

## WAKING UP DEAD

The puffer fish or Fugu as it is known in Japan is one of the world's most poisonous foods. It contains tetrodotoxin which is up to 1,200 times more poisonous than cyanide with no known antidote. There is enough toxin in one puffer fish to kill 30 humans.

Despite this danger Fugu ranks extremely high in Japanese cuisine with a single serving costing up to R3000. It requires special chefs licensed by the government who undertake a training of at least two years. Notwithstanding this a number of people die each year. Why do they do it? It turns out that the thrill of a brush with death and the small doses of neurotoxins create an addictive feeling of euphoria.

Before we get judgmental think carefully on the ingestion of poisons by the community under the guise of medication and its abuse for that addictive feeling. Whether legally available mild painkillers, nicotine or illegal narcotic drugs, the long term harm and damage to the organs, tissues and other parts of the body sets in.

Haraam is very much like poison as they are both harmful and kill the person spiritually and physically. Allah Ta'ala in His infinite Mercy has prohibited the intake of Haraam with its terrible effects on the body and soul of man. Haraam is polluted, contaminated and its consumption is sinful. There is a dangerous misconception that as long as a person is unaware of a thing being Haraam, his consumption of that item will not cause harm to him. This is totally incorrect.

Only a fool will believe that absence of knowledge of a poisonous substance will negate the effect of the poison. Therefore, not only do

you have to totally abstain from Haraam but you cannot be involved with it in any way. This includes gifting it to non-Muslims or using it in lieu of wages.

With Muslims commemorating the Sunnah of the Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) of the sacrifice of Eid ul Adha next week, ponder on the analogy of the Fugu and reflect on the poison of Haraam within the goodness of Halaal.

There are seven parts of a Halaal animal that the Hanafi jurists have considered unlawful:

1. Male genitals
2. Female genitals
3. Testicles
4. Urinary Bladder
5. Flowing Blood
6. Glands
7. Gall Bladder

Can you imagine the futility of carrying out this noble religious practice very meticulously only to negate it, in that you have...

1. Consumed any of the above
2. Gifted it to relatives and friends. Even giving it non-Muslims should be avoided.
3. Used this and Halaal parts of the sacrifice in lieu of payment as wage for workers for assistance with your Qurbani (Udhiyyah).

Although your actions may be well intended and carried out in ignorance, remember the poison of Haraam will still contribute to spiritual malaise and affect your Imaan negatively.

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