

The Wind and Sun

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It was a cold day and walking down the street there was a man wearing a thick jacket and warm hat. Up above in the sky Mr. Wind and Mr. Sun were having a conversation as to which of them was better than the other. Mr. Wind said, "My wind is very strong and can blow everything away." Mr. Sun smiled and replied, "But my sunshine keeps everyone warm and lets things grow." They could not agree and just kept arguing.

Then they looked down and noticed the man walking down the street. They decided to have a bet to see prove who was best. Mr. Wind said, "Let's see who can make that man take off his hat. Who can do this, they are the winner." Mr. Sun agreed.

Mr. Wind started to blow at the man's hat. When the man found the wind picking up he automatically put one hand on his hat to keep it in place and kept walking. Seeing that this had not worked Mr. Wind was a little upset and so started to blow a little harder. Down below the man found it a little difficult to walk and the wind was blowing hard against him but he still held tightly onto his hat with one hand.

Mr. Wind was starting to get angry now and then used all his strength to blow at the man. Now the man was almost losing his balance but he would still not let go of his hat. Now he used both hands to hold onto it and leaned into the wind so as not to lose his balance. Maybe the hat was very valuable to him as he would not let it go because no matter how strongly the wind blew, he held on even more tightly.

With all the hard work Mr. Wind was sweating. He realised that he could not blow the man's hat off. He had failed but he did not accept that he had totally lost. He could see that the man was very determined and did not believe that Mr. Sun would be able to get the hat off the man's head either. Mr. Sun smiled at Mr. Wind and said, "Now it is my turn." Mr. Sun looked at the man below and smiled at him.

The man felt the wind ease away and so carried on walking easily and let go of his



grip on his hat. He realised it was getting a little warmer and now he felt much better. After a few more steps he was nice and warm and so he automatically started to take off his hat and coat. With his hat and coat over one arm, the man carried on walking down the street with a smile on his face. Mr. Sun turned and smiled to Mr. Wind who did not feel good about losing.

A lot of times when we cannot do something, then we just try harder. Often, this only causes more problems and we can even hurt ourselves, just like Mr. Wind. When we want people to come around to our way of thinking, if we use a more gentle way and make them feel good and happy, then they will go the way we want. Even more importantly, it will be natural and will come from their heart. This is high level as there is no forcing, just like Mr. Sun.