.

We can do the same thing as a way to address the fantastic number of things to take into account while balancing on a specific conviction, action, or option.

Wisdom includes being able to come to a full understanding of someone's beliefs without having to adopt them for yourself.