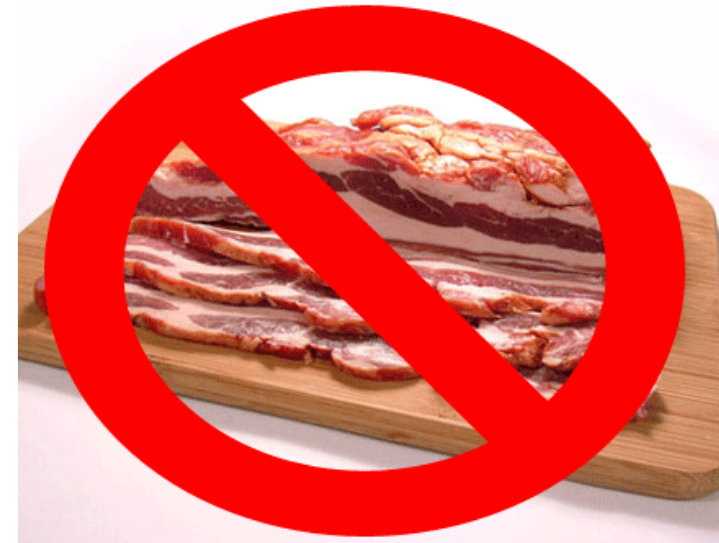


WHY IS PORK FORBIDDEN IN ISLAM ?



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He made permissible for them what will benefit them from the good things. He made prohibited for them what will harm them from the evil things. Allah made prohibited for them pig and He informed that it is filthy. He, the Exalted, said: Say (O Muhammad): "I find not in that which has been inspired to me anything forbidden to be eaten by one who wishes to eat it, unless it be Maytatah (a dead animal) or blood poured forth (by slaughtering or the like), or the flesh of swine (pork, etc.) for that surely is impure.." [6:145]. So if it is from the filthy things then Allah, the Exalted said: "and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khaba'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods, etc.).." [7:157]. It is established from experience that the pig's food is filth and garbage. It is the most delicious food to the pig. It follows filth and collapses in its places. The people of experience mention that eating it creates worms in the intestines and that it has an effect on lowering the jealousy and eliminating the chastity. It has other harms like indigestion and preventing some of the parts [of the intestine] from releasing secretions that help in digesting food. If it is correct what they mention, then it is harmful and filth which is prohibited due to such harms.

If it is not correct, then it is upon the person of intellect to trust the report of Allah and His wisdom in declaring the pig filthy. He should believe in the prohibition of eating it. He should submit to the ruling of Allah about it. For verily, Allah is the one who created the pig and what is in it. He said: "Should not He Who has created know? And He is the Most Kind and Courteous (to His slaves) All-Aware (of everything)". [67:14]. And with Allah is Divine Success. May Peace and Blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his followers, and his Companions".

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Shaikh Saalih al-Fawzaan hafidhullah said:

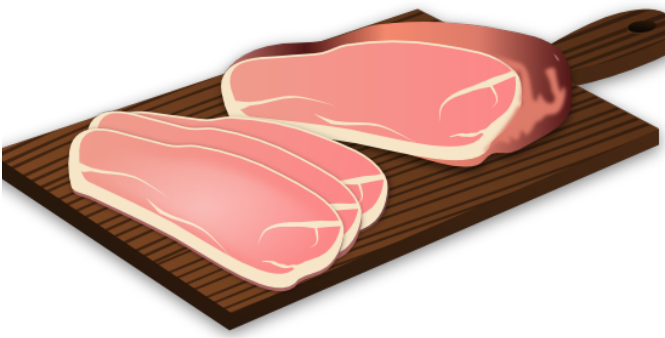
"The pig is an animal well-known for filth and lowliness. Allah made eating it impermissible due to what is in it from excessive harms and what it causes of dangerous illnesses. Just as how the medical community affirmed that. For verily the pig has bacteria and dangerous sickness which have been discovered and continue to be discovered. Allah, the Exalted does not prohibit for His servants except what is harmful to them"

[Taken from: al-Muntaqa al-Fataawa (1/94)]

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Bismillah ar-Rahman ar-Raheem

All Praise is due to Allah. May Peace and Blessings be upon the Prophet, his Companions, and his followers until the Last Day.

As for what proceeds:

It is well-known that pork is prohibited in the religion of Islam and Muslims are not allowed to eat it. Allah, the Creator, mentions this prohibition in the Quran. He, the Exalted, says:

"He has forbidden you only the Maytatah (dead animals), and blood, and the flesh of swine, and that which is slaughtered as a sacrifice for others than Allah (or has been slaughtered for idols, etc., on which Allah's Name has not been mentioned while slaughtering)..." [2:173]

Similar verses are mentioned in **three** other places in the Quran. The Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings be upon him) also communicated the prohibition of pork along with the prohibition of benefiting

from its sale [Reported by Sunan Abu Dawood no. 3485. Graded **Saheeh** by Al-Albani].

So this leads to the question: **why is pork forbidden in Islam?** In this pamphlet, you will learn about the wisdom behind the prohibition of pork in Islam and the benefits of adhering to this wisdom.

Shaikh Ibn ul-Uthaymeen rahimahullah said:

"And Pig's flesh: pork is impermissible and the pig is well-known. It is a filthy animal and from its characteristics is eating garbage and insects and what resembles that. It is also well-known for not having jealousy. The one who eats it will earn some of the pig's nature. Due to this the Prophet (may peace and blessings be upon him) prohibited eating animals with fangs and with talons [Reported by Sahih Muslim]. This is because from the nature of animals with fangs and talons is transgression and preying upon other animals. So like that, they are prohibited so as to not affect humans [by their nature] through eating them"

[Taken from: http://www.ibnothaimeen.com/all/books/article_18358.shtml]

Shaikh Bin Baz rahimahullah:

was asked about the wisdom of Pork being prohibited. He said:

"Allah says: Say (O Muhammad): "I find not in that which has been inspired to me anything forbidden to be eaten by one who wishes to eat it, unless it be Maytatah (a dead animal) or blood poured forth (by slaughtering or the like), or the flesh of swine (pork, etc.) for that surely is impure [6:145]. Rijis means filthy and impure and it is the wisdom for the prohibition of pork. So like this, the disbelievers, like the Christians and other than them, make it permissible due to their own filth/evil. So the wisdom of Allah, the Exalted necessitates that the filthy/ evil be with the filthy/ evil "

[Taken from:

<http://www.binbaz.org.sa/mat/3204>]

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Question: What is the wisdom behind the prohibition of eating pork?

Answer: "Verily Allah encompasses everything by his knowledge and comprehends all things in mercy, knowledge, and justice. He, the Exalted, is all-knowledgeable about the benefits for his servants. He is merciful to them, wise about His creation and His arrangement of the affairs, and His legislation. He commanded them with what will make them happy in the worldly life and the hereafter.