

## The Elephant and Three Blind People

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Listen to the story and fill in the blanks with the correct word.

Long ago, some students were having a \_\_\_\_\_ discussion about god, religion and \_\_\_\_\_. Nobody could agree on anything. Each person thought their idea was right and the others were \_\_\_\_\_.

Like many discussions about religion, few people were \_\_\_\_\_ in listening to others. Instead, each person wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_. Soon the discussion became a shouting \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, one person \_\_\_\_\_ an idea. She said, "Let's talk to the old professor. He is very \_\_\_\_\_. Perhaps he can \_\_\_\_\_ this argument and tell us what god is."

Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ and they walked to the teacher's house.

The old teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the students into his home and listened to their questions. After careful \_\_\_\_\_, he made a rather strange \_\_\_\_\_. He asked the group to go outside, find a \_\_\_\_\_ elephant and three blind people and then bring them back to his home.

The group was a little \_\_\_\_\_, but they did as the old teacher asked.

The \_\_\_\_\_ day, the elephant and blind people were \_\_\_\_\_ in the front yard of his home. The old teacher asked the blind people to do one thing: find out what the elephant \_\_\_\_\_ like.

Each person \_\_\_\_\_ one part of the elephant and made a \_\_\_\_\_.

The first person touched the \_\_\_\_\_ and said, "I know what it is. It's a tree."

The second person felt the tail and said with \_\_\_\_\_, "No, you're wrong. It's a long piece of \_\_\_\_\_."

The third person put her hand on the animal's stomach and \_\_\_\_\_, "I'm certain that all of you are wrong. I know what it is. It's a \_\_\_\_\_."

The old teacher listened and then \_\_\_\_\_. "Each person believes they know the truth, yet everyone has a \_\_\_\_\_ description of the elephant. Who has the correct \_\_\_\_\_?"