

Authority vs. Authoritarianism

Authority guides
and leads;
authoritarianism
rules and drags.

Authority empowers
and enables;
authoritarianism overpowers
and disables.

Authority proposes
and convinces;
authoritarianism imposes
and commands.

Authority teaches
and ministers;
authoritarianism dictates
and manipulates.

Authority is open
and free;
authoritarianism shuts
and closes.

Authority shows you
the light;
authoritarianism keeps you
in the dark.

Authority points out
the way;
authoritarianism wants you
to obey.

Authority is modest
and self-effacing;
authoritarianism is arrogant
and self-serving.

Those who seek safety, certainty,
and security
tend to be authoritarian.
If, however, your goal is
service,
exercise authority.

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