

## **THE ASS, THE FOX, AND THE LION**

*(From Aesop's Fables)*

**Enemies cannot be trusted**

**Crookedness will meet with punishment**

The Ass and the Fox, having entered into partnership together for their mutual protection, went out into the forest to hunt. They had not proceeded far when they met a Lion.

The Fox, seeing imminent danger, approached the Lion and promised to contrive for him the capture of the Ass if the Lion would pledge his word not to harm him..

After the Lion assured the Fox that he would not injure him, the Fox led the Ass into a deep pit and let him fall into it. The Lion, seeing that the Ass was well secured, immediately clutched the Fox. Later on he attacked the Ass at his leisure.