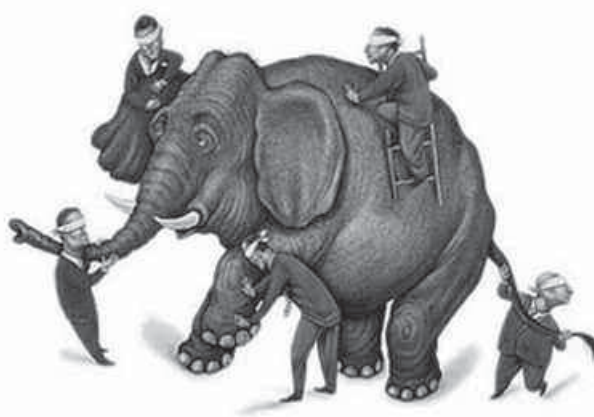


The Blind Men and the Elephant

by John G. Saxe

It was six men of Indostan, 1
To learning much inclined,
Who went to see the elephant,
(Though all of them were blind),
That each by observation
Might satisfy his mind.



The first approached the elephant, 7
And, happening to fall
Against his broad and sturdy side,
At once began to bawl,
"God bless me! but the elephant
Is very like a wall!"

The second, feeling of the tusk, 13
Cried: "Ho! what have we here,
So very round, and smooth, and sharp
To me 'tis very clear,
This wonder of an elephant
Is very like a spear!"