



**Fatwa no. 19419**

**Q: A man conducted a transaction with a Christian . The transaction was concluded with the former owing the latter some dinars. The Christian then disappeared and the money continued to be in this man's possession who does not know where the Christian person lives or can be found. Please tell us, may Allah safeguard you, what should this man do with these dinars?**

**A:** In such a case, it is obligatory to search for the person to whom this money is due and give it back. However, since you do not know where this man works or lives; you must give the dinars mentioned in the question in Sadaqah (voluntary charity) on behalf of the person to whom they are due. However, if this Christian person appears one day and demands his money, inform him of what you did with the money. They may then agree to it or, if they do not, you must give them back their dinars

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and the reward of the Sadaqah will be yours. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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