

Q: 76 – Title: Is it permissible to do Qurbani on behalf of the deceased?

Question

Assalam Wa alaikum

My first question is about qurbani. You know how people buy shares from the animal to do qurbani. Can we buy shares for deceased. If someone has passed away in the family and can we do qurbani for them?

Second - the vanilla essence and other similar product has alcohol in it as one of the ingredients. Can we use this (just one or two teaspoons) for doing any baking or cooking? Again the usage of this particular product will be very little in cooking.

Answers will be highly appreciated. May Allah put us in the right path of Islam. Ameen

Answer

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-salamu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuh.

It is permissible to do Qurbani on behalf of the deceased. If the intention is merely to pass on the

rewards of Qurbani to the mayit (deceased), then one may simply perform his own Wajib Qurbani and

intend the reward for the deceased. [\[1\]](#) However if an individual intends to actually perform Qurbani for

the deceased, then he will have to perform his own Wajib Qurbani separately and a separate Nafil

Qurbani for the deceased. It is related about Ali Radiallahu Anhu that he used to perform Qurbani on

behalf of Nabi Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam after his demise. [\[2\]](#)

Furthermore, it is also permissible to include a share for the deceased in a cow or camel (cows and camels fulfill seven shares) along with individuals performing Wajib Qurbani. [\[3\]](#)

With regards to the vanilla essence, if it contains alcohol derived from grapes and dates, it is totally

impermissible as alcohol derived from grapes and dates is not permissible for consumption. Hence any

product containing even a drop of such alcohol is prohibited. However if alcohol derived from sources

other than grapes and dates is added in foods, drinks, or any other products such as vanilla essence, its

utilization and/or consumption is permitted with the following conditions:

1. It must not be used as an intoxicant
2. It must not be consumed to the extent of intoxication
3. It must not be utilized in vain
4. It must not be used as intoxicants are used (i.e. for alcoholic consumption, even a little) [\[4\]](#)
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And Allah Ta'ala Knows Best

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[\[1\]](#) مرقاة المفاتیح شرح مشکوٰۃ المصابیٰ، ۱۷ ج، ۳۳۰: باب فی الذبائح

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