

You Are Judged by the Way You Speak

Once an old sage sat meditating under a banyan tree. He was blind. A man came up and said: "Hey! Old man, did you hear anyone passing this way?" The sage replied, "No, my good man, I did not hear anyone."

After a while another man went up to the old sage and asked, "Old man, did you hear anyone going this way?" The replied, "Oh yes, a man went by just now and he asked the same question." The man went away.

After some time another man came and asked, "Noble sir, did you hear anyone passing this way?"

The old sage replied, "Yes, your Majesty, A soldier went first and then your Chief Minister. Both of them asked the same question." The man was surprised and asked , "Good sir, how do you know that I am a king and that the other two were a soldier and a Chief Minister?"

The sage answered , "Your Majesty, I knew them by their manner of speaking. The first man spoke very rudely. The second man was a little more polite, but Your Majesty was the most polite.



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