

The Way We Do Ethics.

At the heart of all ethical decision making is the discipline of Dialectic. Dialectic is: The art and skill of examining opinions through the application of Logic by employing Questions.

Dialectic presumes that disagreement is at the heart of all ethical and rational principles.

The process of discovery is as follows:

A position is postulated.

An Objection is offered,

A counter position is postulated.

A counter position is re offered.

Disagreement fuels discovery. Disagreement is at the heart of Democracy.

Four Ethical Convictions:

All our attempts to act ethically will be, in some very real way, flawed. No ethical act is perfect. No matter how well intentioned and how sincerely motivated the agent of the act.

Therefore, every ethical act will necessarily place a negative effect on some one or something, no matter how unintended.

Every ethical act will be subject to criticism for the above reasons by others who were and are not involved.

Therefore, we must strive to do the very best act and make as ethical a decision as possible, given our circumstances.