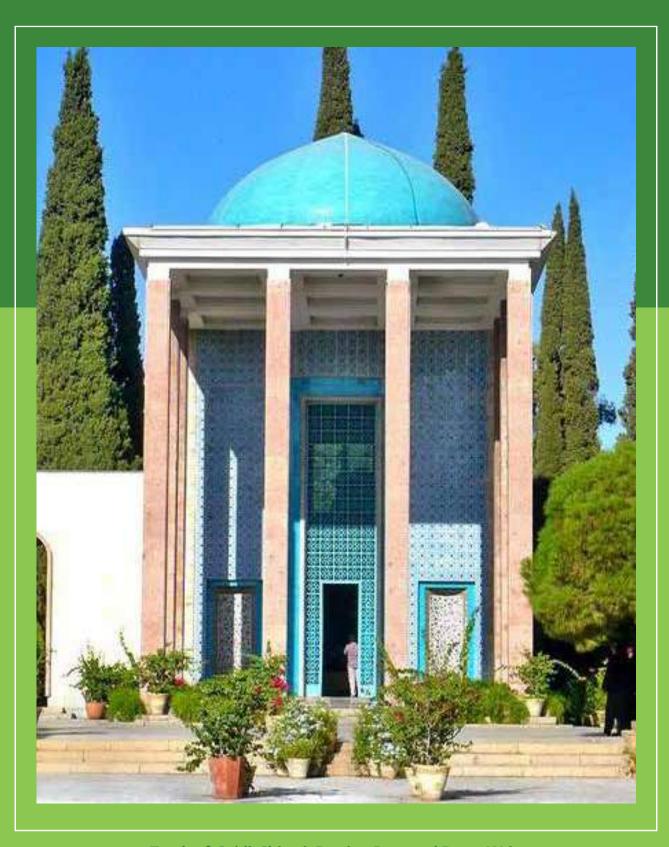




Except to consider him as a most wicked liar. Virtue is to the eyes of enmity the greatest fault. Sa'di is a rose but to the eye of enemies a thorn. The world illumining sun and fountain of light Look ugly to the eye of the mole.

A scholar of note had a controversy with an unbeliever but, being unable to cope with him in argument, shook his head and retired. Someone asked him how it came to pass that, with all his eloquence and learning, he had been unable to vanquish an irreligious man. He replied: "My learning is in the Qur'an, in tradition and in the sayings of sheikhs, which he neither believes in nor listens to. Then of what use is it to me to hear him blaspheming?" To him of whom thou canst not rid thyself by the Qur'an and tradition The best reply is if thou dost not reply anything.



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