



The fourth question of Fatwa No. 9407

Q 4: Some people do not practice Islam at all. They do not recite Qur'an or even know one Ayah of it. They do not offer Salah nor pay Zakah (Obligatory Charity), and they even curse the religion and the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him). What is worse is that they curse Allah daily, yet still claim to be a Muslim and say there is no deity except Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger. Is it permissible to eat the meat of their slaughtered animals, eventhough in our society there are so many of such people.

A 4: First of all : Abandonment of Salah and denying its obligation is an act of Kufr (disbelief) according to Ijma` (consensus) of scholars. Similarly, the abandonment of Salah due to laziness and carelessness is also an act of Kufr (disbelief) according to the preponderant opinion of scholars.

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Second: Cursing Allah and His Messenger as well as cursing the religion is major Kufr (disbelief) and an act of apostasy. Thus, whoever does this should be urged to repent. If the person refuses to do so, it is obligatory on the ruler to demand capital punishment; based upon the statement of the Prophet (peace be upon him): ('Whoever (a Muslim) renounces his religion is to be executed') [Narrated by Al-Bukhari in his Sahih (Authentic book of Hadith)].

Third: It is impermissible to eat from the meat of an animal slaughtered by apostates until they repent. If someone sincerely repents, the meat of the animals which they slaughter thereafter become lawful to eat from. The same also applies to other disbelievers, except for the People of the Book; even if an apostate testifies that there is no deity except Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger, for it (the testimony) will be of no benefit while committing that which nullifies Islam according to the Ijma` (consensus) of Muslim Scholars.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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