



The second question of Fatwa no. 9636

Q 2: It was said in one of the Hadith reported from the Prophet (peace be upon him) on the subject of

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Riba (usury/interest) that there are seventy-three forms of Riba. Please explain these forms in detail, so people can avoid them and be prevented from falling into them?

A: The Hadith stating that ([There are seventy-three forms of Riba](#)) was narrated by [Ibn Majah](#) from [Ibn Mas'ud](#), and also narrated by [Al-Hakim](#) with the following addition: ([The least of which is as abhorrent as a man having intercourse with his own mother and the worst of which is \(violating\) the honor and sanctity of a Muslim.](#)) Both narrations were mentioned by Al-Suyuty in "Al-Jami' Al-Saghir". The first one was ranked as Da'if (a Hadith that fails to reach the status of Hasan, due to a weakness in the chain of narration or one of the narrators) whereas the narration reported by [Al-Hakim](#) was ranked as Sahih (a Hadith that has been transmitted by people known for their uprightness and exactitude; free from eccentricity and blemish). Al-Manawy said in "Al-Fayd", on the authority of Al-Hafizh Al-'Iraqy, that both Isnads (chains of narration) are Sahih (authentic). The meaning of "Riba" here is the sin incurred from dealing with Riba. Al-Tayyiby said that this opinion must be true for it to accord with likening it to a man having sexual intercourse with his mother. This is evidenced by the narration that says, ([Riba is of seventy sins.](#)) (Related by [Ibn Majah](#))

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