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

Praise be to Allah.

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.