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Lesson 14

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Five Obligatory acts of Wudu':

- 1) *Niyyah*
- 2) **Washing the Face**
- 3) **Washing of Hands**
- 4) **Wiping the Head**
- 5) **Wiping the Feet**

Wiping the Head

It is *wajib* to wipe the frontal part of the head. The recommended (*mandub*) extent is three fingers breadth.

The legists consider it *wajib* that the **wiping should be with the wetness of the earlier act of ablution performed** (i.e. the washing of hands).

Hence, if hands are rinsed anew with water for wiping, the ablution will become invalid.



✚ If the wetness on his hand is dried up, he can take from (the wetness of) his beard and edge of eyelid. If no wetness is left, he should renew (the ablution).

✚ **Facing the *qiblah* while performing the ablution is recommended**, and it is abominable to keep one's back to the *qiblah*.

✚ Washing the parts that should be wiped is invalid. It is permissible to wipe the hair grown on the frontal part of the head and on the epidermis. If he brings hair from other than this and wipes it, it will not suffice.

✚ It is invalid also to wipe the turban or any other thing covering the part that should be wiped.

Wiping the Two Feet:

It is *wajib* to wipe the two feet (with the wetness of the earlier act of ablution) from the tips of the toes to the ankles - which are the raised bones of the feet.

✚ It is valid to do its reverse. It is not necessary to observe the sequence (*tarteeb*) in wiping the feet. If some wiped part is amputated, one can wipe the rest. If the foot is cut from the ankle, no wiping should be done to the feet.

✚ It is *wajib* to wipe the epidermis of the foot, and it is invalid to wipe an intervening covering, like shoes or socks or alike, unless it be for *taqiyyah*



(dissimulation), or some other exigency. If the cause is removed, he should renew the purification, according to some legists and that is more precautionary.

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