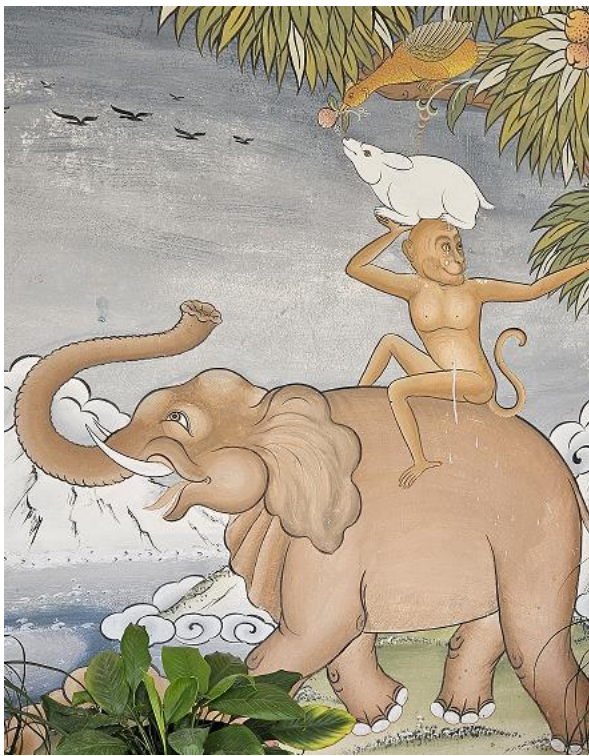


Dear readers,

This time, in addition to the travel information on www.nepaltravelsandtours.com (newly launched “OFFERS” with current travel offers), I would like to use the October newsletter to draw your attention to something that can be discovered and seen not only in Bhutan; it is the fable of the “agreement of the four spiritual brothers”, which was transferred from ancient Sanskrit sources. It is the story of the partridge, the elephant, the monkey and the hare, who, in a mutual exchange of ideas, clarified the basic commandment of the harmonious coexistence of living beings. “The younger owe the older respect!”, an old sage said.



A bird, a rabbit, a monkey and an elephant, four animal friends from Bhutan, lived by a big fruit tree. They wished to find out who was the oldest among them, and did so by measuring their age with the tree.

The elephant shared that when he was little, the tree was already fully grown, whereas the monkey remembered the tree when it was still small. Meanwhile, the tree was a mere sapling when the rabbit was still a little bunny, whereas the bird told the others that it had eaten the fruits near the tree, and then excreted the seeds that eventually grew into this tree.

Hence, they deduced that the bird was the oldest, followed by the rabbit, and then the monkey. The elephant was the youngest among them.

The **Punakha-trek**, during which this photo was taken, leads from Thimphu through subtropical forests, pine forests, villages and rice fields to the Punakha Valley and offers a great experience of Bhutanese rural life. The best time to do the Punakha trek is between March and early June and from late September to November. However, due to the lower altitude, this trek is one of the few that can be done in the months of December to February.

Thank you for reading. I hope you feel inspired again to explore Bhutan.-Thanks for visit soon.

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