

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْوَلَدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

How to do Business Honestly

It is reported that at the beginning, the eminent Saint, Hadrat Sayyiduna Sirri Saqti - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to have a little shop. At the same time, he had this policy that he will never make more than five percent profit on any item that he sold.

Once, Hadrat Sayyiduna Sirri Saqti - *may Allah be pleased with him* - bought almonds for sixty Dirhams and a few days later, the price of almond became very high. One agent then approached him and asked him the price of his almonds. He said that it was about seventy three Dirhams. However, the agent mentioned that the price of almond in the market were over ninety Dirhams.

However, the great Saint replied, “I have made a promise to Allah Almighty that I will never take more than five percent in profit.”

The agent then refused to buy this almond because he also felt guilty of selling this more than people could afford. In this manner, he did not purchase it for this lesser price and Hadrat Sayyiduna Sirri Saqti - *may Allah be pleased with him* - did not sell it for more than the price which he had already marked.

This is the quality of the Saints and this is what the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has called "deen". The name of religion is not to take a long tasbih and wear a long jubbah and walk around all the time pick-pocketing the people who come to buy. This should also be a lesson for those who claim to be Muslim business people and it is also a lesson on how they should carry out their business. Even if they walk around their business with long tasbihs and kurtas all the while trying to cheat people, all this tasbih and kurtas will be of no benefit to them on the Day of Judgement. (Kimiyaah Sa'aadat, 282; Taarika Baghdad, 9.189)