

Story 1248 (1988 Tape 1)

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Nasreddin Hoca's Credibility

One day a neighbor came to Nasreddin Hoca's house and asked to borrow the Hoca's donkey. Not wishing to lend it, the Hoca said, "My donkey is not here."

As the neighbor was beginning to leave, he heard the Hoca's donkey braying. He said, "Shame on you, Hoca! Why didn't you simply say that you did not wish to lend me your donkey?"

Nasreddin Hoca answered, "I told you that my donkey was not here. Whom do you prefer to believe--a donkey or me?"