

WEEK 41 ARROGANCE

“The acceptance of others is not a guarantee. Like everyone else, a Jedi is accepted or not based on his behavior. The Jedi who believes that he is more important than others only demonstrates that his opinion is to be ignored.” – Count Dooku

“Conquer arrogance” – Jedi Academy Training Manual

Arrogance is a character flaw that most undermines people. It is a product of excessive pride in self and is to be avoided. Unfortunately, it existed in the ranks of the Jedi and was the downfall of many. Hubris which is a form of rampant arrogance led to the fall of the First Jedi Order and the Republic.

Unfortunately, arrogance exists in the real-world Jedi community. Many people who join the community seeking to improve and contribute are treated with arrogance or witness enough of it to force them to leave. This is unfortunate and does not help the movement.

The Sith prized arrogance because it conferred on them superiority over others. All life was beneath the Sith and therefore to be subdued, dominated, and used or, if they could not be forced to submit, then destroyed. The Death Star was a symbol of that.

Arrogance led Anakin to embark on one reckless endeavor after another it was a flaw that held him back. Without Obi-wan Kenobi, Ahsoka Tano and Padmé at his side to moderate his actions Anakin would have fallen sooner due to his own hubris.

To *be* Jedi you must *conquer arrogance*. Never overestimate your ability. Avoid being too loud or brash. Do not feign expertise as you will be forced to prove it and be left humiliated. Bragging will draw unwanted attention to yourself. Eventually others will grow tired of you and leave. No one can stand arrogance for long. Those that do linger are not there for the pleasure of your company. Conquer arrogance and find a measure of humility.

DAY 281

“Sometimes we must let go of our pride and do what is requested of us.” – Anakin Skywalker

Today I am Grateful for:

Morning Contemplation

Evening Reflection

DAY 283

“If you strip away the myth and look at their deeds, the legacy of the Jedi is failure. Hypocrisy, hubris.” – Luke Skywalker

Today I am Grateful for:

Morning Contemplation

Evening Reflection

DAY 284

*“My powers have doubled since the last time we fought,
Dooku!” – Anakin Skywalker*

“Good! Twice the pride, double the fall!” – Count Dooku

Today I am Grateful for:

Morning Contemplation

Evening Reflection

DAY 285

“You want to go home and rethink your life.” – Obi-wan Kenobi

Today I am Grateful for:

Morning Contemplation

Evening Reflection

DAY 286

“And in my hubris, I thought I could train him (Ben Solo); I could pass on my strengths” – Luke Skywalker

Today I am Grateful for:

Morning Contemplation

Evening Reflection

DAY 287

“Don’t be too proud of this technological terror you’ve constructed. The ability to destroy a planet is insignificant next to the power of the Force.” – Darth Vader

Today I am Grateful for:

Morning Contemplation

Evening Reflection

WEEK REVIEW

Reflect on your daily practices and personal goals for the week.
How did you do? Where can you refocus your attention?

Meditation:

Physical Exercise:

Diplomacy:

Awareness:

Self-Discipline:
