

### **613 The Two Travelers. (Truth and Falsehood.)**

(Including the previous Types 613\*, 613A \*, and 6138\*.) Two men (travelers, brothers, tailor and cobbler) argue (wager) [N61] about whether truth or falsehood (justice or injustice, whose religion) is more powerful.

They call on animals and people they meet to act as judges [K451.1, N92]. The loser (the one who stands for the truth) is robbed and blinded, or the wicked man shares his bread with his hungry companion only if he will let his eyes be put out [M225, N2.3.3, S165]. The blind man spends the night in (under) a tree [F1045], where he overhears secrets of birds (other animals, devils, ogres, witches) [8253, G661.1, N451.1, N452]. By means of this knowledge [H963] he is able to restore his sight [D1505.5], to cure sickness (of the princess, king) [C940.1, D2064.1, V34.2], to end drought [F933.2, H1193, N452.1], etc. [N552.1.1, 02101, H1181]. He is rewarded (marries the princess [H346]).

His companion, intending to acquire the same wealth, imitates him. He goes to the same tree (sometimes also blinded), but the birds (devils) think it was he who betrayed their secrets, and tear him to pieces [N471].

Combinations: This type is usually combined with episodes of one or more other types, esp. 300, 326, 531, 554, 812, 954, 1535, and 1641.