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Whose Business Is It?

One day Nasreddin Hoca was sitting in the garden in front of a coffeehouse. After a while one of his friends said to him, "Oh, Hoca, look at that tray of baklava¹ that is passing by!"

"What is it to me?" asked Nasreddin Hoca.

"Well, it is on its way to your house."

"Then what is that to you?"

¹A favorite Turkish confection. It is made of many layers of paper-thin pastry dough. Honey placed in the bottom of the pan in which it has been baked permeates the pastry by means of wicking action.