

[Partial Translation of Sahih Muslim, Book 20:](#)

***Games And Animals Which May Be  
Slaughtered And The Animals That Are To Be  
Eaten (Kitab-Us-Said Wa'L-Dhaba'Ih Wa Ma  
Yu'Kalu Min Al-Hayawan)***

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*Book 20, Number 4745:*

Narrated AbuTha'labah:

Allah's Apostle (peace\_be\_upon\_him) said: If you shoot with your arrow and (the game) goes out of your sight and you find it (later on), then eat that if it has not gone rotten.

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*Book 20, Number 4751:*

Narrated AbuHurayrah:

Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) said: The eating of all fanged beasts of prey is unlawful. This hadith has been narrated through another chain of transmitters.

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*Book 20, Number 4752:*

Narrated Abdullah ibn Abbas:

Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) prohibited the eating of all fanged beasts of prey, and all the birds having talons.

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*Book 20, Number 4777:*

Narrated Anas ibn Malik:

When Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) conquered Khaybar, we caught hold of the asses outside the village. We cooked them (their flesh). Then the announcer of Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) made the announcement: Listen, verily Allah and His Messenger have prohibited you (the eating of) their (flesh), for it is a loathsome evil of Satan's doing. Then the earthen pots were turned over along with what was in them, and these were brimming (with flesh) at that time.

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*Book 20, Number 4790:*

Narrated Abdullah ibn Abbas:

I and Khalid ibn Walid went to the apartment of Maymunah along with Allah's

Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him), and there was presented to him a roasted lizard. Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) stretched his hand towards it, whereupon some of the women who had been in the house of Maymunah said: Inform Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) what he intends to eat.

Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) lifted his hand. I said: Messenger of Allah, is it forbidden? He said: No. It is not found in the land of my people, and I feel that I have no liking for it. Khalid said: I then chewed and ate it, while Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) was looking (at me).

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*Book 20, Number 4796:*

Narrated Abdullah ibn Abbas:

Yazid ibn al-Asamm reported: A newly-wedded man of Medina invited us to a wedding feast, and he served us thirteen lizards. Some people ate it and some left it.

I met Ibn Abbas the next day, and informed him (about this) in the presence of many people. Some of them said that the Messenger of Allah (peace\_be\_upon\_him) had observed: I neither eat it nor forbid (anyone) to eat it, nor do I declare it to be unlawful. Thereupon Ibn Abbas said: That is what you say! Allah's Apostle (peace\_be\_upon\_him) has been expressly sent (to declare in clear words) the lawful and the unlawful (things).

We were once with Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) when he was with Maymunah. There were with him al-Fadl ibn Abbas, Khalid ibn Walid and some women (also), when a tray of food containing flesh was presented to him. As Allah's Apostle (peace\_be\_upon\_him) was about to eat that, Maymunah said: It is the flesh of the lizard. He withdrew his hand saying: That is the flesh which I never eat; but he said to them (those who were present there): You may eat. Al-Fadl ate from it, so did Khalid ibn Walid, and the women. Maymunah (however) said: I do not eat anything but that which Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) eats.

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*Book 20, Number 4797:*

Narrated Jabir ibn Abdullah:

There was presented to Allah's Messenger (the flesh) of the lizard, but he refused to eat that, saying: I do not know; it (lizard) might (be one of those natives of) the distant past whose (forms) had been distorted.

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*Book 20, Number 4798:*

Narrated Umar ibn al-Khattab; Jabir ibn Abdullah:

AbuzZubayr reported: I asked Jabir about (the eating) of the lizard, whereupon he said: Don't eat that, as he (the Prophet) felt disgust.

He (the narrator) said that Umar ibn al-Khattab remarked: Allah's Apostle (peace\_be\_upon\_him) did not declare it to be unlawful. Allah, the Exalted and

Majestic, has (made it a source) of benefit for more than one (persons). It is a common diet of the shepherds. Had it been with me, I would have eaten that.

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*Book 20, Number 4799:*

Narrated AbuSa'id al-Khudri:

A person said: Messenger of Allah, we live in a land abounding in lizards, so what do you command or what verdict you give (about eating of it)? Thereupon he said: It was mentioned to me that a people from among Banu Isra'il were distorted (so there is a likelihood that those people might have been distorted in the shape of lizards). So he neither commanded (us to eat that) not forbade (us). AbuSa'id said: After some time Umar said: Allah, the Exalted and Majestic, has made it (a source of) benefit for more than one (person), for it is the common diet of shepherds. Had it been with me, I would have eaten that. Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) disliked it.

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*Book 20, Number 4810:*

Narrated Shaddad ibn Aws:

Two are the things which I remember Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) having said: Verily Allah has enjoined goodness to everything; so when you kill, kill in a good way and when you slaughter, slaughter in a good way. So every one of you should sharpen his knife, and let the slaughtered animal die comfortably.

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*Book 20, Number 4813:*

Narrated Abdullah ibn Abbas:

Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) said: Do not make anything having life as a target.

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*Book 20, Number 4817:*

Narrated Jabir ibn Abdullah:

Allah's Messenger (peace\_be\_upon\_him) forbade that any beast should be killed after it has been tied.

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