

Chapter One

The Cleansing from Water

It is narrated from Hazrat Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{a.s.} that water is clean and pure until you know (for sure) it has become unclean¹; and Imam^{a.s.} further explained, that water which clean others cannot be cleaned from them, therefore when you do not observe any uncleanness in the available water, then use it for (Wuzu) ablution (or drink it if you like).

However, if you find something in the water that had made it impure (Najis) then do not use it for both ablution and drinking purposes, under desperate circumstances, you may drink that water but perform ‘Tayammum’² instead of using it for ablution. However, if the quantity of the water is more than ‘one-Kur’ then you can drink it as well as make ablution with it regardless of discovering an impure element in it; unless the (impure element) has produced an odour in the water-if this is the case then do not drink it or make ablution with it.

‘One-Kur’ of water is one hand-span (Balist) in length, one hand-span in width and one hand-span in depth and it (water) should weigh one thousand two hundred ‘Tal-Madni’ (377 kg).

- And do not do ablution, take a bath for ceremonial uncleanness (Janabat) and make dough with water which has been heated from Sunlight as it promotes the disease of ‘burse’ (leprosy). But there is no harm in doing ablution from hot water produced from a boiler (fire). Water may only become impure from those species whose blood flows out of their bodies otherwise all other species which remain alive or die in the water do not make it impure for the purpose of ablution.
- Also someone asked from Hazrat Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{a.s.} regarding the status of the water (in a pond) which is also used by animals and dogs alike-who urinate in it and people take bath for ‘Janabat’ . Hazrat Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{a.s.} replied if it is equivalent to ‘one-Kur’ then it is pure (tahir).
- Also it is narrated from Rasool^{a.s.} that there is no harm if water from the floor bounces back to ones body or water from his body drops down into the bathtub while taking the bath for Janabat.
- Someone asked from Hazrat Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{a.s.} about the status of the cloths which are stained from the mud produced by the rainwater, originally containing urine, faeces and blood. Imam^{a.s.} replied, the mud produced by rain is not impure. In addition Ali bin Jafar enquired by his brother Hazrat Imam Musa bin Jafar^{a.s.} about the use of the rain water for ablution, which flows from the roof-top of a

¹ Manla Yazohul Faqi, by Shaikh Suduq.

² Using dirt for ablution instead of water.

household which is used for urination and taking the bath for ‘Janabat’. Imam^{a.s.} replied, if rain water has run over the surface then there is no harm in using it.

- Also someone asked from Hazrat Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{a.s.} regarding offering of his prayers, in cloths that are being soaked from the rainwater running through a surface containing wine. And asked if he should wash his cloths prior to offering his prayers. Imam^{a.s.} replied he may offer his prayers without cleaning his feed or cloths.
- Once Amar Sabati, asked from Hazrat Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{a.s.} regarding offering prayers with those cloths which have vomit . Imam^{a.s.} replied that if he does not want to wash them then there is no harm in it.
- Rasool Allah^{s.a.w.} has said that the silava and leftover of those animals which do ‘jagali’ (masticate) is halal.
- Few farmers asked from Rasool Allah^{s.a.w.} regarding the purity of water from their pond which is used by all types of animals, Rasool Allah^{s.a.w.} replied whatever these animals take into their mouth is their share of water and you can make use of it for ablution. However, if lizard dropped into your water container then discard all of that water but if a dog has dropped slaiva into it or has drank out of your container then you need to clean your container three time with water or scrub it with earth/sand and then rinse it twice with water and then dry-up your container.

Also if a cat drinks out of your pan then you can drink it as well as make ablution with it.

- Someone asked from Hazrat Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{a.s.} regarding that bread which has been partially eaten or sniffed by a dog or a mouse. Imam^{a.s.} replied that one can eat the unaffected portion-while discarding the affected area.
- Kurdia hammadani once asked from Hazrat Imam Abu-AlHassan bin Jafar^{a.s.} regarding the pond which receives water from street drains as well spent water from toilets, in addition to animals urine, dung and dog’s litters. Imam^{a.s.} replied discard 30 pots of water from it and the rest can be used even if there are signs of odour. And then said, it is not permissible for any to urinate into the still pond. One may do so in the running water stream but there is a fear that he may be possessed by the Iblees (Satan) and later on may extend this habit of urinating into the still pond, in addition, there is also a possibility of loosing his memory.

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