

# Why Labels Matter

Wouldn't it be great if we did not have to label everyone and everything? Wouldn't it be great if we could unite behind a singular common cause for the good of mankind regardless of our beliefs? Actions matter more than words, so what someone says or believes matters less than what he or she does to contribute to society. Identifying our differences can only be a cause for division thus it is better to avoid divisive labels and to unite under the banner of love.

This is a very common line of reasoning and it sounds utopian. What else would be better if we did not dispute with one another over seemingly pointless details? As ideal as it might seem, it is one of the oldest tricks in the book. "Why can't we all just get along?" When getting along means going along to get along, the consequences will ultimately undermine masses of people in the name of the agenda of the pithy few.

Historically, humanity has condemned the effort of movements that resulted in mass persecution. These crimes against humanity have been totally anti-labels. For instance, the Inquisition believed in a unified world religion, the Nazis dreamed of one race, and the progressives of today believe in a unified secular culture. These movements always start with the proposition that we all strive toward the same collective goals. Whenever a group of people comes around to dissent on the collective will, persecution follows.

The latest lie is that all of the religions of the world are all essentially the same. What is meant by this is that we all believe in peace, love, goodness, and the general well-being of all humanity. The truth is that not only does not every religion strive for these collective goals, not everyone defines these goals the same way.

Labels, for this purpose, ought to be embraced. When the differences between two individuals are acknowledged it is much easier to resolve disputes. Beware of those in power who denounce "angry hate-filled rhetoric." Beware of conversation-enders like, "it really doesn't matter in the long run." If someone is willing to champion a cause, it clearly matters enough to someone.

It takes boldness to take upon a label and to stand for a cause. Labels are offensive. They show that you stand for something and that you oppose another. Opposition does not mean intolerance or hatred, it only means disagreement. "Those who stand for nothing will fall for anything." Compromise for the sake of peace will yield the same results.

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