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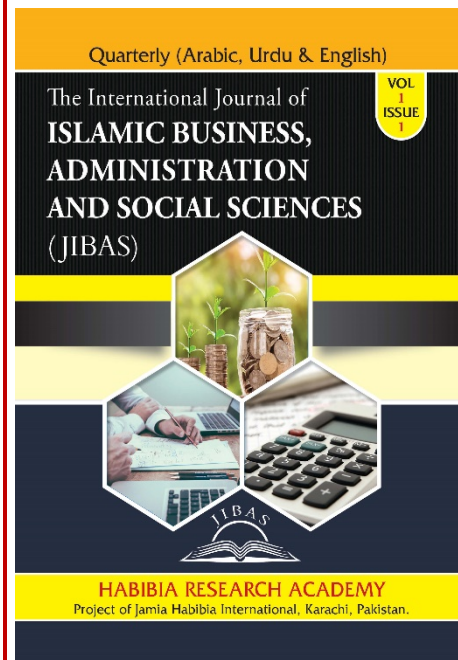
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ABSTRACT

Red meat is considered to be important part of our diet, as it helps in making of blood specially red blood cell which circulates oxygen in our body and it also important part of our body building block as amino acid is use for making of DNA. The objective of this research is not to discuss its biological importance but to clear the objection of other religion towards the way of slaughtering in Islam. And also clear the awareness of slaughtering between each individual Muslim, Non-Muslim and special children.

KEYWORDS: *Islamic ruling of slaughtering, the best way of slaughtering, misconception of non-Muslims regarding Islamic way of slaughtering.*

INTRODUCTION

Since the beginning of life a human, he has been hunting animals for the purpose of food, clothes and other uses. Some of the animals are also breed by human. So in those days when there was no guidance for slaughtering of animal, man use to slaughter without considering with pain of the animal and use to be very brutal with animal. But Allah Al-Mighty sends down His Messengers to guide human about number things but He only send Mohammad (S.A.W) to guide the man kind how to live their life according to Quran and Sunnah. He alone guided the Muslim how to slaughter animal. And Islam also permits eating of meat as mention Quran: "Allah has not created all this without truth {Haque}.¹ For it is He who created everything and ordained it with due potential {Taqdir}.² Not to allow any change to corrupt what Allah has created."³ Then a warning is given to those people who are guilty of infraction, in these words: "Do they not know how many We have annihilated before them - those whom We had established on earth as more powerful than We have established you..."⁴

Why slaughtering is important?

When Allah Al-Mighty sends down number of messengers before Mohammad (s.a.w), He also down the entire religious guide to them also likes Christians and Jews. But they have made so many changes in that no Muslim can believe on them At the time of Prophet hood of Hazart Ibrahim (R.A), he was order by Allah to sacrifice his own son. So without any hesitation he took his son Ismael (R.A). On their way , Satan try to mislead them and but they had firm believe on Allah and carry on their journey. So when Hazart Ibrahim was about to cut off his son neck, Allah replaced his son with a sheep. That's why we sacrifice animal each year in the name of Allah.

Animal that is halal and haram in Islam:

Slaughtering of animal is one the obligator act on the Muslim. Each year they have to sacrifice one animal which they can afford. But the animal needs to be big like goat, cow, bull or camel. There are number of animal which are considered as haram and halal. Haram

animals like pigs, cats, dogs and those animals which have impure blood. In Quran there number rules and regulation considering on this issue: "Forbidden to you (for food) are: dead meat, blood, the flesh of swine, and that which has been invoked the name of other than Allah, that which has been killed by strangling, or by a violent blow, or by a headlong fall, or by being gored to death, that which has been (partly) eaten by a wild animal, unless you are able to slaughter it (before the animal dying due to the above causes)."⁵ In another place Allah has mention: "This day [all] good foods have been made lawful, and the food of those who were given the Scripture is lawful for you and your food is lawful for them. And [lawful in marriage are] chaste women from among the believers and chaste women from among those who were given the Scripture before you, when you have given them their due compensation, desiring chastity, not unlawful sexual intercourse or taking [secret] lovers. And whoever denies the faith - his work has become worthless, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers."⁶ Muslims generally cast dogs in a negative light because of their ritual impurity. The story of the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus in the Qur'an (and also the role of the dog in early Christianity) is one of the striking exceptions. Muhammad did not like dogs according to Sunni tradition and most practicing Muslims do not have dogs as pets. It is said that angels do not enter a house which contains a dog. Though dogs are not allowed for pets, they are allowed to be kept if used for work, such as guarding the house or farm, or when used for hunting purposes. According to a generally unaccepted Sunni tradition attributed to Muhammad, black dogs are evil or even devils, in animal form. This report reflects the pre-Islamic Arab mythology and the vast majority of *Ulema* (Muslim jurists) viewed it to be falsely attributed to Muhammad. Use whatever causes blood to flow, and eat the animals if the Name of Allah has been mentioned on slaughtering them....⁷ Allah's Messenger forbade the eating of the meat of beasts having fangs.⁸ The Prophet said: "Allah has forbidden alcoholic drinks. Whoever this verse reaches while they still possess any of it, they are neither to drink nor to sell."⁹

Treatment of animal in Islam

The Arabs were often cruel to animal. It was very common in Arabia to put a ring around the neck of a camel, but this practice was stop after order of Hazart Mohammad. People used to cut piece of flesh from living animals and cook and eat them. It is forbidden to beat animals unnecessarily, to brand them on the face, or to allow them to fight each other for human entertainment. "They must not be mutilated while they are alive." So animal fighting was made unlawful and the custom practicing arrow shooting on animal was also prohibited. Muhammad is also reported (Narrated by Ibn Omar and Abdullah bin Al-As) to have said: "There is no man who kills [even] a sparrow or anything smaller, without its deserving it, but Allah will question him about it [on the judgment day]," and "Whoever is kind to the creatures of God is kind to himself."¹⁰ A *hadith* is reported from Muhammad that he issued advice to kill the *fawasiq* (or harmful) animal within the holy area (*haram*)

of Mecca, such as the rat and the scorpion. Killing animals that are non-domesticated such as zebras and birds in this area is forbidden.

Method of slaughtering and its importance

The Islamic method of slaughtering animals, known as *Zabiha* (slaughtering) is, in Islamic law, the prescribed method of ritual slaughter of all animals excluding camels, locusts, fish and most sea-life. The method of slaughtering is based on number of laws and they are mention in Quran As follow: "So eat of that [meat] upon which the name of Allah has been mentioned, if you are believers in His verses."¹¹ Say, "I do not find within that which was revealed to me [anything] forbidden to one who would eat it unless it be a dead animal or blood spilled out or the flesh of swine - for indeed, it is impure - or it be [that slaughtered in] disobedience, dedicated to other than Allah . But whoever is forced [by necessity], neither desiring [it] nor transgressing [its limit], then indeed, your Lord is Forgiving and Merciful."¹² Abu Ya` la Shaddad ibn Aws (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَتَبَ الْإِحْسَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، فَإِذَا قَتَلْتُمْ فَأَحْسِنُوا الْقِتْلَةَ، وَإِذَا ذَبَحْتُمْ فَأَحْسِنُوا الذَّبْحَةَ، وَلْيُحِدِّ أَحَدُكُمْ شَفْرَتَهُ،
وَلْيُرِحْ ذَبِيحَتَهُ. "رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ"

"Verily, Allah has enjoined excellence (*ihsan*) with regard to everything. So, when you kill, kill in a good way; when you slaughter, slaughter in a good way; so every one of you should sharpen his knife, and let the slaughtered animal die comfortably."¹³ Method of slaughtering of animal prescribed by our beloved Prophet, Hazart Mohammad (PBUH):

1. Islamic method of slaughtering animal: *Zakkaytum* is a verb derived from the root word *Zakah* (to purify). Its infinitive is *Tazkiyah* which means purification. The Islamic mode of slaughtering an animal requires the following conditions to be met:

- a. **Animal should be slaughtered with sharp object (knife)** The animal has to be slaughtered with a sharp object (knife) and in a fast way so that the pain of slaughter is minimized.
- b. **Cut wind pipe, throat and vessels of neck** *Zabiha* is an Arabic word which means 'slaughtered'. The 'slaughtering' is to be done by cutting the throat, windpipe and the blood vessels in the neck causing the animal's death without cutting the spinal cord.
- c. **Blood should be drained** The blood has to be drained completely before the head is removed. The purpose is to drain out most of the blood which would serve as a good culture medium for microorganisms. The spinal cord must not be cut because the nerve fibers to the heart could be damaged during the process causing cardiac arrest, stagnating the blood in the blood vessels.

2. Blood is a good medium for germs and bacteria Blood is a good media of germs, bacteria, toxins, etc. Therefore the Muslim way of slaughtering is more hygienic as most of the blood containing germs, bacteria, toxins, etc. that are the cause of several diseases are eliminated.

3. Meat remains fresh for a longer time Meat slaughtered by Islamic way remains fresh for a longer time due to deficiency of blood in the meat as compared to other methods of slaughtering.

4. Animal does not feel pain The swift cutting of vessels of the neck disconnects the flow of blood to the nerve of the brain responsible for pain. Thus the animal does not feel pain. While dying, the animal struggles, writhers, shakes and kicks, not due to pain, but due to the contraction and relaxation of the muscles deficient in blood and due to the flow of blood out of the body.¹⁴

Difference between Islam and other religion

The Rehat Maryada of Sikhism states that in Sikhism, "consumption of any meat killed in an ritualistic manner" is strictly prohibited therefore prohibiting both halal and kosher meat. The Kshatriya of Hinduism are prohibited from consuming meat killed by Muslims. Muslims are divided as to whether or not Jewish slaughter suffices as a replacement for Islamic dhabaha halal. Some claim that Jewish slaughter leaves out the Takbeer (saying: God is Great) and changes the method of slaughter, thus, their meat is Haram. Others claim that the slaughtering processes are similar enough in practice and in theory to render animals slaughtered by Jewish laws as halal.¹⁵

Conclusion:

Slaughtering that is prescribed in Islam is the most famous method among the non-Muslims. Because each act which is done in the slaughtering animal is proved and it is 100% pure of germs and bacteria and medical sciences prefer this method as it is good for human being body. So there is no chance of developing any kind disease or cancer. Eating meat is important or mandatory part of one human life as it is major building block inside our body. All practicing of the Muslims are according to the sayings of the Allah Almighty which are mentioned in the Quran and according to the practices of the final prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him), whether they are eating the halal food and avoiding the forbidden foods (haram).

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