

The Parable of The Donkey and The Tiger

The Donkey said to the Tiger, "The grass is blue."

The Tiger replied, "No, the grass is green."

The discussion heated up and the two decided to go before the Lion, the King of the jungle.

The Donkey began to shout, "Your highness, is it true that the grass is blue?"

The Lion replied, "If you believe that it's true, then the grass is blue."

The Donkey continued, "The Tiger disagrees with me, contradicts and annoys me. Please punish him."

The King declared, "The Tiger will be punished with five years of silence."

The Donkey jumped cheerfully and went on his way.

The Tiger accepted his punishment, but before he left he asked the Lion, "Why have you punished me? After all, the grass is green."

The Lion replied, "In fact, the grass is green."

The Tiger asked, "So, why are you punishing me?"

The Lion replied, "That has nothing to do with the question of whether or not the grass is blue or green. The punishment is because it is not logical for an intelligent creature like you to waste time arguing with an ass. And on top of that, come and bother me with a question like that."

