### Nasreddin Hodja A Turkish Folk Philosopher



## Who is Nasreddin Hodja?

- One of Turkey's most endearing figures
- He is a symbol of Turkish humor and his stories have passed from one generation to the next
- It is believed that he lived in the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14th century
- He studied under famous scholars and worked for a local judge
- Soon, people were coming to him for advice, justice, and to listen to his amusing stories
- Versions of Hodja are found throughout the Middle East



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- "Hodja" means "instructor" or "teacher" as well as "religious leader"
- He is characterized by being a wise man with great wit
- · He is also often portrayed as a trickster
- He is also often portrayed riding a donkey backwards...

http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/world/hodja.shtml?page1



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http://www.e-citadel.com/HodjaFiles/index.html

### Why is Hodja riding the donkey backwards?

One day Nasreddin Hodja was riding his donkey backwards, facing towards the back. "Hodja" the people said, "you are sitting on your donkey backwards!" "No," he replied. "It's not that I am sitting on the donkey backwards, I'm just interested in where I have been coming from more than where I am going, my friends."

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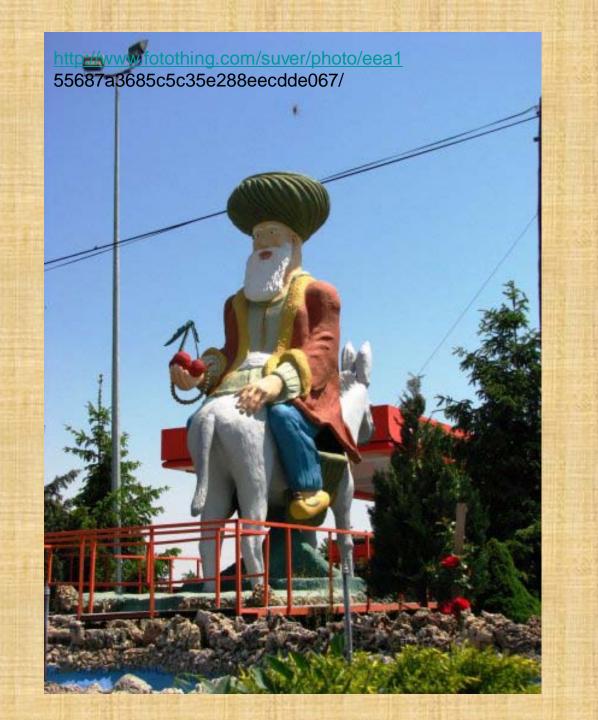
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"Hodja" the people said, "you are sitting on your donkey backwards!" "No," he replied. "It's not that I am sitting on the donkey backwards, the donkey is facing the wrong way."

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"Hodja" the people said, "you are sitting on your donkey backwards!"

"No," he replied. "My friend here wanted to go one way and I wanted to go the other, so we are compromising."

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