

## Expelling the Poison

*by John E. Phelan Jr., p. 49*

**It turns out that getting rid of people we disagree with does not make for the most healthy community.**

1. Where do you get most of your news – television, newspapers, social media?
2. What communities do you feel a part of? Do any of them include people who challenge your perception of unity within the group?
3. John E. Phelan Jr. laments the way we treat each other on social media. What do you think is the best way to respond to someone who expresses different beliefs than you hold?
4. Phelan quotes Henri Nouwen as saying “a community is the place where the person you get along with the least moves in next door.” Why is it important to live among people with differing opinions?
5. What makes being too pure so deadly?