

# Job 15:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

## Analysis

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Eliphaz's rebuke intensifies: 'Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?' The 'east wind' metaphor suggests destructive, worthless speech. Eliphaz's rhetoric becomes more aggressive as Job refuses to accept simplistic explanations.

## Historical Context

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The east wind (sirocco) in ancient Palestine was hot, dry, and damaging to crops. Using it as metaphor for speech emphasizes destructiveness and futility.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. When does defending yourself against false accusations become 'east wind'?
2. How do you respond when escalating rhetoric replaces compassionate dialogue?

## Interlinear Text

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Should a wise man utter knowledge vain and fill with the east wind  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 6:26** (Parallel theme): Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind?

**Job 8:2** (Parallel theme): How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?

**Hosea 12:1** (Parallel theme): Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.

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