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Lesson 14

Earth and Sun as Purifiers

Purifiers:

1. Water

- ✚ Using the bathroom while facing the Qibla or having our backs towards the Qibla is prohibited.
- ✚ Allah's Messenger (pbuh): When you enter the bathroom, do not have the Qibla in front of you, and do not have your back towards the Qibla; instead, turn to the East or the West. (Al-Istibsar, v. 1, p. 47)
- ✚ Imam Sadiq (as) said: The Messenger of Allah (s) prohibited the people from cleaning themselves (in bathrooms) with their right hands. (Al-Kafi, v. 3, p. 17)
- ✚ A believer must try his best to cover himself while using the bathroom so that no one may see him; allowing others to see one's private parts is sinful.
- ✚ When a child becomes *Mumayyaz* (having the maturity to distinguish good from the bad), his parents or anyone else can no longer see his private parts.

Purifiers:

2. Earth

- ✚ If a person walks on an impurity on the street and his feet become *Najis*, then other than purifying it with water, he can also purify it by walking several steps on the Earth such that the inherent *Najasah* is completely removed.



- ✚ The concrete surface is considered Earth by scholars but there is a disagreement about asphalt because of its composition and components.
- ✚ For the Earth to act as a purifier, its surface must be dry. So, if someone is walking on a wet surface, it will not purify.

Purifiers:

1. Water
2. Earth
3. The Sun

- ✚ The First Condition for the Sun to serve as a purifier is that the impure object should be fixed, not portable. E.g., buildings, rooftops, windows, etc.

- ✚ The Second Condition is that the *Najasah* itself must not be visible anymore after the Sun shines on that object.

- ✚ The Third Condition is that the Sun has to shine on the impure object directly.

- ✚ The *Najis* object will be considered purified only if the impurity evaporates or is removed by the rays of the Sun and not with the help of wind and other natural factors.

Purifiers:

4. Inqilab – A Change

- ✚ Inqilab – If something undergoes a change in its properties, such that it becomes something else, then this act of changing into something else purifies the impure object. E.g., Wine transforming into Vinegar.

- ✚ I asked Imam Sadiq (as) about old Wine that turns into Vinegar. He said: There is no harm. (Tahdhib al-Ahkam, v. 9, p. 117)