

The sixth question of Fatwa no. 2672

Q 6: I am a merchant who sells gold jewelry which is engraved with images of humans or animals. The purchasers care about the quality of the jewelry itself, and not the images engraved on them. However, some of them prefer jewelry with images engraved on them to jewelry without images. It is worth mentioning that most of them, if not all of them, are Kufar (disbelievers) either for abandoning Salah (Prayer), or denial of the existence of Allah, or for associating others with Him in worship.

In any case, is it permissible for me to deal in jewelry with images engraved on it since the purchasers care only about the quality of the jewelry itself or is it completely unlawful because images and producing images is unlawful? Is it permissible for me to sell the jewelry

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on which the Name of Allah is engraved? It should be noted that most women do not respect the Name of Allah engraved on their jewelry and may wear them while they are Junub (in a state of major ceremonial impurity) or during menstruation, or enter the bathroom with them?

A: It is not permissible to deal in jewelry that bears images of animate beings because of the general meaning of the proofs that prohibit producing and hanging images. The Prophet (peace be upon him) stated: (Allah and His Messenger made illegal the trade of alcohol, dead animals, pigs and idols.) Idols include any image of animate beings or whatever possesses a soul, even if they are engraved on jewels. This ruling applies whether the purchaser is a Muslim or not.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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