Think different

Long long ago, there lived an old man named “foolish old man”. There are two mountains, called “Wangwu” and “Taihang”, nearby his house, which make it very difficult for his family to go outside. So he decided to move these mountains. I believed many of you had heard this story. I was inspired by the spirit of the foolish old man. I told myself “You must insist and hold on when you face some difficulties”.

18 years ago I fell in love with a girl, but she didn’t love me. I decided to fellow the foolish old man and felt a little self-confidence after all the girl was much lighter than two mountains. I began to borrow books, send mails, buy gifts or flowers. But year after year, I didn’t make big progress. I encouraged myself:” Hold on. Learn the foolish old man”. But eight years passed, I still did not know her weight but I can see it was increasing. It just took 8 years for Chinese to defeat Japanese. It seems the girl is trickier than Japanese and heavier than mountains. Even as fool as me I realized I was wrong because I will not have the next generation to continue if I still insist on this girl.

The insistence we should learn from the foolish old man is to the target not the method. Many times we should think when we learn some ideas or theories. We should think whether this is applicable for our cases. We should think differently not just follow them.

We can learn some more if we begin to think different. For an example we always read the word from the first letter to the last one. What will happen if we read the word in the reverse order from the last one to the first one? Live L - I - V – E will become E – V – I – L  – evil. Live is evil. Dog D – O – G will become G – O – D  god. Dog is god. Oh, I know why people like dogs now. I told my finding to my wife. Then she said “Now I appoint you as the servant of the god! Clean the shit of your god – Wang Cai at once.” Ai, live is really evil!

Like this we can find the deep reason if we begin to think different. Many times we said “the god will open a window when he closes the door”. So Bill Gates – door named his software windows. He succeeded and made a lot of money. I guess Bill Gates loves the god very much because he hates Apple very much. Even there is a rumor Bill didn’t eat apples. So I guess maybe there is no window in Steve Jobs’s house.

Thinking differently helps us not only on the business but also on the every day’s life. When I joined toastmaster my wife asked:” what’s it?” “Make public English speech” “Haha, you even can’t make speech before me”. “Yes, it is because you always stop me and question me” “Do you really think you can do it?” “Yes, of course. And I believe I can deliver high quality speech” “Why?” “Because I have talents on it. High qualily - I’m high and I have quality”. You can see how thinking differently gives me confidence to step on this stage.

Next time when we face some difficulties we should look around and think differently after some hard work. Many times the solution is at some other place. Don’t head down and just shout out “Go, go, go”. Our heads are really softer than the wall. Please look around, think different and maybe you can find a door.

I believe all of you are cleverer than me because all of your heads seems smaller than mine. OK. Let’s have a test. When you see a girl who is beautiful, you will say “hi girl, you are so beautiful” But when you see a girl who is not so beautiful. You will say “You are not beautiful” No, please think differently and you will find a better word. You will say “You are so nice”. Thank very much you like my speech.