

FATAWA GAMBLING LOTTERY 2013-2015

From: Samy

Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Question: Buying the heart & Stroke calendar at higher than normal price.

Dear Dr. Monzer, as-Salamu Alaykum wa Rahmatu Allah wa Barakatuh.

I hope this e-mail finds you in the best of health and Iman.

Below is a financial question about buying heart and stroke calendar. The calendar can be purchased for \$25, and has the potential of winning thousands of dollars. The reason is that some of the proceeds go to heart and stroke foundation, and the others go toward the winning.

Please advise if purchasing such calendar is halal, or haram.

Jazaka Allah Khayran.

Imam Samy, Ottawa Main Mosque

My Answer:

Bismillah al Rahman al Rahim

Alhamdu Lillahi Rabb al Alamin, wa al Salatu wa al Salamu 'ala Sayyidina Muhammad, wa 'ala Aalihi

wa Sahbihi Ajma'in

Dear Br. Samy

Assalam Alaykum wa Rahmatu Allah wa Barakatuh

This is not permissible in my opinion because of inflating the price of the calendar. Normal price of a calendar may be 5-7 Dollars and many companies give it free. Definitely part of the \$25 is to buy the chance to win which is Maysir and prohibited in Shari'ah.

It is also bad morality.

Wa Allah A'lam

Wa Alhamdu Lillahi Rabb al Alamin

Wassalam

Prof. Dr. Monzer Kahf
