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Lesson 4

How Mixed Water Becomes Impure

✚ Types of plain water:

1. Rain water
2. Has a source; also called flowing water (الماء الجارى)
3. Kurr or Qaleel water

✚ Conditions of water with *Najasah* (impurity)

1. If a *Najasah* falls into any water that has a source, it stays pure unless there is a change in its colour, taste and smell.
2. If a *Najasah* falls into any water and causes a change in its taste, colour or smell, it will become impure as per consensus and narrations; irrespective of whether the water is big or small in quantity, its flowing or still, it has a source or not.
3. If the *Najasah* falls into a small quantity of water (الماء القليل) that has no source, it will become *Najis*; irrespective of whether its colour, taste or smell changes or not.

✚ Proofs on Qaleel water's impurity through contact of *Najasah*

The First Proof – *Ijma'* (Consensus)

The Second Proof – Nearly three hundred Hadiths from Ahl al-Bayt (peace be upon them) prove that a small quantity of water becomes *Najis* upon coming in contact with *Najasah*.

✚ Equations of Water Purity/Impurity


1. Contact of *Najasah* + Small Quantity of Water (with no source) = Water becomes *Najis*.





2. Contact of *Najasah* + Small Quantity of Water (with a source) = Water does not become *Najis*.
3. Contact of *Najasah* + Small Quantity of Water (source is doubtful) = Water becomes *Najis*.

The Law of Purity

Whenever you don't know (with certainty) if something has become impure or not, it is always considered pure.

 The Law of Purity or *Taharah* applies wherever there is a doubt except when there is previous certainty.

 As per the law of continuity, no water body had a source ever since it was created. Now, if we doubt whether it has a source or not, we will continue the previous certainty and treat it as a water without source.

 In the case of previous certainty, the Law of Continuity has precedence over the Law of Purity. For example, if we knew at 1 PM that our hand became *Najis* and we doubt at 4 PM if it is still *Najis* or not, we cannot apply the law of purity because we were previously certain of *Najasah*.

 Hadith on Rainwater as Purifier

كُلُّ شَيْءٍ يَرَاهُ مَاءُ الْمَطَرِ فَقَدْ طَهَّرَ

Imam Sadiq (as): Everything that comes into contact with rain water becomes purified.

(Wasa'il al-Shia, vol. 1, pg. 146)