Lesson 9

Topic: Taharah /Purifiers

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 colour 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 – as a precaution – while it is sufficient to wash it once with Kurr water.

Rendering utensils tahir

Najis utensils may be rendered tahir with little water in two ways:

1. To fill up the utensil with water and then empty it. This process should be repeated three times.

2. To pour some water in the utensil, and move the water around to all its parts and then poured out. This process should be repeated three times.

The najis article, whether it is a utensil or anything else, and whether it became najis with urine or anything else, becomes tahir as soon as it is immersed in Kurr water.

The item that has been rendered najis by [human] urine, it is mandatory for it to be washed twice.

If something is rendered najis by something other than urine, it becomes tahir by first removing the najasah itself and then pouring water on it once allowing the water to run off the item being washed.

2. Earth

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

i) That the ground is tahir,ii) That the ground is dry,iii) That the najasah is eradicated as a result of walking.

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

This is with the provision of five conditions:

i) That the najis object is moist or wet

ii) That the intrinsic najasah vanishes from it [the najis object] 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 najasah has seeped in one go.

4. Transformation

Case: If a najis object was transformed into a tahir thing then it is considered tahir. The process of undergoing such a transformation is referred to as Istihalah.

Case: If wine turns into vinegar on its own accord or through a treatment, such as by adding vinegar or salt to it, it becomes tahir.