

Topic: **The Purifiers**

The Purifiers or *Mutahhirāt*

1. Water
2. Earth
3. Sun
4. Transformation
5. Elimination / Evaporation of two-third of grape juice
6. Transferring
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9. Eradication of the *najasah* itself
10. The purification of the *Jallal* animal
11. The absence of the Muslim
12. The emission of the normally accepted amount of blood from the animal

1. Water

Categories of Water

Water is classified as either *mutlaq* (pure or natural) or *mudaf* (mixed or added to).

The *mudaf* is referred to [liquids such as] juice **extracted** from fruit or rosewater and the like, or water **mixed** with mud etc., such that it is not called water.

✚ The *mudaf* water gets *najis* immediately after touching a *najis*, even if the *najis* is little or the water is a lot.

✚ [*Mudaf* water **does not render *tahir*** anything that is *najis* and it is **not valid** to take ritual bath (*ghusl*) or to perform ablutions (*wodu'*) with it.]

✚ **Motlaq** water: The water which is *not mudaf*, i.e. mixed or extracted from fruit and the like.

✚ **Classifications of Motlaq Water**

There are five kinds of *motlaq* water:

(i) **Kurr Water**

Kurr is a volume of 3 span long by 3 span wide by 3 span deep; thus the *Kurr* water is the water volume of *27 cubic span*.

ii) **'Little' Water**

'Little' Water is the water that does not gush out from the ground and is *not of Kurr volume*.

iii) **Flowing Water**

Running water is the water that *torrents* from the ground and *flows* such as spring water, rivers, streams, and canals.

iv) **Rain Water**

v) **Well Water**

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Criteria for water to purify najis things

1. That water is *motlaq* (i.e. pure). Mudaf water such as rosewater does not purify...
2. That the water itself is *tahir*
3. That the water *does not become mudaf* when washing the najis article, and that it does not acquire the *color of the najasah, nor its taste, or its smell*
4. There remains *no trace of the najasah* itself after the purification process

The rulings of purification with Water

- When using *little water* to render a *najis utensil tahir*, it is imperative to wash it *three times*, while it is sufficient to wash it *once with kurr, rain or flowing water*.
- In order to purify the *clothes* and the like, *using little water*, after removing the *najis* substance, one should wash them *twice* and *wring* them. However *once is enough with kurr, rain and flowing water*.
- ✚ The *kurr* water does not become najis if it comes into contact with *najasah*, except if [the water] *changes* and acquires the *color, smell, or taste* of the *najasah*, while *qalil* water is *najis* only by touching the *najis*.

2. Earth

The ground renders tahir the *najis soles of feet and shoes* with the provision of *three conditions*:

1. That the ground is *tahir*
2. That the ground is dry
3. That the *najasah* is eradicated as a result of walking
4. The surface should be considered 'ground'.

3. The Sun

The sun renders the ground soil, buildings, and such things as doors, windows, etc., that are **used in the buildings** *tahir* if they become *najis*.

Conditions of Purification by the Sun

- i) That the *najis* object is moist or **wet**
- ii) That the ***najisah* substance vanishes** from it before the sun shines on it
- iii) That **nothing blocks the sunshine**
- iv) That the **sun alone** dries up the *najis* object, for it will not become *tahir* if the wind helps.
- v) That the sun dries up the part of a building into which *najisah* has seeped **in one go**

4. Removal of *najis* substance

In certain cases, removal of *najis* substance would suffice in purification, such as:

The removal of feces off the body with tissue, stone, cloth and the like in three turns will suffice.

If the blood of the gum in mouth is as little as it gets removed by the saliva, that would suffice.

5. Islam

Case: If a *kafir* – or an unbeliever – declares the **two testimonies**, i.e. says “I testify that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad (peace be upon him & his progeny) is the messenger of Allah”, he becomes a Muslim, and so after **embracing Islam**, his body, saliva, mucus, and sweat becomes *tahir*.