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Pure Dhikr is Necessary While Slaughtering an Animal

At the time of slaughtering the animal, it is necessary to recite that which comprises of only the praise and *dhikr* (remembrance) of Allāh alone. For example, *Bismillāh* (In the name of Allāh).

Subhānallāh (Glory be to Allāh) and *Alḥamdulillāh* (All praises are due to Allāh) can also be recited when one intends *tasmiyah* (taking Allāh's name) by these words.

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2

The Animal Does Not Become Ḥalāl by Du'ā (Asking for your needs) at the time of Slaughtering

If at the time of slaughtering the animal, one recites supplications such as, 'Allāhum-magh-firī' - 'O Allāh, forgive me' and thereafter slaughters the animal, the animal will not be ḥalāl. (This is because this is not purely *dhikr*. Rather, this is inclusive of asking and supplicating to Allāh, while it is necessary to recite pure *dhikr* for the validity of the sacrifice).

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Sacrificing More than One Animal with one Bismillāh

There are two scenarios to this ruling:

1. If one places two animals to lie down on top of each other and after reciting *Bismillāh*, one sacrifices both together at the same time with one stroke, both will become *ḥalāl*.
2. If one places the animals to lie down in different places or sacrifices them in succession, one *Bismillāh* will not be sufficient. Rather, it is necessary to recite a separate *Bismillāh* for each animal.

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The One Who Assists in Sacrificing the Animal Must Also Recite Bismillāh

It is *wājib* (obligatory) on the person who assists the animal slaughterer in moving the knife to recite *Bismillāh*. In other words, the person who assists with holding the knife must also recite *Bismillāh*.

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Forgetting to Recite Bismillāh When Slaughtering the Animal

If a Muslim forgets to recite *Bismillāh* when slaughtering the animal, the animal is *ḥalāl*. (However, if he intentionally does not recite *Bismillāh*, the animal will not be *ḥalāl*.)

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When is an Animal Considered to be Slaughtered Correctly?

There are four passageways in the throat of an animal:

1. The windpipe (trachea): by which it breathes.
2. The food-passage (esophagus): the passage through which food and water enter the body.
- 3-4) The two external jugular veins through which blood flows.

If three of these four passageways are cut, the animal is *ḥalāl* and it is regarded as a slaughtered animal in the *Sharī'ah*.

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Where is The Knife Placed on the Throat?

The knife can be placed on any portion of the animal's throat. It is not necessary for it to be specifically placed on the middle or the edges.

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It is Makrūh (Reprehensible) to Sacrifice an Animal from Its Nape

It is *makrūh* (reprehensible) to sacrifice an animal from its nape instead of its throat. (However, if the four passages are cut by doing it in this manner, it will be ḥalāl, [on condition that the animal does not die before he cuts them.]

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The Ruling of the Animal a Woman Slaughters

It is also permissible for a woman to slaughter an animal. Therefore, the animal a Muslim woman slaughters is ḥalāl without a doubt.

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The Ruling of the Animal a Child with Understanding Slaughters

If a non-bāligh (minor) child is a person of understanding and is able to take the name of Allāh and slaughter an animal, the animal he slaughters will be ḥalāl.

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The Ruling of the Animal a Mute Muslim Slaughters

The animal a mute Muslim slaughters is *ḥalāl*. (This is because he is unable to recite *Bismillāh* due to a valid excuse. Thus, being a Muslim is sufficient.)

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The Ruling of the Animal a Hermaphrodite Slaughters

If the hermaphrodite is a Muslim, the animal he/she slaughters is *ḥalāl*.

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The Ruling of the Animal a Qādiyānī Slaughters

Qādiyānīs are *kāfirs* (disbelievers). Even if a Qādiyānī takes the name of Allāh and slaughters an animal, that animal will not be *ḥalāl*. Rather, it will be regarded as carrion.

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Nahr: The Method of Slaughtering a Camel

The best method of slaughtering a camel is *nahr*. *Nahr* is to tie its front left leg, and while standing, to recite *Bismillāh* and strike it with a spear in the lower portion of its throat by which all the veins will be cut and the flowing blood will exit.

There is also a leeway to make the camel lie down and slaughter it like a cow and buffalo. However, this goes against the best practice.

Important Note: It is a common practice to slaughter camels in this method (*nahr*) in the Arabian countries. However, since in our country [India] it is rare to sacrifice a camel, the method of *nahr* is rarely used. Rather, people put the camel to lie down and slaughter it.

However, in some places, they consider it necessary to cut the throat with a knife in three places. This has no basis. If by cutting the throat with a knife in one place, the veins (passages) are cut, there is absolutely no need to strike the knife in another place.

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GETTING TOGETHER TO SACRIFICE AN ANIMAL ON BEHALF OF NABI ﷺ

Question: What is the opinion of the 'Ulamā' and Muftīs regarding the following ruling: On the occasion of qurbānī (sacrifice), some people come together and contribute towards the sacrifice of a castrated animal on behalf of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ. They do not specify any one person as the owner of it. What is the Shar'ī ruling regarding such a sacrifice?

Answer: This is regarded as a nafl (optional) sacrifice. The rewards of this deed can be sent to the Prophet ﷺ. It is best that its meat is distributed amongst the poor so that the charity is perfected by its rightful recipients.

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Names of some of the great Muftis who hold this opinion:

- Late Grand Muftī of India Faqīhul Ummat Mufti Maḥmūd Ḥasan Ḡangohī رحمه الله
- Late Grand Muftī of Ḡujarat Muftī 'Adbur Raḥīm Lājpurī رحمه الله
- Late Head Muftī of Deoband Muftī Nizāmud Deen رحمه الله
- Sulṭānul'Ārifīn Ḥazrat Muftī Aḥmed Khānpūrī حفظه الله ونفعنا بعلمه وفيوضه
- Ḥazrat Muftī Shabbīr Aḥmed Qāsmī حفظه الله
- Ḥazrat Muftī Salmān Maṣṣūrpūrī حفظه الله
- Qāḍī Muftī Ḥifzur Raḥmān Simlakī حفظه الله who wrote an entire book on the topic.

