

8865 - Ruling on using sea-shells to clean oneself after defecating

the question

Are sea-shells considered to be among the bones which we are not permitted to use to clean ourselves after defecating?

Detailed answer

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn ‘Uthaymeen, who replied:

No, rather it is permissible to use them because of the hadeeth, “For you is every bone over which the name of Allaah was pronounced [when the animal was slaughtered].” And these shells are not slaughtered, so they are not like animals which we are permitted to eat, over which the name of Allaah is pronounced at the time of slaughter, and the bones of which we are forbidden to use to clean ourselves after defecating, because they are the food of the Muslim jinn, as stated in the hadeeth quoted above.

And Allaah knows best.