

Islamic way of slaughtering an Animal (Logical reason)

There are three conditions for slaughtering an animal in Islam.

- 1) Animal must be slaughtered by taking name of Allah
- 2) Person slaughtering must believe in Allah's oneness.
- 3) Blood of the animal must be completely drained out from the animal's body

Now consider condition #1: The meat we eat is not derived by any scientific means but by actually murdering an animal. Murdering may be a harsh word, but in reality it is a murder from which we get meat of the animals. He or she does not give life voluntarily. It is a truth that life of everyone in this planet carries some sort of sanctity. Like human life is sacred, similarly animal's life is also carries sanctity. That is why as a rule, Allah has forbidden killing an animal. But as a favor to humans to fulfill their need of food, Allah has given permission to kill the animal and eat his meat but only by His name and authority. When we are ready to slaughter an animal we must fully realize that this animal life is as sacred as any other living being and we have absolutely no right to kill this animal if there is no permission, order and will of Allah. To ensure this realization we must take Allah's name before slaughtering the animal because Allah is the creator of this animal and with His express permission we are killing this animal.

Condition # 2: Condition# 1 cannot be met unless the person slaughtering the animal does not believe in Allah (SWT), or does not think that Allah alone is the Master, creator and Owner of the heavens and earth and everything in it belongs to Him, There is no partner with Him in His sovereignty and ownership. That is why the people of book (Jews and Christians) slaughtered animals can be consumed by Muslims if they really believed in oneness of Allah.

Note: now a day's most Christians does not believe in oneness of Allah and their faith in trinity nullify this concept of oneness of Allah, similarly a tiny minority in Jews believe Hazrat Uzair as Son of God.

Condition # 3: All the blood from slaughtered animal should come out from the body. Because Blood is "Haram" forbidden, eating blood creates ferocity, rapaciousness and bestiality in humans. Same way wild and carnivores animals like Lions, Tigers etc are forbidden to eat, because they eat meat with blood in it. Domesticated and herbivores animals, like goat, sheep, camels etc are allowed to eat as they do not consume meat and blood, but only vegetation. To drain blood out of the body of the animals, Muslims cut the jugular vein in the neck of the animal or do "NAHAR" of camel (cutting the heart of the camel with a dragon) so that all the blood is drained out from the dying animal. Same reason dead animals which die of natural causes are not allowed to eat because blood remains in their bodies.

Pigs are not allowed to eat in Islam, although it is from the same species as goat, but are omnivores which mean that they consume both [plants and animals] and it is considered wild animal and has depraved behavior that is why Allah specially forbade to eat pigs in Quran.

Allah said in Quran **يَسْأَلُونَكَ مَاذَا أُحِلَّ لَهُمْ قُلْ أُحِلَّ لَكُمْ الطَّيِّبَاتُ** م “They ask you, “O Prophet” what is permissible for them to eat, Say “What is good and lawful” Surah Al-Maida , Aya # 4. Implying, that as our food, drink effects our life and psychology, so Allah wants that our body should consume clean and pure things but blood and wild animals (who eat meat and blood) are not clean, pure and lawful.

Allah is our creator and who else would know what is best for our body, mind and wellbeing? He wants our body and mind to be healthy and free from all deceases. That’s why blood and all carnivores and omnivores animals are prohibited.