

Q: 39 – Title: Do we have to slaughter all 4 vessels (Food Pipe - Wide Pipe & Both Jugular Veins) to regard the animal as being slaughtered Halaal according to Shariah.

Question

Can you tell me what is the verdict regarding slaughtering.

Do we have to slaughter all 4 vessels (Food Pipe - Wide Pipe & Both Jugular Veins) to regard the animal as being slaughtered Halaal according to Shariah.

Or do we only need to slaughter 3 vessels (Food Pipe - Wide Pipe & 1 (Either) Jugular Vein Jugular Vein).

Answer

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

In an Islamic slaughter (*dhabh*), one cuts the trachea (windpipe), esophagus (food-pipe), and

the two jugular veins. As for the minimum amount of slaughter needed to make the animal *halal*, according to:

1. Imam Muhammad رحمه الله

a. It is necessary to cut majority of each of the four

2. Imam Abu Yusuf رحمه الله

a. It is necessary to cut the trachea, esophagus, and at least one jugular vein

3. Imam Abu Hanifah رحمه الله

a. It is necessary to cut any three of the four

The *fatwa* is on Imam Abu Hanifah's رحمه الله view. Therefore, as long as three of the above four vessels are cut, the slaughtering will be valid. However, the proper and complete *sunnah* way of slaughtering is to cut all four.

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And Allah knows best

Wassalaamu `alaykum

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