Moses ben Maimonides
(1135-1204)
Saint Thomas Aquinas
(1225-1274)
St. Thomas Aquinas’ Nine Justifications for Profit

1. Gains are ok for the upkeep of the household
2. Gains are ok if they are used for the assistance of the needy
3. Profits are ok if they are used for some public advantage.
4. Profits are allowable if they are compensation for the owner
5. Gains are allowable if the product is bettered (improved) in some way
6. Gains are allowable if the value of the good is changed due to the movement of the product from one place to another
7. Profits are ok if they compensate the individual for the passage of time
8. Profits may be earned as compensation for the danger (risk) of transferring the product from one place to another
9. Profits may be earned as compensation for the danger (risk) of having the product carried by another individual

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“Of Cheating, Which is Committed in Buying and Selling”
Marco Polo
(1254-1324)