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Lesson 21

The Law of Exceeding (Tajawuz)

✚ The Law of Completion (قاعدة الفراغ)

After completing an act, if you doubt whether you have done it correctly or not, don't pay heed to your doubt and consider the action correct.

- ✚ Imam Sadiq (as): If you doubt anything from Wudhu while you entered another act, then such doubt holds no value; (pay attention to) your doubt only if it occurs while you are performing an act and haven't completed it. (Tahdhib al-Ahkam, v. 1, p. 101)

✚ Law of Exceeding (Tajawuz)

While performing a ritual (like Salah), if you finish an act and enter a new one and then doubt whether you have completed the previous act correctly or not, ignore your doubt.

- ✚ If someone enters the state of Ruku and doubts whether he recited Surah al-Fatiha correctly or not, he must not pay attention to his doubt.

- ✚ The Law of Completion applies to Wudhu and all other acts of rituals, but the Law of Exceeding (Tajawuz) does not apply to Wudhu.

- ✚ If you doubt whether you have done Wudhu or not, you have to do it before Salah, or else the Salah will become invalid. However, if you know that you have done Wudhu, but you doubt whether you did it correctly or not, then consider it correct and offer Salah.



- ✚ After offering Zuhr prayer, if someone doubts whether he had done Wudhu or not, his Zuhr prayer will be valid due to the Law of Completion, but for Asr prayer, he has to perform Wudhu because the Law of Continuation will apply for Wudhu.
- ✚ If someone is in the middle of the Zuhr prayer and doubts whether he had performed Wudhu or not, his Zuhr prayer will be deemed invalid because the Law of Completion will apply only after the prayer is completed.
- ✚ If someone is in the middle of the Zuhr prayer and is certain that he has performed Wudhu but doubts its validity, then, in this case, the Law of Completion will apply for Wudhu, and he can continue with his prayer.
- ✚ If someone is certain that he performed Wudhu and also certain that he slept but did not remember which action occurred first, in such a case, the Law of Continuity will contradict and collapse. Therefore, one has to perform Wudhu to offer his prayer.
- ✚ If someone is certain that his rug became Najis and is also certain that it was washed but does not remember what happened first, then the Law of purity will apply, and the rug will be considered pure unless proven otherwise with certainty.
- ✚ One who doubts excessively (Katheer al-Shak), such that he doubts every other act performed by him, must ignore his doubts completely.