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People are born with two eyes. And you also know that the purpose God gives everyone two eyes is for us to perceive ‘depth’ – without the perception of depth, a person can be killed easily. For example, if one fails to judge the distance of a coming car, she will be killed instantly.

Interestingly, animals like dogs and horses having their two eyes to the front do not have to turn their head from side to side to perceive depth. On the other hand, next time when you have a chance, if you encounter a hen or a duck on the ground, and if she is paying attention to you, she will turn one side of her head to you first and then the other side. Why? That is the way she judges the distance between the two of you.

Now, let us use this perception of depth as an analogy to talk about business or political decisions.

President Trump proposed an INCREASE of \$52 billion in military spending. I emphasized the word ‘increase.’ We are not talking about the budget itself, which I have no idea how much. I am talking about the ‘increase’ only.

If we can simply look at the problem from different angles, will that be so difficult to come up with a much better solution?

I know, for the US and all other countries, the terrorists are enemies. Countries like China also pose as a threat to the US. But, in addition to beefing up the military strength, can we not come up with some simpler and better solutions? For example, if we want to fight terrorists, think about those people who are there and have to deal with those terrorists daily, socially and even physically. In terms of immunology, they are the ‘modified’ or ‘mild’ bacteria, which, if we inject into our body, our body will create the capability to destroy the really harmful and more serious ‘original’ versions of the bacteria should we encounter them.

If we can open this other eye and see the business of ‘fighting terrorism’ as a whole, we should actually open the door for people from those 7 Muslim majority countries, and with a good vetting system, welcome them to this country that many of them long for coming to. When they are here, we have volunteers to interact with them, to help them, to know them, and, at the same time, also to make sure that they are doing appropriately as they should in a democratic country. They will very quickly become the best teachers to teach us how to fight terrorists, directly or indirectly.

A simple math will tell you how much cheaper that will be. Not only that, it is way wiser and more beautiful and will be praised in history. We can apply the same strategy to other areas: the Wall, China, schools, medical insurances, and so on. We will not only save tons of money but will also make America great again!

It is like looking at the power of the computer; will it be enough if we only look at the hardware? Certainly not, we need to look at the software also. Does it not ring a bell? Next time when you come across a difficult decision, Mr. President Trump, think of your name-sake brother 'Donald Duck', and you will be making the best decisions!

