

Monetary assistance to needy Kuffaar to invite to Islaam?

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Can one give monetary assistance to needy Kuffaar in order to invite them to Islaam?

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr said: Yes, it is permissible to give assistance to the needy ones even if they are disbelievers. This assistance may be in the form of money in order to bring their hearts closer and to invite them to Islaam. In the books of Aadaab (characteristics, moral behaviour etc.) there is a chapter called “Giving a gift to the mushrik” and they give evidence for that. Likewise Allaah سبحانه و تعالی says in the Qur’aan:

لَا يَنْهَاكُمُ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَلَمْ يُخْرِجُوكُمْ مِّن دِيَارِكُمْ أَن تَبَرُّوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ

[Allaah does not forbid you to deal justly and kindly with those who fought not against you on account of religion nor drove you out of your homes. Verily, Allaah loves those who deal with equity.]¹

It is stipulated as a condition when giving assistance in the form of money that you ensure that it is not used in a manner that is impermissible, for example, do not give to someone who will use it to buy intoxicants or to go and do something impermissible with a prostitute or to use it to gamble or the like. Rather, if they need to use it for food, drink, their home etc. then this is permissible.

¹ [Soorah al-Mumtahanah 60:8]