

## **321546 - Ruling on selling cakes and desserts to a pub in which alcohol is drunk**

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### **the question**

I bake various types of cakes and desserts. I recently had someone who owns a few bars and pubs approach me and ask whether I would supply my cakes and other desserts to his bar and pubs.

Would this be permissible in Islam? As I am worried that the money I gain from this may not be halal as this individual may possibly be paying me with his business money. I am also worried that someone may go into a pub or bar just for the cake and decide to have alcohol to compliment the desserts.

### **Detailed answer**

It is not permissible to sell cakes, desserts or other food to one who will drink alcohol with it.

It says in *Kashshaf al-Qina'* (3/182): It is not valid to sell food, drink or aromatics to someone who will drink intoxicants with them, or to sell vessels and the like to someone who will drink intoxicants from them, or to sell eggs, walnuts and the like to one who will gamble. End quote.

If these types of cakes or deserts are usually eaten with alcohol by those who drink it, it is not permissible to sell them to them, or to the pub or bar which will serve them to those people, because that comes under the heading of helping in sin. Allah, may He be exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning):

{And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and transgression. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty} [al-Ma'idah 5:2].

But if these people do not eat these cakes and desserts with their drinks – rather they are things that are sold in the pub for those who want them, like water, juice and other

permissible things – and they have no connection to the drinking of alcohol, then in that case it is permissible to sell them.

If you are not sure about that, then to be on the safe side you should not sell them to them.

And Allah knows best.