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第 32 篇 [樂觀和自信] [Optimism and Confidence ]

命題大意： 樂觀和自信 有助於緩和衝突。

寫作大意： 就上述主題意義作分析。

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Optimism and Confidence will Cushion the Bumps.

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The word "bump" here insinuates a kind of sudden PR (public relationship) or business "crash" or a huge problem confronted. The "cushion" means the process to ease the adversary situation and its destructive effect.

Optimism and confidence serving the purpose of "cushion" is confirmed because of the following considerations: 1. If the person concerned is a group leader, being optimistic and confident would make his followers feeling safer and more daring. If the person in concern is a subordinate to somebody, being so would cause similar thought to his boss. Both of the above cases provide positive cushion effect. 2. Being optimistic and confident likely makes a person calmer, more alert and even smarter. 3. Being optimistic and confident usually tend to pacify the adversary, thus resulting in an easier or more reasonable settlement on the problem. It would create an atmosphere of less tension and danger and make way to win the sympathy and respect of the public.

Cushion doesn't mean to have the relevant problem completely solved. It should not be carried out solely, blindly or falsely. To get the "bump" problem over, the person to handle the problem must be righteous, polite, humble, credible and with the real ability to solve the problem. Only with optimism and confidence without the above qualities, the person playing the role, might become arrogant, bluff or incapable , to make more or bigger trouble.