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Halal Meat and Foods

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Halal Meat and Foods.

Today our supermarkets are stocked with halal meat and foods that adhere to Islamic law, as defined in the Koran. The word, Halal is an Arabic word that in English means, "permissible. The Islamic form of slaughtering animals or poultry, (Islamic dhabiha), involves killing through a cut to the jugular vein, carotid artery, and windpipe.

The difference between meat and Halal meat: Halal animals must be slaughtered by a Muslim, who says a blessing, and by hand, not by machine (which is the way many chickens in the U.S. are killed. Once killed, the animal's blood must drain completely, because Muslims who eat Halal do not consume the fresh blood of animals.

The reason Muslims eat halal meat: Muslims choose to eat halal food because it meets requirements that they believe make it suitable for consumption. Halal originates from rules set out in the Qur'an and the Hadith (the Prophet Muhammad's example), which have been followed throughout generations of Islamic practice.

The most humane way to slaughter animals: are methods that cause a rapid loss of blood so that death is brought about as quickly as possible, such methods include ventral neck cuts (for poultry, sheep, and goats) and chest sticking (for cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs).

Christians and eating Halal meat: it is not a sin for a Christian to eat these foods, since they are just food, but if eaten, for any religious reason or as a spiritual memorial to Muhammad or some other Islamic prophet, as we eat the Lord's supper as a spiritual memorial to Christ, it would not only be a sin, but a gross abomination before God.

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Paul teaches this principle in the following verses:

- **Colossians 2:16:** Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.
- **Colossians 2:20:** If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?

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