When We Get Bullied, I Cannot Dance With You.

I cannot hear you. I see your mouth moving. I know you are forming words. You are an intelligent person with lots to say, but you are not making any sense to me, right now. Stop! Be quiet. Can’t you see that I do not hear you? Why are you still talking to me? You are not going to stop. You just want to force your words onto me. Am I to just stand here and let you push these words into my ears? You are talking, but you refuse to hear me. Stop this. I cannot hear you. Give me a moment please. Will you leave and come back later? This is not working for me. Thank you, but I must go…

All of these thoughts flowed through my head, when this person walked up to me and started to pour out his/her opinions onto me, without taking the time to ask me, if it was a good time for me to listen to their philosophies on a subject.

They immediately walked into my space and attempted to let me know how they felt, but did not take the moment to see if the time was right or if I was fully available to engage them in a conversation. They assumed that they had the privilege to speak their opinions, regardless if the person they were attempting to involve in this conversation was also ready.

This oversight can be the reason why so many words and great thoughts get passed over. To have an engaging conversation with another person, both parties would have to be open to listening to and speaking their thoughts with each other.

If only one person is ready to speak and the other has not confirmed that they are ready to listen, then all the words are said in vain.

The outcome of the conversation can turn into becoming one sided and the message can get lost in the presentation.

Successful communication has so many variables. I do not think that everyone who sets out to communicate understands that it is a give and take harmony, to complete a successful dialog.

Believing that we can engage in conversations to anyone at anytime, without their consent, is why we sometimes end of in an argumenta phase with others.

At times, one can become the bully of the conversation by taking up all of the time or spitting words out without allowing responses to the comments.

At other times, one can become the bully of the conversation by jumping in and out with comments, while the other person is speaking.

A good conversation is like a dance. The two partners meet on the dance floor and agree to choose the method of the dance. They prepare, take each other’s hand, wait for the music to begin and move in harmony.

This is the perfect conversation. No matter what the message is or what the words will teach the two people start off on one accord and are prepared to honor and respect their partner. It is a privilege to walk into another person’s space and ask them to dance. So is it a privilege to walk into another person’s space and ask them to listen to your opinion on something.

It should all be done, with respect and hopes that whatever the message is, if presented correctly, it will be heard.

When the dance is done properly and the music ends, then everyone walks away having enjoyed the event with a better understanding of each other.