

# Darul Iftaa دار الإفتاء

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is named after our Shaykh, Mufti-e-A'zam, Faqihul Ummat, Hadhrat Mufti Mahmood Hasan Gangohi Saheb رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

## T H E S O L U T I O N

Debentures, rebate, rollovers, collaterals, liens, mortgages, shares, bonds: a never ending list! There may be hundreds of terminologies in circulation in the financial world of today, yet these concepts were addressed by the Shariah more than a thousand years ago. The Qur'an, Ahadith and the books of Fiqh (jurisprudence) are rich with financial schemes, instruments and products far beyond what is present today. Many of the financial schemes, instruments and products common today, are an evolved reflection of what was prevalent in the past.

### Did you know?

- The Qur'an has **35** verses relating to finance and economics.
- Revelation (wahi) concluded with verse 2:281, warning traders in business and economics. After discussing interest, Allah Ta'ala states:

**“And fear a Day when you will be returned to Allah. Then every soul will be compensated for what it earned, and they will not be treated unjustly.”**

- Verse 2:282 is the **longest verse** in the Qur'an regarding finance and economics.

### Did you know?

- The most celebrated compendium of Hadith in the Islamic world, Sahih al-Bukhari, contains 113 chapters on finance.
- 471 Ahadith are devoted to finance and economics.

Hidaayah is a famous manual of jurisprudence. It contains 24 intricate and complex chapters addressing the following: cash sales, credit sales, spot sales, Forwad Exchange Contracts, short sales, currency exchange, collateral, partnerships, leasing, endowments, laws of

succession and many more issues.

Many people presume that the Sahabah ؓ were poor and disadvantaged. Every nation has its affluent and disadvantaged; likewise in the Sahabah ؓ there were those who were affluent and disadvantaged. The wealthy ones were expert investors. They had diverse investment portfolios. They had mastered the art of trade. The affluent ones were spearheading mass imports and exports. They were hiring, securitising their investments, dealing in collaterals, standing as guarantors, currency trading, investing in joint commercial enterprises and other profitable schemes. They were transacting in the millions.

Abdur Rahman Ibn Auf ؓ once imported 700 camels laden with goods. He once gave 40,000 Dinars and 44,000 Dirhams in charity. That is equivalent to a remarkable R73,328,651.42 (seventy three million, three hundred and twenty eight thousand, six hundred and 51 Rands and 42 Cents)!! (*Asadul Ghaabah*, 3/143, *Ma'rifah*)

Sayyiduna Zubair ؓ had an estate equalling a staggering 52,200,000 Dirhams! That is equivalent to R124,992,763 (one hundred and twenty four million, nine hundred and ninety two thousand, seven hundred and sixty three Rands)! Imagine the value of these amounts 1400 years ago! Is there anyone today who can match these figures?

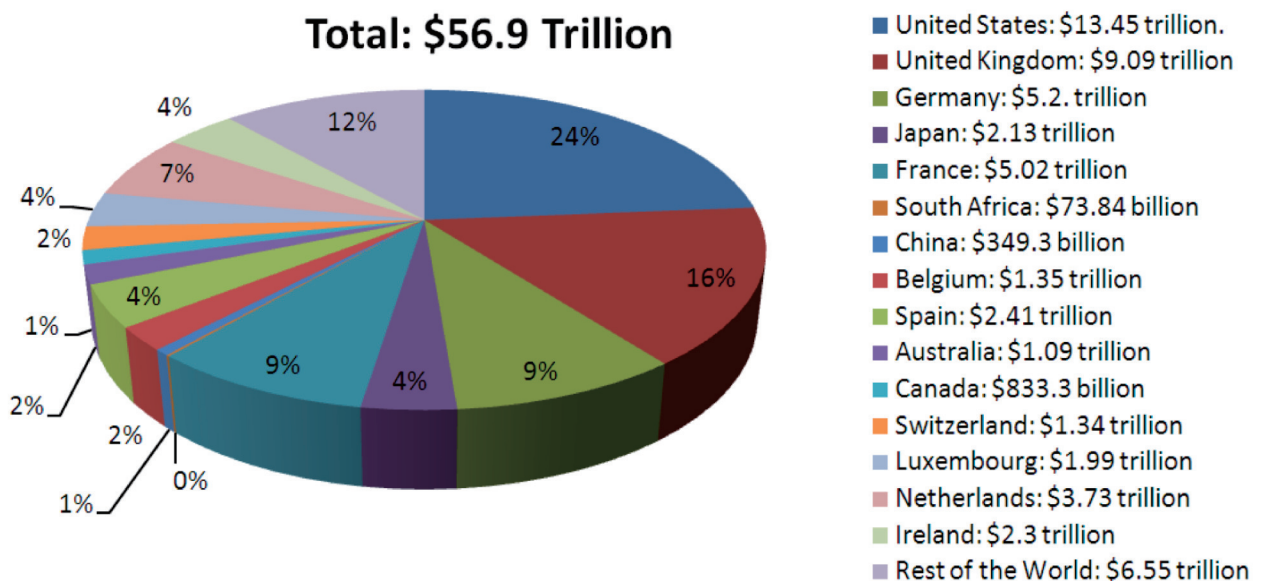
Shariah has the solutions to today's financial crisis which are clearly expounded in the Qur'an and Ahadith. Shariah has an innate elasticity to recognise new financial concepts and instruments. Allah has given us a system which is all inclusive. Shariah has the answers. **We** need to seek the answers.

# Conventional Finance loses the War

In 2008, Wall Street's supernova imploded into a black hole, swallowing up the national economy, and then destabilized most locations reachable by commercial jet; everything, everywhere. The illustration below aims to highlight this point.

## External debt in countries throughout the World as of 2010

**Total: \$56.9 Trillion**



These are the statistics of 2010. The total amount of debt has soared since then.

## Allah Ta'ālā states:

"Oh you who believe! Leave what remains of *riba* (usury) if you are true believers. If you do not do so, then be informed of a WAR against you from Allah and His Messenger"

(2:279)

The following illustration demonstrates the above statistics more clearly:



Comparison of \$1 Trillion (in \$100 bills) next to a standard American and European football field and a Boeing 747-400 transcontinental airliner

While conventional finance continues in its' decline, Islamic finance shows resilience and continues to grow from strength to strength. **This is the difference between the law of Allah Ta'ālā and man-made law!**

**Money talks, but all it ever says is "Good Bye".**

# Books & Articles on Business Economics Prepared

## **Introduction to Islamic Commerce**

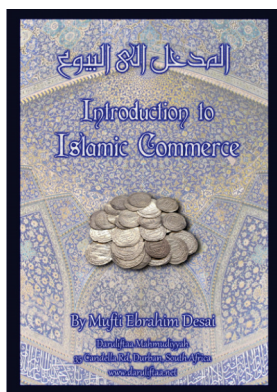
Author: Mufti Ebrahim

Desai

Pages: 54

Content: Brief explanation on basic concepts of Islamic Commerce

Specialty: Every topic is followed by a question and answer exercise. This book has been introduced as part of the syllabus in many high schools and madrassas locally and abroad in the United Kingdom and in the United States of America.



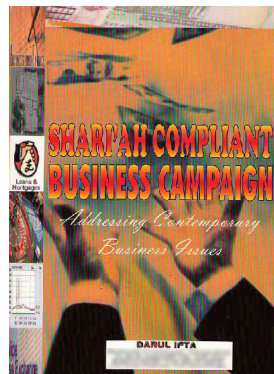
## **Shari'ah Complaint Business Campaign**

Author: Mufti Ebrahim

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Pages: 192

Content: Transcript of business campaign and talks presented by Mufti Ebrahim Desai as well as topics presented in conferences.



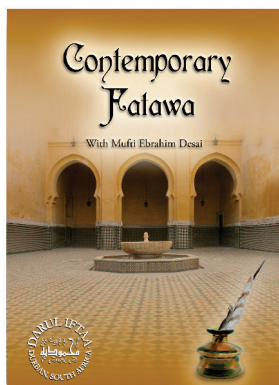
## **Contemporary Fatawa (Latest Book)**

Author: Mufti Ebrahim

Desai

Pages: 460

Content: This is a compilation of the B.E.E.P (*Business Educational*



*Empowerment Programme*), emails sent out daily to thousands of people around the world on our data base. Alhamdulillah, this program seeks to revolutionize the business world.

Specialty: Compiled upon the request of many people.

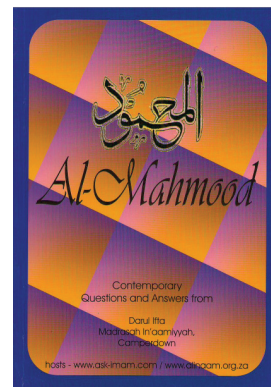
## **Al-Mahmood**

Author: Mufti Ebrahim

Desai

Pages: 225

Content: This is a compilation of the bimonthly publications of the Darul Iftaa.



## **A guide to Mudarabah Contract**

Author: The Darul Iftaa

Content: A broad guideline of the general rules of Mudārabah along with a Mudārabah contract was prepared to assist those who wish to invest through a private partnership agreement.

Available at: [www.daruliftaa.net](http://www.daruliftaa.net)

## **A guide to Lease and Employment Contracts**

Author: The Darul Iftaa

Content: The terms and conditions of *Al-Ijarah* (hiring) contract in addition to the common terms and conditions that apply to other contracts

Available at: [www.daruliftaa.net](http://www.daruliftaa.net)

## **Upfront Deposits Vs Istisna'**

Content: The contract of Istisna' and the manufacturing process of modern trade and industry:

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## **Commercial Mediation & Arbitrations**

Alhamdulillah, the Darul Iftaa successfully conducted fifteen major arbitrations in the past six months. All the services of the Darul Iftaa are free of charge.

## **Expansion Program**

The Darul Iftaa will be undertaking an expansion programme at its present site. It is an ideal opportunity to earn *Sawāb-e Jāriyah*. You may make deposit contributions to the building account of Darul Iftaa at FNB. Building Account; A/C # 62347912778 ; Branch # 221126

**Money: Soon gotten, soon spent; ill gotten, ill spent**



## Shariah Compliant Audit

In order to assess the Shari'ah Compliancy of your business, answer the following:

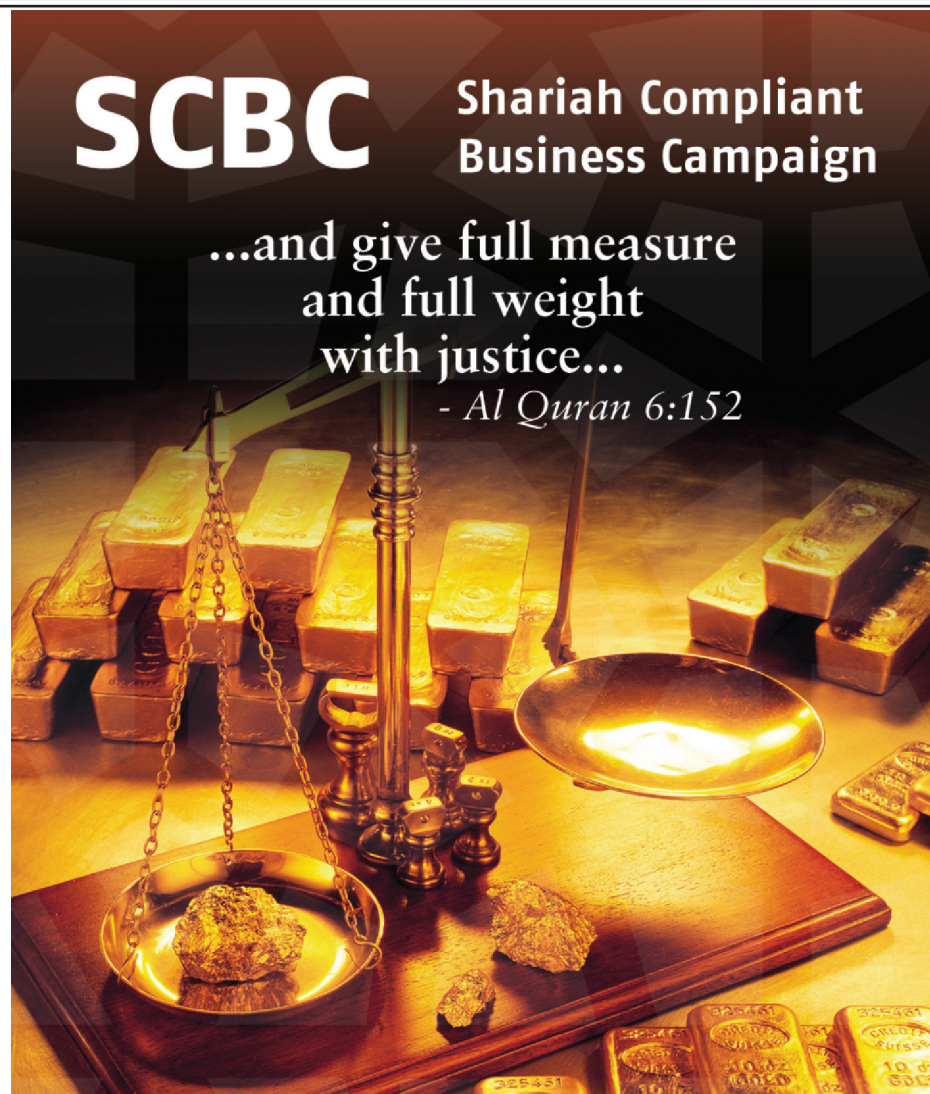
- Did I ponder if my business is Shari'ah Compliant or not?
- Did I enquire from the Ulama?
- If my business is not Shari'ah Compliant, what is the alternative?

Remember, Rasullullah *sallallahu alaihi wasallam* said, "Seeking a Halaal income is an obligation." (*Ibn Majāh, vol.1 pg.81, Dar al-Ihya al-Kutub al-Arabiah*)

Rasullullah *sallallahu alaihi wasallam* also said, "The body nourished with Haraam will not enter Jannah." (*Musnad al-Bazẓār, vol.1 pg.105, Maktabah al-Uloom wal-Hakam*)

How can one prosper if his business is not Shari'ah Compliant?

How can one enter Jannah if one's body is nourished with Haraam?



The Darul Iftaa will be hosting the Shari'ah Compliant Business Campaign (SCBC) on

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2012**

Further information on venue and speakers (Ulama and finance experts) to follow.

Topics that are expected to be covered are:

1. Common pitfalls in business practices
2. Succession plan in family business
3. Loans vs. charity
4. Innovation and diversification in business.
5. Woman and home industries
6. Estate related issues
7. Online transactions and much more...

Forward your topics of interest to:

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