

Tolerance is the mindful capacity to love, respect and accept the differences that make people unique.

Tolerance involves attitude and action, individually and collectively in response to difference.

Tolerance involves openness to seeing other people in new ways and the wisdom to be ready to learn from them.

Cultivating tolerance may mean learning to listen well to the viewpoints of others, seeking where possible to find what we share in common and finding the confidence to disagree respectfully.

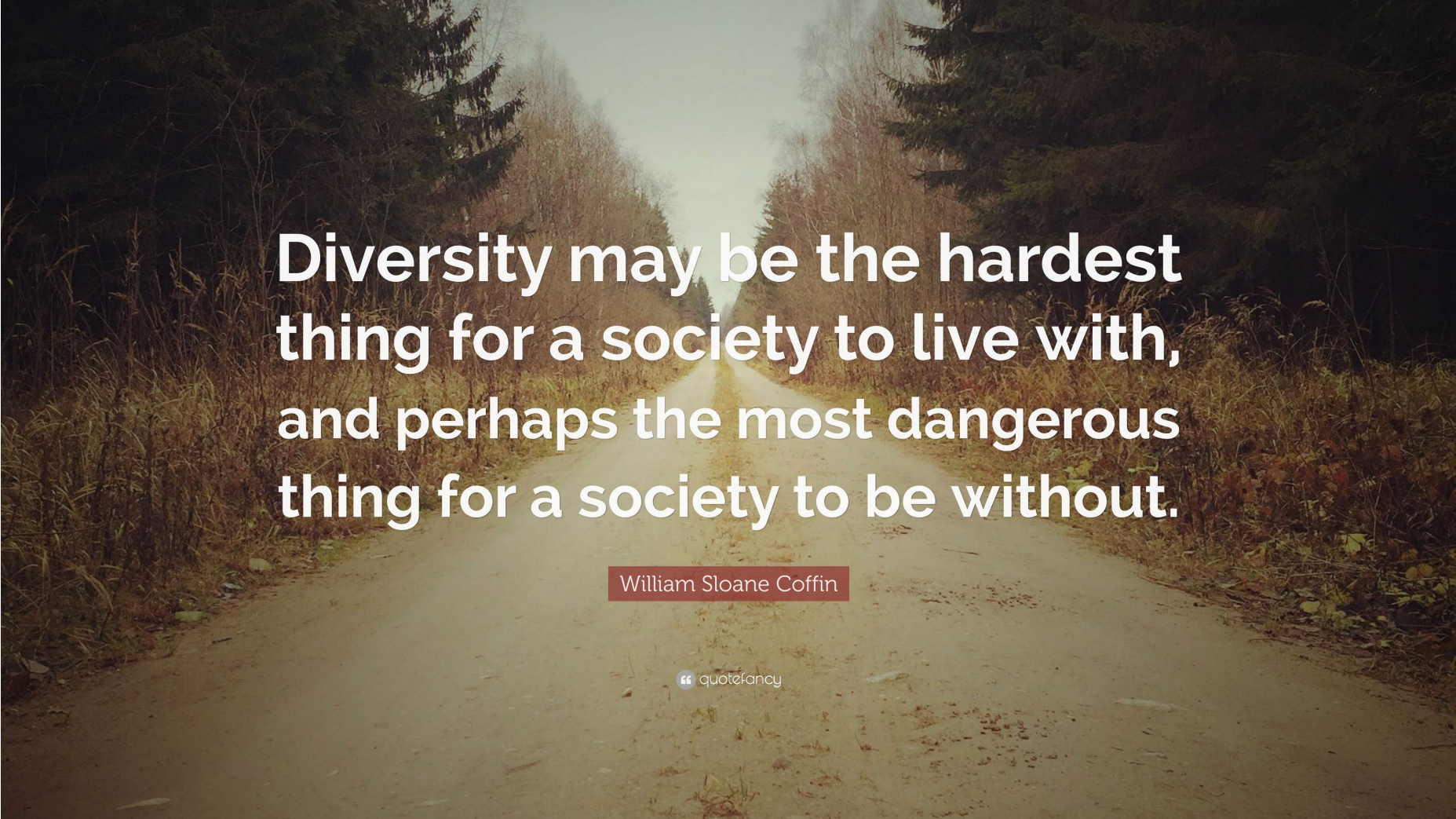
Tolerance is not just agreeing with one another or remaining indifferent in the face of injustice, but rather showing respect for the essential humanity in every person. (William Ury)

Please watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRwt25M5nGw>

How tolerant are you?

- Lactose intolerance
- Government requires companies to have 'zero-tolerance' of racial discrimination.
- Bullying; abuse.
- Tolerance; Respect and Acceptance



**Diversity may be the hardest
thing for a society to live with,
and perhaps the most dangerous
thing for a society to be without.**

William Sloane Coffin

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Tolerance in the Workplace

- "Tolerance is the foundation of all good working relationships."
- Employers are looking for people who can work well in teams who are accepting of difference.
- Companies can find more creative solutions when there is honest and open communication leading to an exchange of new ideas.
- Companies need to develop a culture where people can disagree safely, respectfully and well in order to help avoid making errors and problems.

Learning from Spiritual Traditions

- "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" (Matthew 5.7)
- "There is no compulsion in religion." (al-Baqarah Q 2.256)
- "Let self-control be the furnace and patience the goldsmith. Let understanding be the anvil, and spiritual wisdom the tools." (Japji Sahib, 38th Pauree)

Chaplaincy

Receive the cure of souls,
which is both yours and
mine...



The Role of a Chaplain

The Chaplain needs to meet and welcome people where they are, accepting them unconditionally and without judgement. In a multi-faith context, the Chaplain can prompt and respond to questions of faith, and there are many opportunities for teaching, discussion, discipleship and dialogue between faiths, but a chaplain does not proselytize.

An invitation for reflection and prayer

God of all, we thank you for a world of diversity,
where we can learn across difference from one another:
sometimes we're challenged by viewpoints
that are different to our own:
help us to listen respectfully,
to look for what we share in common,
to learn to disagree safely and well,
and to find ways that we can work together
so that all can enjoy life in its fullness. Amen.