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Nasreddin Hoca and the Equivocal Bird

One day the Hoca put a bird in a cage. Also in the cage he placed a small glass of wine and a Cross.

How should the poor bird know anything about the contents of the glass? He drank the wine and became quite drunk. Staggering around the inside of the cage, he defecated upon the Cross.

When the Hoca came back and saw what had happened in the cage, he said to the bird sarcastically, "If you are a Moslem bird, why did you drink that wine? On the other hand, if are a Christian bird, why did you defecate upon the Cross?"