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The Bektashi's Retort to the Beggar

Once there was a bektashi who went to a bath. He washed himself thoroughly in the bath, but when he was leaving, he discovered that he had no money to pay the owner of the bath. The price for a bath in those days was one kurush.

Just before the bektashi reached the cashier, he asked God, "O, my God, pull this bath house down so that I will not be put to shame for not being to pay for my bath."

Right then the dome of the bath did fall crashing down, and the bektashi rushed out just in time to save himself. Outside of the bath however, he came face to face with a beggar who begged one kurush from

The bektashi said to the beggar, "What are you talking about? Even God hasn't one kurush, because if he had, he wouldn't have pulled this huge dome down."