

Topic: Tahaarah (Purity) & Najasah (Impurity)

- ✚ Human beings have **four types of relationship** and religion is to regulate them with its rulings (ahkām).
 - Relation with **God**
 - Relation with **others**
 - Relation with the **environment**
 - Relation with **themselves**
- ✚ Ahkām (plural of hukm: precept) is of two types:
 - A. **Ibādāt**: The ahkām which are related to the **acts of worship**
 - B. **Mu'āmilāt**: The ahkām which regulate our relation with **other people**
- ✚ In order to start an act of worship, it is necessary to be pure (tāhir) of two things:
 1. Corporeal impurity (**Khabath**)
 2. Spiritual impurity (**Hadath**)
- ✚ **Tahārah**: The **purity** needed for carrying out an act of worship
- ✚ **Tāhir** is someone or something that is in the state of tahārah and purity.
- ✚ **Najāсах** is the opposite of **tahārah** and means being in the state of impurity.
- ✚ Someone or something that is in the state of najāsah is **najas** (impure).

✚ «...فِيهِ رِجَالٌ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ يَتَطَهَّرُوا وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُطَهَّرِينَ...» [9-108]

“...Within it are men who love to purify themselves; and Allah loves those who purify themselves...”

- ✚ Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him & his progeny):

«بُنِيَ الْإِسْلَامُ عَلَى النَّظَافَةِ»

“Islam is established upon purity”

✚ «كُلُّ شَيْءٍ طَاهِرٌ حَتَّى تَعْلَمَ أَنَّهُ قَدِرٌ»

“Every object is pure unless you become certain that it is not.”

✚ **Categories of Najasat**

1&2) Urine & feces (bawl and qat)

The urine and feces of every human being is najis, and so too is that from every haram-meat animal whose blood gushes out when slaughtered unlike fish, fly, cow and the like.

3) Semen (maniyy)

Human's semen is najis, and so too is that of the animal that has gushing blood when slaughtered.

4) Carcass (mitah)

The carcass of an animal whose blood forcefully gushes out when slaughtered is najis regardless of whether the animal died a natural death or was slaughtered in a non-shari'ah way, unlike snake and which don't have gushing blood.

5) Blood (dam)

Human blood is najis, and so too is that of every animal that has gushing blood when slaughtered.

6 & 7) Dog and Pig (kalb & khenzeer)

Land dogs and pigs are najis, even their hair, bones, paws, and the moisture from them.

8) The Unbeliever (kafir)

All of the Kafir's body is najis, including hair, fingernail, and moisture, on the basis of an obligatory precaution.

The people of the book (Christians, Jews, and Zoroastrians) are pure in the point of view of most of the scholars.

9) Wine (khamr)

Wine and every intoxicant that is originally liquid is najis, and if it is originally non-liquid such as *banj* or *hashish* (narcotic), then it is *harām* but it is not najis.

10) Beer (fuqqa')

Fuqqa' or Beer, the drink that is made from fermenting barley, is najis.