



Is it permissible to profess Kufr (disbelief) due to coercion? What is the ruling on a person whose Ijtihad (juristic effort to infer expert legal rulings) leads him to deny one of the religious matters necessarily known to all?

Eighth and tenth from questions of Fatwa No. (9272):

Q 8: Does coercion provide an allowance to profess or do acts of Kufr (disbelief)?

A: It is permissible for a Muslim to profess Kufr if he is coerced into it under threat while his heart is firm on faith. This is based on the general ruling implied in the Qur'anic Ayah (verse) which states: [Whoever disbelieved in Allâh after his belief, except him who is forced thereto and whose heart is at rest with Faith; but such as open their breasts to disbelief, on them is wrath from Allâh, and theirs will be a great torment...](#)

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