

# Moral Dilemmas—Thinking with the 7 Hats #2

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*Most of your classmates come from homes that can afford to support you to go to the ski fields on a school trip in four weekends' time. A handful of you have part time jobs. There is an immigrant student new to your class who speaks mediocre English. Increasingly she is left out of the excited conversations at break times as she has no way to contribute to the discussions. Après ski parties, clothes and the practicalities of skiing are topics inaccessible to her. Tonight you are replaying the highlights of your day and recognise clearly she is moving further each day to the edge of class social life. Will you respond? How?*

## 1. White Hat

What are the facts? What information is to hand?

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## 2. Red Hat

What are my feelings and intuitions about it all?

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## 3. Black Hat

What are the difficulties and problems that present themselves? What are the dangers to me in various responses?

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**4. Yellow Hat**

What benefits might come my way? What opportunities present themselves for me in all of this?

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**5. Green Hat**

What creative responses can I open up and develop? What can I do that nobody would expect? Are there unique alternatives besides the obvious?

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**6. Blue Hat**

Have I given equal effort to all five hats or favoured one? Is there more information I should obtain or someone I will consult? What will be the next step once I make my final decision on how to act?

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**7. Gold Hat**

What would Jesus do in a situation like this? Is there a clear biblical principle that I can apply to guide my decision? Are my motives Christian and is the Christian ethic guiding my responses?

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My intended response will be to

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