

Tortoise and Hare

The following case, is an illustration of a story-line case.

Once upon a time, there lived a tortoise and a hare. They decided to run a race. The destination was decided upon and they both started moving along a path. The tortoise moved slowly while the hare obviously ran fast and soon covered a large part of the distance. The hare saw that the tortoise was nowhere nearby. He was still a long way off. So the hare decided to rest for a while. And soon he dozed off. Hours ticked by; slowly and slowly, the tortoise covered the distance and was soon near the hare. He quietly crossed the hare by. He saw the hare was fast asleep. Soon, he reached the destination. He waited there for the hare. The hare finally woke up, ran fast, covered the distance, and was at the destination soon. But he found that the tortoise was already there. The moral of the story is slow and steady wins the race.

The story does not end here. They had a race again and the hare won. This is because today competition is based on speed. Therefore, the hare, signifying speed, has replaced the above norm.

The story further goes on. The environment has changed. The path (race course) has changed. It has become more rugged (where the hare will do better). And there are also rivers and ponds in between (where the tortoise will perform better). They cannot do without seeking each other's help. Therefore, they collaborate. The hare takes the tortoise on its back on the rugged path while the tortoise takes the hare on its back to cross the ponds. In the present times, one cannot exist alone.

The case depicts changing times and what is important for today's times.