



Fatwa no. 20857

Q: People circulate some pictures of the prophet's room, which includes the graves of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his two Companions (may Allah be pleased with them both). Also, there are pictures bearing some Ayahs (Qur'anic verses) and on the back a phrase expressing that these pictures are made as a Waqf (endowment) for the sake of Allah on behalf of a particular deceased person. People usually exchange these pictures on some occasions such as 'Eids and the New Hijri Year. We would like to hear your Fatwa in this regard in order to enlighten people.

A: It is not permissible to distribute these pictures due to the evils which result,

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such as exceeding proper limits, Tabarruk (seeking blessings) through them, and exposing the Ayahs and Names of Allah (Exalted be He) to desecration. Also, it is not permissible to print or distribute the pictures that bear Qur'anic Ayahs and have a phrase on the back indicating that they are endowed for the sake of Allah on behalf of a particular deceased person. In doing so, there is a sort of disrespect when the pictures are taken for decoration. Indeed, the Words of Allah are far exalted above that. Additionally, such pictures cannot be made as a Waqf, since there is no Shar'y (Islamically lawful) benefit that can be drawn from using them according to the way mentioned.

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

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