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A SERIES ABOUT THE HALAL MEAT SITUATION IN USA



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الحمد لله الذي أحل لنا بهيمة الأنعام وحرم المذبوح بغير ذكر
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OVERVIEW

Why is Fiqh important?

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Just say 'Bismillah' and eat it

Halal and Humaneness

WHY IS FIQH IMPORTANT?

We are slaves of Allah swt

All rulings are for our benefit

Not following Fiqh means following desires

RULINGS OF ZABIHA

Definitions:

Ḥalāl: permissible, lawful

Ḥarām: impermissible, unlawful, prohibited

Zabḥ: the act of slaughtering

Zabihah: animal that has been slaughtered properly according shari'ah

RULINGS OF ZABIHA

ONLY *Ṭayyib* is Ḥalāl, *Khabīth* is Ḥarām

- That which is *Ṭayyib* is Halal, and that which is Halal is *Ṭayyib*, Allah ﷻ says:

(al-Baqarah:168) ﴿كُلُوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا﴾

RULINGS OF ZABIHA

A Key Principle:

« الأصل في الأثنياء الإباحة وفي اللحوم الحرمة »

- By default, all things are **permissible** (allowed) (unless proven otherwise)
- &
- In meat, the default ruling is **impermissibility** (Ḥarām) (unless proven otherwise)

(Upon the consensus of the major 'ulama of all four mazhahib of Fiqh)



CONDITIONS OF ZABIHA

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Condition #1: THREE out of the FOUR main veins of the animal's throat **MUST** be cut

Condition #2: *Tasmiyyah*: Mentioning the Name of Allāh verbally at the time of each slaughter

Condition #3: The butcher must be a Muslim or Believing Ahl al-Kitāb.

THE CONDITIONS OF ZABIHA

ALL THREE CONDITIONS MUST BE MET AT ONCE

If any one condition is NOT MET, the meat will NOT be considered ḤALĀL

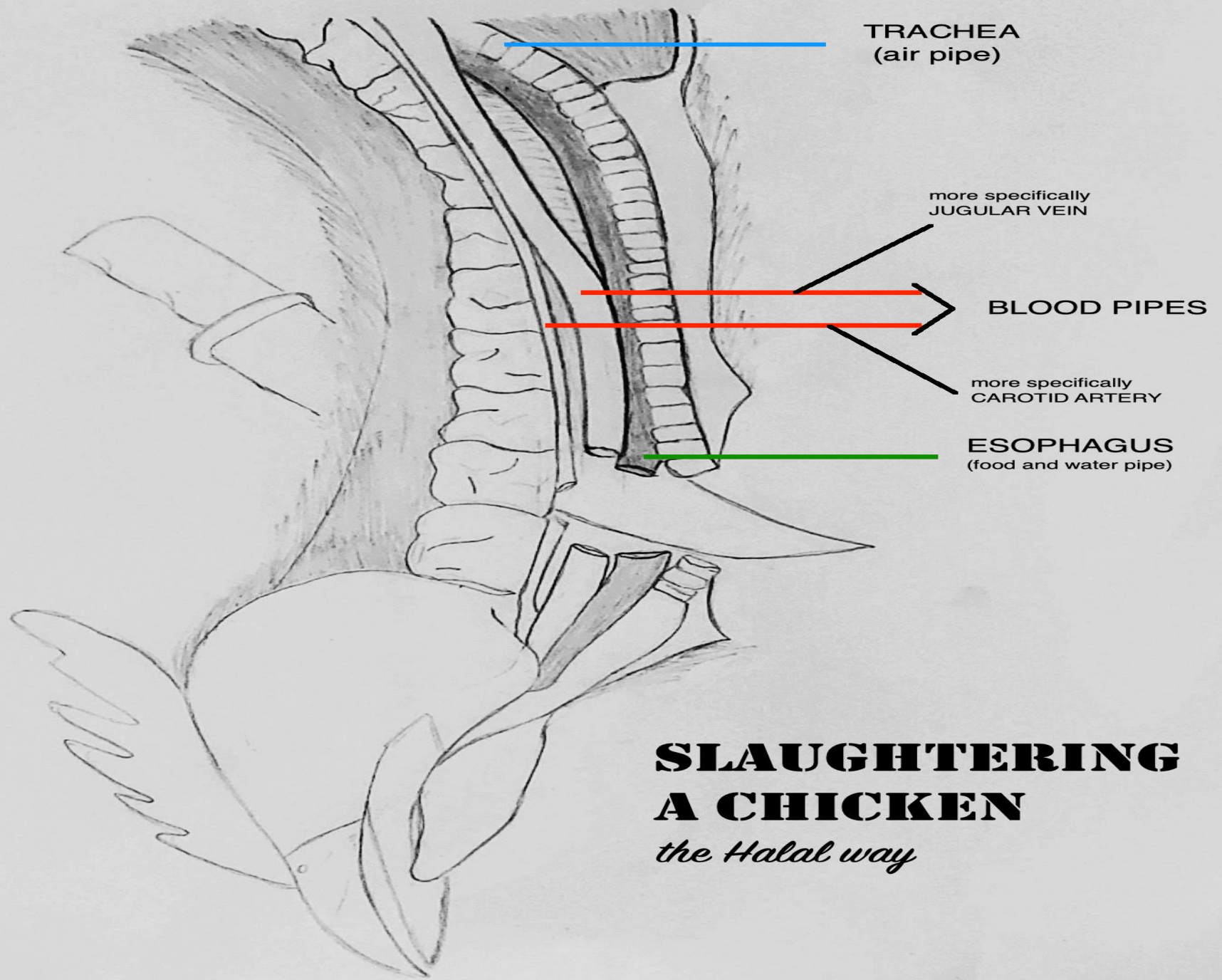
THE CONDITIONS OF ZABIHA

Condition #1:
The method of slaughtering

THE CONDITIONS OF ZABIHA #1

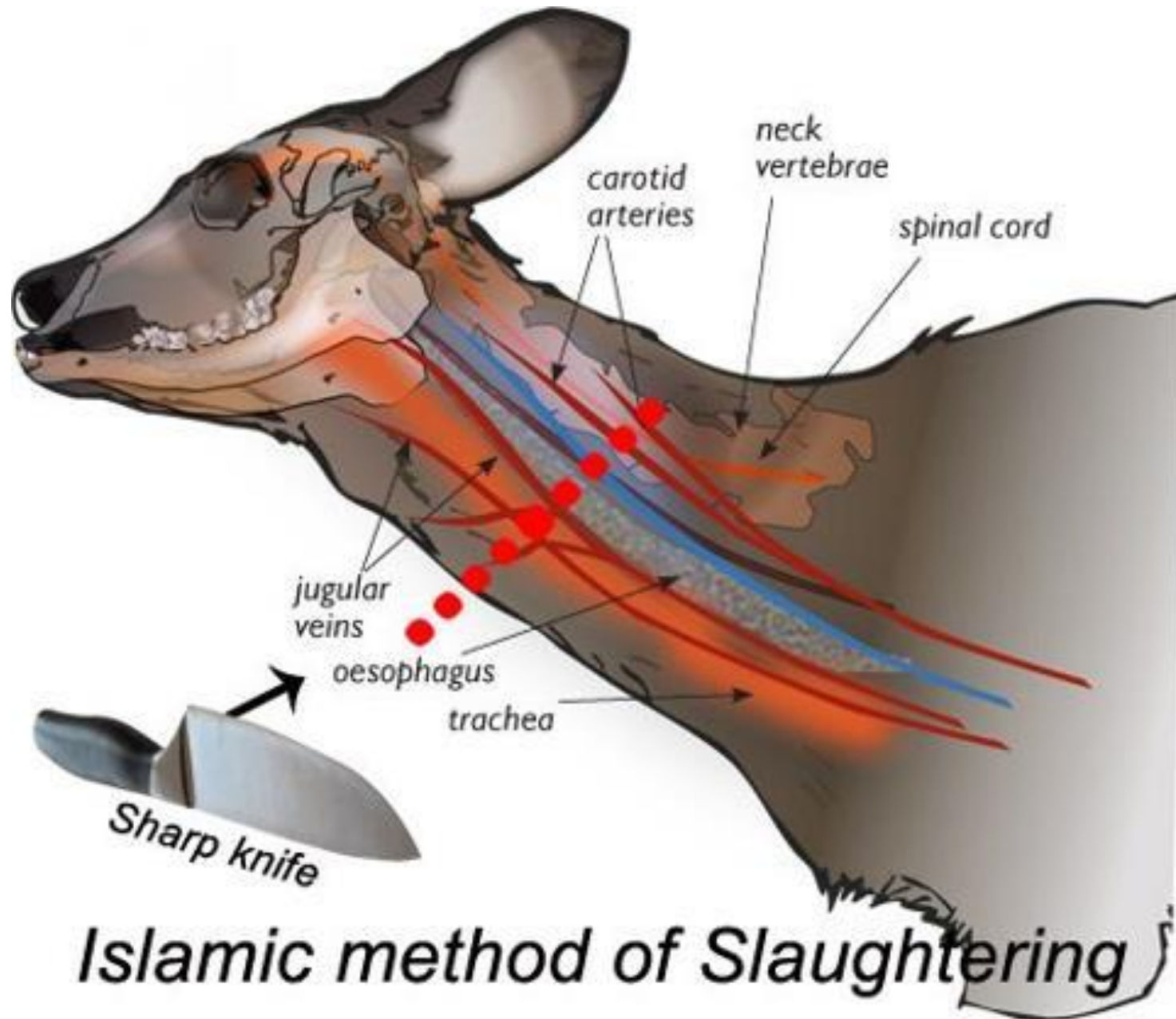
THREE out of the **FOUR** main veins of animal's throat **MUST** be cut:

1. Trachea (windpipe الحلقوم)
2. Esophagus (food pipe المري)
3. Jugular Vein #1 (الودجان)
4. Jugular Vein #2



SLAUGHTERING A CHICKEN

the Halal way



Islamic method of Slaughtering

THE CONDITIONS OF ZABIHA

Condition #2: **Tasmiyyah:**

Mentioning the Name of
Allāh verbally at the time
of each slaughter

THE CONDITIONS OF ZABIHA #2: MENTIONING THE NAME OF ALLĀH

﴿ وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا مِمَّا لَمْ يَذْكَرْ اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَإِنَّهُ لَفِسْقٌ ﴾

“Eat not (of meats) on which Allāh’s name has not been pronounced, and surely it is a sin...” (al-

An’aam:121)

THE CONDITIONS OF ZABIHA #2: MENTIONING THE NAME OF ALLĀH

Mentioning the Name of Allāh (Bismillāh) **verbally** is required **at the time of each slaughter**

- If the butcher intentionally leaves out Bismillāh, the meat is Ḥarām
- Any animal upon which Bismillāh is not mentioned at the time of slaughter intentionally, is considered ***maytah*** (**carrion**)

DEFINITION OF MAYTAH

أما الميتة فهي مقتولا بغير ذكاة شرعية أو ما مات من الحيوان حتف أنفه من غير قتل

Maytah: dead meat (lit.), refers to any animal not slaughtered according to the Shariah, including animals that have died of natural causes

(روائع البيان، ص 149)

DEFINITION OF MAYTAH

الميتة: الدابة المباح أكل لحمها، فارقتة الحياة من دون ذبح شرعي

Maytah: The animal which is permissible for consumption, but it dies without proper slaughter

(حاشية تفسير الجلالين سورة الأنعام 145)

DEFINITION OF MAYTAH

الميتة: ما مات مما كان حلالا أن يؤكل لحمه... التحريم هنا في الأكل، لا في الحيوان نفسه

Maytah: That which died of the animals permissible for consumption. Eating the meat of the animal is haram, not the animal itself.

(حاشية تفسير الجلالين سورة البقرة 173)

THE DECEPTION WE HAVE BEFALLEN

“Prohibited for you are: *Maytah (carrion)*, blood, the flesh of swine, and those upon which (a name) other than that of Allāh has been invoked (at the time of slaughter)...” (al-Maa'idah:3)

Allāh mentions the meat of swine third, after *Maytah (carrion)* and blood, indicating that avoiding the first two is just as if not more serious than pork

THE CONDITIONS OF ZABIHA

Condition #3:

The butcher must be a Muslim or Believing Ahl al-Kitāb

THE CONDITIONS OF ZABIHA #3:

THE BUTCHER MUST BE MUSLIM OR BELIEVING AHL AL-KITĀB

If one does not know who slaughtered the animal, further researched **MUST** be done before eating



ETIQUETTES OF ZABIHA

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In the daytime (for visibility and accuracy)

Sharp knife

Thorough cut

Cut all passageways of the throat

Cut only up to the vertebrae

Do not cut the head off completely

Face the Qiblah while slaughtering

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HALAL AND ZABIHA?

Those animals declared as “Halāl”, if they have been slaughtered according to “Zabīha” rules, only then consuming their meat is “Halāl”.

If they have not been slaughtered as per Shar’i rules, then that meat cannot be called “Halāl”, it would be considered as “*Maitah* (Carrion)” which is “Haram”.

There is no difference of Zabiha & Halal in the Quran, Sunnah or any text of Fiqh.



JUST SAY BISMILLAH AND
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There two types of issues in Islam:

Umoor Ta'abbudiyyah: those issues related to *ibadah* (worship)

Umoor 'Adiyah: those issues related to everyday life, unrelated to *ibadah* (worship)

THE DIETARY LAWS OF ISLAM ARE AMONG THE

Umoor Ta'abbudiyyah

JUST SAY BISMILLAH AND JUST EAT IT!

باب ذَبِيحَةِ الْأَعْرَابِ وَنَحْوِهِمْ:

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا - أَنَّ قَوْمًا، قَالُوا لِلنَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ إِنَّ قَوْمًا يَأْتُونَنَا بِاللَّحْمِ لَا نَدْرِي أَذُكِرَ اسْمُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ أَمْ لَا
فَقَالَ " سَمُّوا عَلَيْهِ أَنْتُمْ وَكُلُّوهُ " . قَالَتْ وَكَانُوا حَدِيثِي عَهْدٍ
بِالْكُفْرِ

(صحيح البخاري: 5507)

JUST SAY BISMILLAH AND JUST EAT IT!

IN SAHIH AL-BUKHARI:

Chapter: The animals slaughtered by Bedouins or the like.

Narrated by Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her:

“A group of people said to the Prophet, "Some people bring us meat and we do not know whether they have mentioned Allah's Name or not on slaughtering the animal." He said, "Mention Allah's Name on it and eat." Those people had embraced Islam recently.”

(Sahih al-Bukhari:5507)

JUST SAY BISMILLAH AND JUST EAT IT!

This ruling is only for meat slaughtered UNDOUBTEDLY by Muslims

- Not like here, where it's ALMOST SURE to be from haram sources



A NEW DEFINITION OF ZABIHA



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IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT A CERTIFIED ENTITY OF THEIRS, A WELL-KNOWN HALAL CERTIFIER IN USA RESPONDED:

“*Zabiha* does not mean hand-slaughtered... *Zabiha* is an Arabic word derived from the Arabic word ‘*zabh*’. ***Zabiha* simply means "slaughtered with a sharp blade"**. The word *Zabiha* has no religious connotation and does not imply or indicate that something was hand-slaughtered.”

FURTHER...

“[XYZ Co’s] meat is certified to be 100% *hand-slaughtered* by our Islamic organization. The poultry products are *not hand-slaughtered* at this time but we are working to try and find a reliable source of hand-slaughtered poultry. Sources of hand-slaughtered poultry are very difficult to come by in this country, they all produce very low volume, and are always very expensive.”

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THE PERDUE DIFFERENCE ▶ HALAL CERTIFIED



HALAL CERTIFIED



The Washington Post

This could be the start to a whole new world of chicken

June 28, 2016 at 12:22 p.m. EDT

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/06/28/this-could-be-the-start-to-a-whole-new-world-of-chicken/>

The Washington Post

“Perdue, which processes nearly 700 million chickens every year at nearly 3,000 farms, announced Monday that it will begin killing chickens using carbon dioxide or argon gas, so they can avoid being hung upside down. With an estimated revenue of \$6 billion, according to IBISWorld, they are the first major company to announce that it will use this procedure, which is called controlled-atmosphere stunning.”

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Meyn multistage CO₂ stunning

The Washington Post

“Hundley said Tyson Foods, Pilgrim's Pride and other major poultry companies will "certainly" look into some of Perdue's new initiatives, but it may be years until they adopt them.”



“In two poultry production facilities in the U.S. and all production facilities in Europe, controlled atmospheric stunning methods are used. In this process, birds are insensible before shackling occurs.”

<https://sustainability.pilgrims.com/chapters/animal-care/humane-handling/>



RASULULLAH (SAW)'S ADVICE REGARDING A HUNGRY CAMEL

عَنْ سَهْلِ ابْنِ الْحَنْظَلِيَّةِ قَالَ : مَرَّ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ -صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ- بِبَعِيرٍ قَدْ لَحِقَ ظَهْرُهُ بِبَطْنِهِ فَقَالَ : « اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ فِي هَذِهِ الْبَهَائِمِ الْمُعْجَمَةِ فَارْكَبُوهَا وَكُلُوهَا صَالِحَةً ». أَخْرَجَهُ أَبُو دَاوُدَ فِي سَنَنِهِ

Rasulullah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam passed by a camel whose back had reached its stomach (due to thinness). He proclaimed: “Fear Allah regarding these animals who cannot speak; ride them with kindness and consume them with kindness.”

A CAMEL COMMUNICATES TO RASULULLAH SALLALLAHU 'ALAYHI WA SALLAM

النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم دَخَلَ حَائِطًا لِرَجُلٍ مِنَ الْأَنْصَارِ فَإِذَا جَمَلٌ فَلَمَّا رَأَى النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - حَنَّ وَذَرَفَتْ عَيْنَاهُ فَاتَّاهُ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - فَمَسَحَ ذِفْرَاهُ فَسَكَتَ فَقَالَ : « مَنْ رَبُّ هَذَا الْجَمَلِ لِمَنْ هَذَا الْجَمَلُ ». فَجَاءَ فَتَى مِنَ الْأَنْصَارِ فَقَالَ : لِي يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ. فَقَالَ : « أَفَلَا تَتَّقِي اللَّهَ فِي هَذِهِ الْبَهِيمَةِ الَّتِي مَلَكَ اللَّهُ إِيَّاهَا فَإِنَّهُ شَكَى إِلَيَّ أَنَّكَ تُجِيعُهُ وَتُدْبِبُهُ »

Rasulullah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam entered an enclosure belonging to a man from the Ansar and saw a camel. When the camel saw Rasulallah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam it began to yearn for him and cry. Rasulallah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam approached it and patted it and it calmed down. He called out: "Who is the owner of this camel? Who does this camel belong to?" A youth from the Ansar came and said "It belongs to me oh Rasulallah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam." He sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam remarked: "Do you not fear Allah swt regarding these animals that Allah swt has made you the owner of? It complained to me that you starve and mistreat it."

DON'T KILL IT TWICE

عن ابن عباس رضي الله عنه قال: مر رسول الله - صلى الله عليه وسلم - على رجل واطع رجلاه على صفحة شاة وهو يجد شفرته وهي تلحظ إليه ببصرها فقال: [أفلا قبل هذا؟ أتريد أن تميتها مرتين

Rasulullah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam passed by a man who had his foot placed on the head of a sheep while the man was sharpening his knife and the sheep was watching him. He sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam said: "Why not sharpen the blade from before? Do you intend to kill it twice?"

SLAUGHTER ONLY TO EAT IT

عن صهيب مولى ابن عامر، عن عبد الله بن عمرو، أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: ما من إنسان قتل عصفورا، فما فوقها، بغير حقها، إلا سأله الله عز وجل عنها. قيل: يا رسول الله، وما حقها؟ قال: يذبحها فيأكلها، ولا يقطع رأسها، يرمي بها.

The Prophet peace be upon him said: Any person who kills a sparrow or anything smaller than it without a just cause, Allah will ask them about it (on the Day of Judgment). He was asked, “O Messenger of Allah! What is the just cause for it?” He replied, “To slaughter in order to eat, and not to chop its head off and then throw it away.”

JazakumAllah Khair

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Be careful what you eat!