

3996 - Ruling on giving a copy of the Qur'an with a translation to a kaafir

the question

Is it permissible to give for Da'wah to the non-Muslims a translation of the meanings of the Qur'aan which accompanies the original Arabic text as well?

Detailed answer

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-Uthaymeen: what is the ruling on giving a kaafir a copy of the Quraan containing the text in Arabic and a translation and commentary amounting to half of the content?

He replied, may Allaah preserve him:

What is known among the scholars is that it is not permissible to give a kaafir power over the Quraan (i.e., put it at his disposal), but if a kaafir is sincere in his desire to know more about the Quraan, a person can invite him to come to a library either a public library or his own home library, where he can show him the Quraan.

If you find a translation of the meanings of the Quraan without the Arabic text then there is nothing wrong with giving that to a kaafir. And Allaah knows best.