

Story 1309 (1988 Tape 8)

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The (Yoghurt) Lake

One day some of Nasreddin Hoca's friends saw him standing for some time at the edge of the lake in their village. When they went closer to him, they saw that he was stirring yoghurt from a bowl into the water of the lake. "What are you doing, Hoca?" they asked.

"I am trying to cause this whole lake to ferment into yoghurt."<sup>1</sup>

"But is such a thing really possible, Hoca?"

"I don't know. If it should happen, however, wouldn't that be wonderful?"

<sup>1</sup>When yoghurt is being made, either new yoghurt "germ" or just a small amount of old yoghurt is slowly stirred into warm milk. This small amount of yoghurt serves as yeast does in leavening a much larger quantity of fresh dough.