



The Blind People & The Elephant

Once upon a time there were six people who were all blind. They were walking together and all came across an elephant. But because they were blind, none of them knew what was in front of them. The elephant was very quiet and very still, so they couldn't hear what was there either. They all walked around to different parts of the elephant. The first man stood by the elephant's side, and put his hand to the elephant's rough skin and said with disappointment 'it's a rough wall!'

The second man stood next to one of the elephant's tusk and put his hand to the hard, shiny spear exclaiming with fear 'no it's a sword!'

The third woman stood next to the elephant's trunk. As he reached out to touch it, the elephant moved it's trunk so it wriggled around, as the women cried 'no, it's a snake!'

The fourth woman stood by the elephant's leg. She leant down and felt the elephant's knobbly, trunk like knee and stated 'no, it's a tree!'

The fifth man stood near the elephant's face, reached up and touched the elephant's huge ear, proclaiming 'no, it's a fan!'

And the sixth man was stood at the back of the elephant and caught it's swinging tale as it swished from side to side. It swished so much that he nearly fell over as he shouted 'no, it's a rope!'

As the six blind people stood around the elephant, they argued about who was right. While each of them were partly right, they were also all wrong!

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