



☞ ☞ THE DHARMIC ETHICAL SCORECARD

People-Planet-Profit Alignment Tool

Purpose:

To help **individuals, businesses, cooperatives, and institutions** evaluate whether their economic actions align with Dharma—or quietly violate it.

This scorecard shifts ethics from opinion to measurement.

☞ *How to Use the Ethical Scorecard*

- Score each statement from **1 to 5**
 - **1 = Strongly Misaligned**
 - **3 = Partially Aligned**
 - **5 = Fully Aligned**
- Total scores reveal **ethical orientation**, not moral worth.
- This is for **course correction**, not judgment.

★ SECTION A — PEOPLE (Human Dignity Index)

Ask: Who benefits? Who bears the burden?

1. Farmers receive **predictable and fair income**, not variable leftovers.
2. Workers are paid **on time**, transparently, and with respect.
3. No participant in the supply chain is forced into **debt dependency**.
4. Contracts are understandable and **not exploitative by design**.
5. Local communities gain economic stability from this activity.

People Score: ___ / 25

★ SECTION B — PLANET (Ecological Integrity Index)

Ask: Does this regenerate life—or borrow against the future?

1. Soil health improves year over year.
2. Water use respects local ecological limits.
3. Biodiversity is preserved or increased.
4. Chemical dependency is reducing, not increasing.
5. Waste is minimized or returned safely to the ecosystem.

Planet Score: ___ / 25

★ SECTION C — PROFIT (Ethical Wealth Index)

Ask: Is profit extracted—or earned sustainably?

1. Profit margins do not depend on underpaying producers.
2. Growth does not require ecological degradation.
3. Capital is patient, not predatory.
4. Financial success strengthens long-term resilience.
5. Profit circulates within the community, not only upward.

Profit Score: ___ / 25

☞ INTERPRETING THE RESULTS

- **65–75** → Dharmically Aligned System
- **45–64** → Ethically Fragile, Correctable
- **Below 45** → Extractive Model in Disguise

Reflection: Where does improvement require courage rather than convenience?

BUYER AUDIT: THE SHOPPING CART ETHICS CHECK

Your Daily Consumption Impact Tool

Purpose:

To help consumers reclaim agency **without guilt** by understanding how everyday purchases shape markets.

This audit reframes buying as **participation**, not consumption.

How to Use the Buyer Audit

- Perform this audit **monthly** or **per product category**.
- Answer honestly—there is no “perfect buyer.”

☀ SECTION A — AWARENESS AUDIT

1. I know **who produced** most of the food I buy.
2. I understand **how it was grown**.
3. I can identify **one regenerative practice** used.
4. I know whether the farmer received **fair compensation**.
5. I understand why this product costs what it does.

Awareness Score: ___ / 25

☀ SECTION B — CHOICE VS CONVENIENCE

1. I prioritize **seasonal food** when possible.
2. I avoid ultra-cheap food without questioning its source.
3. I am willing to pay more **when value is transparent**.
4. I reduce waste consciously.
5. I choose consistency over impulse buying.

Choice Score: ___ / 25

☀ SECTION C — SYSTEM SUPPORT

1. I buy repeatedly from **ethical producers**, not occasionally.
2. I support **systems** (CSAs, cooperatives), not just products.
3. I ask questions instead of assuming labels are truthful.
4. I share ethical suppliers with others.
5. My demand reinforces regenerative practices.

System Score: ___ / 25

☞ BUYER PROFILE RESULTS

- **60–75** → Dharmic Buyer (Market Shaper)
- **40–59** → Conscious but Inconsistent
- **Below 40** → Unintentional System Reinforcer

Reflection:

Which one habit change would shift your entire buying pattern?

3. FARMER-FIRST PRICING TOOL

Fair Price Discovery & Negotiation Framework

Purpose:

To help farmers, cooperatives, and ethical buyers calculate **true prices**—not just market prices.

This tool restores **economic sovereignty** to producers.

STEP 1 — TRUE COST CALCULATION (Farmer Side)

A. Production Costs

- Seeds / planting material
- Labor (including own labor)
- Soil inputs (compost, amendments)
- Water & energy
- Maintenance

B. Regeneration Costs

- Soil restoration activities
- Cover crops / fallow cycles
- Biodiversity buffers
- Reduced chemical usage transition costs

C. Risk Buffer

- Climate uncertainty
- Pest/disease risk
- Market volatility

True Cost = A + B + C

☞ STEP 2 — DIGNITY MARGIN (Non-Negotiable)

☀ **This is NOT profit. This is survival + dignity.**

Include:

- Household needs
- Healthcare
- Education
- Savings buffer

Dignity Margin = Minimum Human Sustainability

☞ STEP 3 — FAIR PROFIT (After Alignment)

☀ **Profit Comes After Responsibility**

- Should not depend on yield pressure
- Should not increase by cutting soil or labor costs
- Should enable reinvestment

☞ STEP 4 — TRANSPARENT PRICE COMMUNICATION

Ethical Pricing Statement:

*This price includes soil regeneration, fair farmer income, and shared climate risk.
It reflects true cost—not hidden harm.*

☞ FARMER PRICING OUTCOME SCALE

- **Below True Cost** → Exploitative
- **True Cost Only** → Survival Mode
- **True Cost + Dignity** → Ethical
- **True Cost + Dignity + Fair Profit** → Dharmic



✌ *FINAL NOTE*

*Ethics is not restraint.
It is accuracy.*

*When markets become accurate about life,
prosperity becomes natural.*
