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Nasreddin Hoca's Credibility

One day one of his neighbors went to Nasreddin Hoca's house to ask if he could borrow the Hoca's donkey. The Hoca did not want to lend his donkey to that particular person, and so he said, "My donkey is not here today."

Unfortunately, his donkey began to bray right after Hoca had said that. The neighbor said, "Aha, Hoca! You said that your donkey was not here today, but I just heard it braying!"

Without any hesitation the Hoca answered, "Oh, brother, how is it that you give more belief to what a donkey says than you give to what I say?"