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Lesson 1

History of Fiqh

- ✚ One of the greatest miracles of Islam is the set of laws and rulings which it presented for humanity.
- ✚ The laws and rulings made for us by Allah (swt) help us to live as dignified, functional and productive human beings who worship Him the way He wants.
- ✚ The main difference between the Sunni and the Shia Schools of thought is that the scope of Sunni law is much smaller because it is primarily based on the Hadith of the Prophet (s) which spanned 23 years whereas the scope of Shia Law extended across 250 years approximately.
- ✚ The three prominent religious centres/seminaries of Early Islam were the Medina Seminary, the Kufa Seminary and the Qom Seminary.
- ✚ After the 5th and 6th centuries (Hijri), due to a shift of Sunni scholars from Islamic Law to Philosophy and Intellectual Sciences, the door to Jurisprudence was closed in the Sunni world.
- ✚ The four Sunni Schools of Jurisprudence are the Hanafi, Shafi'i, Hanbali and Maliki.



Types of Water

- ✚ The two types of Water are plain water and mixed water.
- ✚ The general law regarding water is that every water is pure unless one is certain that it is *Najis*.
- ✚ The criterion of distinguishing plain water from mixed water is the common understanding of the people or the *urf*.

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