

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلْدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلِّيَ 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*

Teaching by Speaking Lies

It is mentioned that once, Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Bukhari - *may Allah be pleased with him* - approached a certain Muhaddith to learn some Ahadith. However, the horse of this person had run away. This person was then waving his shawl at the horse to attract it towards himself. In other words, he was making it look as if he had some food hidden in this shawl of his. When the horse came near, he grabbed the horse. Imam Bukhari - *may Allah be pleased with him* - asked him, “Did you actually have barley in this shawl of yours?” The person replied, “No, I only deceived the horse and made it look like I had barley in this shawl.” Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Bukhari - *may Allah be pleased with him* - immediately declared, “I will never learn Hadith from that person who speaks lies to an animal.” He then walked away from this person.

In the same way, once Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Shibli - *may Allah be pleased with him* - approached a person to learn Arabic grammar. This person then tried to teach

the great Saint about what is a subject and what is an object. He used the example, “Zaid hit ‘Umar”.

In this example, Zaid is the subject and ‘Umar is the object. The great Saint then asked, “Did Zaid actually hit ‘Umar?” The teacher replied, “No, this is merely an example”. However, the great Saint replied, “I am not prepared to learn something whose first example is a lie.” (Nuzhatul Majaalis, 123)