

O que é pena é que neste areal da vida, onde cada um segue o seu caminho, não haja nem tolerância nem humildade para respeitar o norte que o vizinho escolheu.

Diário (1937)

Statement on Tolerance

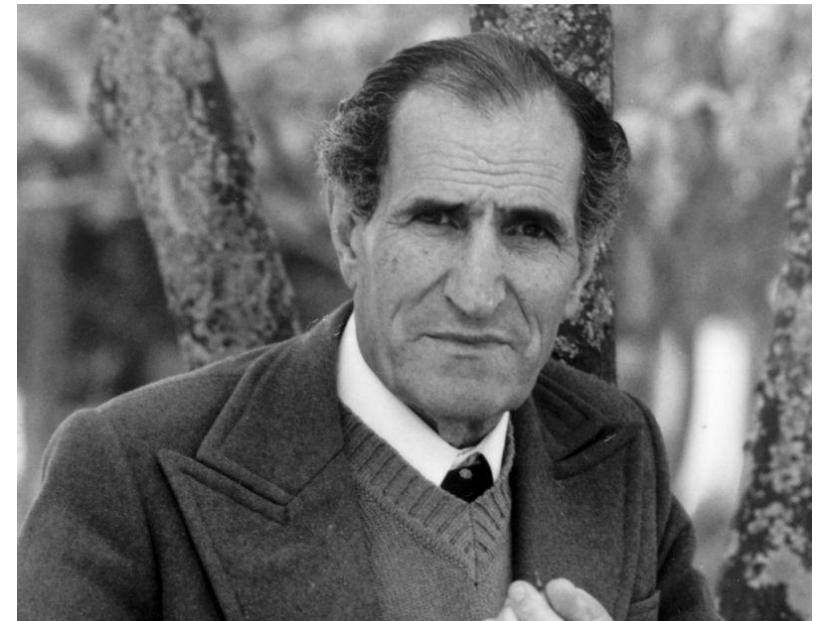
“It’s shameful that in this sandy life in which each one of us follows his/her own path, there is neither tolerance nor humbleness to respect our neighbour’s north.”

Miguel Torga, Diário, 1937

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Writer/Poet



This is a sentence by Miguel Torga, a famous Portuguese writer born in the beginning of the 20th century, but who already had an extremely tolerant and open-minded view of the world in general and life in particular.

This quote written in his book, “Diário” (“Diary”), 1937, means that life is very difficult, surprising, the same but different like the sand and like the last it is slippery and it can swallow us. One must make choices to survive and to follow his way. Those choices may differ a lot from one person to another depending on the circumstances of life, birthplace, family, etc and many people neither understand nor respect that.

People should learn to respect each one's choices, showing tolerance, humbleness and sympathy towards the decisions and options made by others, that is, as far as our neighbours' north is concerned.