

Sunday

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- **one personal issue that risks becoming impersonal:**
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We need to have the inclination and the ability to seriously consider the merits of the various facets of these difficult issues, even when they threaten to diminish our own preferred personal perspective.

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Therefore, it is essential that we define the non-negotiable truths that frame the issues as to scope and importance.

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