



In discussing we not only confront ideas but often the debate focuses on people. Why is this happening?

The answer is simple: the ideas "exist" and maintain their validity because they are defended by specific people.

For This Reason, those who criticize an idea can easily begin to criticize the person who defends it too. At the same time, those who hold that idea often extol to those who share it.

Although The foregoing is understandable, it sometimes provokes distortions in debates, especially when the defenders of each idea are given more prominence and less to the arguments in question.

To avoid these distortions, Socrates ' reflection on his friends remains valid a few hours before he dies: do not notice that I say this, but consider whether or not it is true.

This reflection arises from the famous saying "Amicus Socrates, sed magis amica veritas". Because The friendship or sympathy we feel towards a person should not obscure the mind in the search for truth.

For This Reason, the well-carried discussions are not lost in attacks or apologies for people, but they go deep on each issue, but progress in it can lead to putting aside the opinions of a friend.

This does not mean forgetting that the ideas have their origin and their defenders in specific people, sometimes grouped as if they were teams of a football team.

But This fact, with all its complexity, should not blind the debate. Because If we argue as human beings it is because we believe, as Socrates believed, that the well-carried dialogue serves to unmask mistakes and to approach the desired goal

of truth.