



## 162299 - Ruling on slaughtering an animal with the left hand

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### the question

What is the ruling on slaughtering an animal with the left hand?

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

There is nothing wrong with slaughtering an animal with the left hand.

The scholars of the Permanent Committee for Ifta' were asked:

One day, I decided to make a waleemah (feast), and I brought a cook to make food for my guests. I was startled to see that cook slaughtering the animal with his left hand, whilst saying Bismillah and reciting the takbeer that is enjoined according to Islamic teachings: "*Bismillahi wa Allahu akbar* (In the name of Allah and Allah is most great)." I shouted at him: "No, not like that!" And he said to me: "I asked permission from the shaykhs and they gave me permission to slaughter with my left hand."

They replied: There is nothing wrong with that, but slaughtering with the right hand is better, if that is possible.

End quote.

*Fataawa al-Lajnah ad-Daa'imah* (22/474-475).

And Allah knows best.