

Demagogues vs. Pedagogues

Demagogues
manipulate and dominate;
pedagogues
facilitate and stimulate.

Demagogues
overpower and control;
pedagogues
empower and explain.

Demagogues
demand and command;
pedagogues
evoke and inspire.

Demagogues
devise stratagems
that confuse and confound;
pedagogues
design systems
that expedite and help.

Demagogues
deal with crowds;
pedagogues
form communities.

Demagogues
issue prescriptions
to push their agenda;
pedagogues
give instructions
to foster your knowledge.

Demagogues
demand obedience;
pedagogues
prefer understanding.

A pedagogue
is a servant;
a demagogue
has to be your master.

A pedagogue
speaks with you

in a dialogue;
a demagogue
talks at you
in a monologue.

The ways
of a demagogue
are convoluted
and labyrinthine;
the path
of a pedagogue
is simple and straight.

If, therefore,
you find yourself
in a position
of authority,
see to it
that you use
the skill and devotion
of a pedagogue
and avoid
the wiles and subterfuge
of a demagogue.

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