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(hafidhahullāh)

ON DONATING BLOOD¹

Question:

Is it permissible to donate blood?

Answer:

There is no problem in donating blood, because blood is not najis it is extracted and this is permissible. This in itself has a basis in the Shar' with *fahd* (venesection) and Hijāmah.

I do not see any problem at all in the permissibility of giving blood and rather I say: whoever donates his blood to a sick person will be rewarded inshā'Allāh. As for a man selling his blood then this is harām and negates a person's dignity and nobility, for Allāh says,

﴿وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ﴾

“And We have certainly honoured the children of Adam...”

{*al-Isrā* (17): 70}

A person is honoured and dignified so it is not permissible for a person to sell any of his organs, but if a person is forced to buy blood then the sin is on the seller and not on the buyer. Donating blood to a non-Muslim is also permissible.² On another note it has been mentioned in regards to the dignity of Shaykh, Imām Muhammad Ameen ash-Shinqīṭī (*rahimahullāh*), who was one of the Imāms of the era who died about twenty years ago, that one day a doctor said to him that they will need blood for him, but the Shaykh said:

¹ <http://www.almenhaj.net/makal.php?linkid=537>

² **Translator's Note:** Refer to the *fatwa* of Imām 'Abdul'Azeez bin Bāz (*rahimahullāh*) regarding 'Donating Blood to Non-Muslims', translated here by Abū 'AbdulWāhid Nadir Ahmad: <http://www.madeenah.com/article.cfm?id=1164>

“I do not want blood because I do not know how this blood will affect me or if the donator consumed the halāl or the harām. So I will rather be patient with what Allāh has for me.”

But when the illness became more serious on the Shaykh one of the doctors sought the permission from the Shaykh’s son to use donated blood as his father was in dire need for it and the Ummah was in dire need of the Shaykh. So the Shaykh’s son allowed it even though the father did not allow it in order to save his life. Some of those who heard his son speaking say that when the needle was removed the blood came out unusually and his body would not accept anyone else’s blood.