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## Lesson 31

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- ✚ If the dead body is not attended by a Muslim or a kafir or a consanguine (*mahram*) woman, he can be buried without *ghusl*, and a non – Muslim woman is not allowed to approach him. And so is the woman. It is reported that her face and hands can be washed.

#### The Procedure of *Ghusl*:

It is *wajib* to remove the *najasah* from the body first, and to wash it with water containing a little of *sidr*.

- ✚ The *ghasil*<sup>1</sup> should start by first washing the head, then the right half of the dead body and then the left. The least of *sidr* to be added to the water is the amount that can be called *sidr*, and it is said: the amount of seven leaves.

- ✚ Then **camphor** can be added to the water in the same manner mentioned for *sidr*, and the last wash has to be performed with **qarah** (*mutlaq/pure*) water, just like *ghusl al- janabah*.

<sup>1</sup> *Ghasil* is the person who gives *ghusl* to the dead.



✚ It is not permissible to suffice with less than the above -mentioned *ghusls* (three) unless in exigency cases. In case of non-availability of camphor and sidr, the *ghusls* can be performed with *qarah* (plain) water.

🌐 I m a ✚ If *ghusl* is not possible due to non-availability of water, or the body being burnt or affected by a disease (like *judari*/smallpox) in such a manner that it might cause the flesh to fall apart on being washed, it would be resorted to tayammum by dust (*turab*), in a way similar to that performed by a disabled living person.

### ***Sunan* (recommended acts) of *Ghusl*:**

- 🌐 I m a • To put the dead **on *sajah*** (a plank of special wood/teak - of Indian tree), **facing the *qiblah***.
- The dead body should be washed in a place **under shade** (*zilal*) with a **cavity being dug for the water**. It is *makruh* to send him through the *kanif* (the place (enclosure) prepared for water – closet) and there is no objection to the *balu'ah* (the cesspool of water, like rain and alike)
- **To rip his shirt**, and to take it off from underneath, with covering his private parts, and **softening his fingers leniently**.