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Lesson 13

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Section Three: Manner of Ablution

Five Obligatory acts of Wudu':

- 1) Niyyah
- 2) Washing the Face;

It means causing water to flow over the face, lengthwise **from the place where the hair grows on the forehead, to the end of the chin** and its extent breadthwise is the area covered **between the thumb and the middle finger.**

Whatever is outside this extent is not of the face, with no consideration to be paid to the *anza'*¹ or to *aghamm*² or to that whose fingers exceed or fall short of the *idhar*³ but every one of them should follow the ordinary level.

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- ¹. The *anza*' is one whose two sides of the forehead are uncovered with hair (*al- Sihah*, vol. III, p.1289).
- ². The *aghamm* is one whose forehead is covered partially with some hair (*al-Madarik*, vol. I, p.199).
- ³. The *'idhar* is the area adjacent to the ear, whose lower part is attached to side of the face, and its upper part to the *sudgh* (temple). The area between it and the ear is white (al-*Masalik*, vol. I, p.36).

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It is not *wajib* to wash the hanging hair of the beard, nor permeating it, but only washing its outward suffices.

3) Washing of Hands:

It is *wajib* to wash the hands along with the elbows once, and to start from the *mirfaq* (elbows), but the reverse is invalid (*batil*). Similarly, they consider it *wajib* to start by washing the right hand.

- If some part of the hand is amputated, he can wash the rest of the hand. If it is amputated from the elbow, the obligation of washing it will be dropped.
- In case of his having two arms lower than the elbow, or additional fingers, or sprouting flesh, it is *wajib* to wash them all.

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