

Judging Earlier Times

I have recently read condemnation of people from earlier generations not having the same sensibilities that we do. While I think it is important to learn from inappropriate thought processes of earlier generations – is it really helpful for us to judge them according to the same standard we hold people of today to?

Do we hold our former self to the same level of condemnation? If we do – is that really helpful? Do we tear ourselves down for our previous beliefs? Do we hold our children to their past beliefs and condemn them for them? Those all seem to be symptoms of a greater problem – believing that we have all the correct answers now and therefore we don't have anything more to learn.

I think that the more we worry about how stupid or shortsighted people of earlier generations were (or even our own) – the more we hold back our own growth journeys.

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