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BURIDAN'S ASS



The story of Buridan's ass is well known, since the 12th century.

The Persian thinker Al Ghazali called the problem 'the philosopher's incoherence'.

The poor donkey stands in between two stacks of hay and starves pitifully to death because he can not decide which one he should eat first.

A philosophical problem, a vital decision question for the donkey and a permanent daily live problem for us humans.

To decide.

Since we are known to be no asses, we will always make the right decision.

Beer or red wine with the fish?

Wrong.

(White wine goes better)

This was quite a stupid question.

But is it 'Lockdown' or 'deadlock',

or, 'to get vaccinated' or 'No-vax',

or, 'muzzle' or 'uncovered face', or hefty fine? (Burqa ban)

The fine, the punishment or just its threat makes the difference.

With a kick in the backside we direct the donkey to the haystack because it should eat and not philosophize.

To be or not to be...

... and how much (non-consequential) freedom of choice remains to us non-donkeys?

... 'freedom', sweet illusion...