



Fatwa no. 13914

Q: I have a shop where I sell and rent western, Indian, and Arabic videos. All these films include scenes that show unveiled women; in some of them they are naked. They also show them mixing with men and sometimes the men kissing the women. There is also music, singing, and women dancing, and scenes of violence and crimes during which nothing is hidden. Once, one of the righteous young men came into my shop and told me that it is not permissible to engage in this work, and that it is Haram (prohibited). He told me also that by doing this work I am destroying the religion and the 'Aqidah (creed), and that the money earned from this work is Haram. He told me that it is obligatory that I should free myself from this work, and then he left. When I got home, I decided to write to you as you are the people I most trust and you are the most knowledgeable Muslim scholars of the present time. I am therefore asking you to let me have a Fatwa (legal opinion issued by a qualified Muslim scholar) quickly, as I am continually anxious. May Allah protect you!

A: What this sincere advising brother said is correct. It is obligatory for you to renounce all that is prohibited by Allah (may He be Exalted).

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

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