

## Lesson 8

### Topic: **Taharah /the purifiers**

It is haram to defile – to make najis – the script or any writing of the Noble Qur'an. It would be obligatory to immediately remove the najasah from it.

It is prohibited to eat or drink something [inherently] najis, or [something that] has become najis.

It is not permissible to use parts of najis animals, such as pig, [as utensils] for eating and drinking.

## Chapter Two: **The Purifiers or Motahhirat**

The Purifiers which render tahir the najis things are twelve:

1. Water
2. Earth
3. Sun
4. Transformation
5. Elimination / Evaporation of two-third of grape juice
6. Transferring
7. Islam
8. Ensuing
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 (when slaughtered).

### 1. Water

#### **Categories of Water**

Water is classified as either motlaq (intrinsic, innate, pure or natural) or mudaf (mixed or added to). The mudaf is referred to [liquids such as] juice extracted from fruit or rosewater, or if it was mixed with mud etc. such that it is not called water.

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

#### **Classifications of motlaq water**

There are five kinds of motlaq water:

- (i) kurr water,
- (ii) 'little' water,
- (iii) running water,
- (iv) rain water,
- (v) well 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.

The Kurr water is not made najis if it comes into contact, except if [the water] changes and acquires the colour, smell, or taste of the najasah.

## ii) 'Little' Water

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

If the Little water is poured on something najis, [the poured water] becomes najis, and so too if something najis comes in contact with it.

## iii) Running Water

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

If the running water is less than Kurr, and najasah contacted it, it would be tahir so long as its colour, taste, or smell does not change due to the najasah.

## iv) Rain Water

If rain water falls on something najis that does not contain trace of the najasah (najis matter), the parts the rain reaches become tahir.

## v) Well Water

Well water that gushes from the ground is tahir even if it is less than Kurr, as long as its colour, smell, or taste do not change by najasah.