



Ṭahārah & Najāсах

The Islamic Principles of Ritual Purity and Impurity

A Visual Guide to Identifying, Preventing, and Purifying Najāсах.

Cleanliness vs. Ritual Purity



And Allah loves those who purify themselves. — Noble Qur'an, Sūrah at-Tawbah (9:108)

The Golden Rule of Yaqīn (Certainty)

Everything is ritually pure (ṭāhir) unless you know with absolute certainty (yaqīn) that it is najis.



Is the wet bathroom floor najis?

➡ Assumed Ṭāhir.
(Doubt is not enough).

Are the baby's wet pants najis?

➡ Assumed Ṭāhir.
(Unless urine is explicitly confirmed).

I saw blood drip onto the floor.

➡ Yaqīn Achieved.
Floor is Najis.

'Ayn an-Najāsah: The 5 Inherently Impure Items

"Objects that are inherently impure, cannot be purified through any means, and will contaminate other pure things upon specific contact."



Pigs

And all products derived from them.



Dogs

The entire animal.



Urine

Human and specific animal waste.



Feces

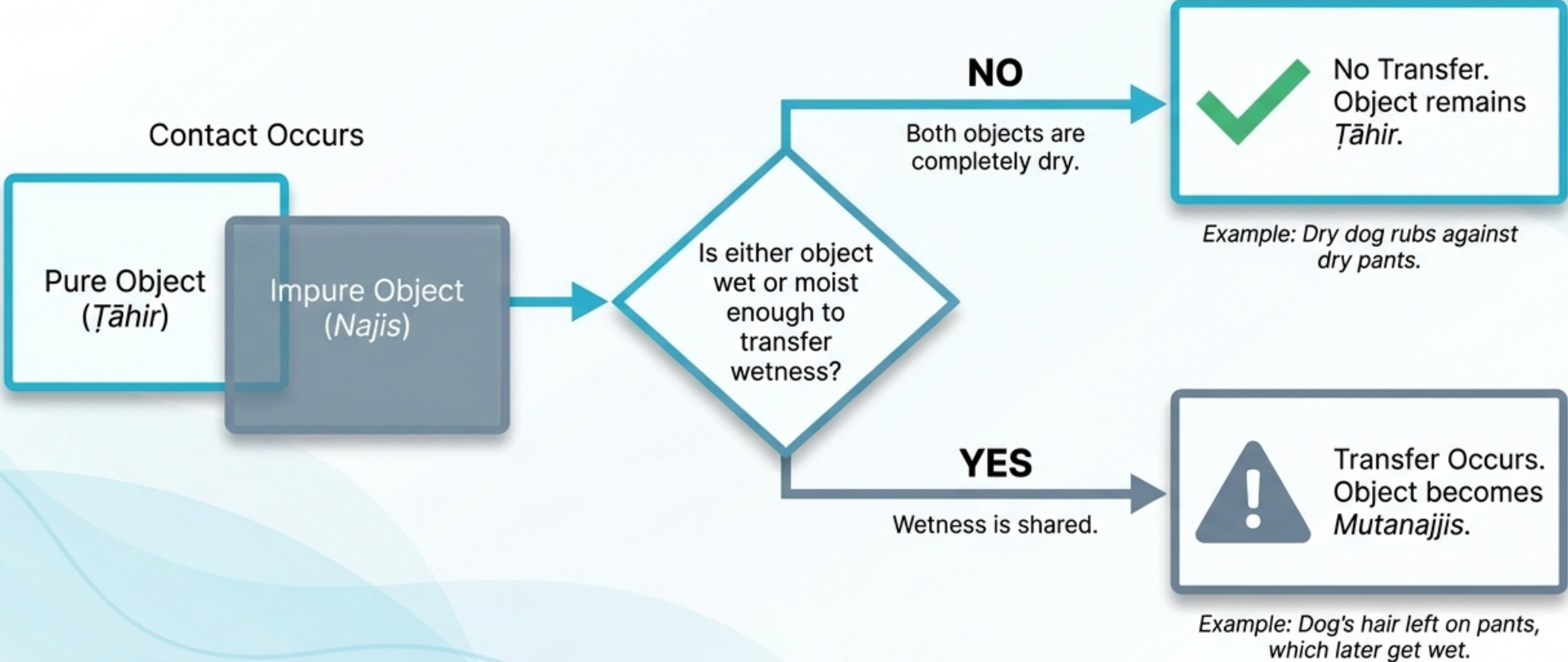
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Blood

Fluid from human/animal veins.

The Mechanics of Transfer (The Moisture Gate)

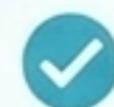


The Antidote: Water as a Purifying Agent (*Muṭahhirāt*)



Condition 1: *Ṭāhir*

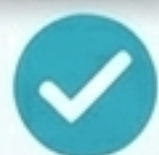
The water itself must be ritually pure.



Condition 2: *Muṭlaq*

The water must be unmixed and unadulterated.

Understanding *Muṭlaq* vs. *Muḍāf* Water

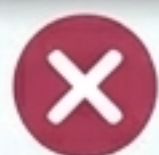


Muṭlaq (Pure)

Still called 'Water'.



Includes river water with dirt, sea water, or pool water with chlorine. It retains its foundational nature.



Muḍāf (Mixed)

No longer called 'Water'.



Example: A glass of water with Kool-Aid added. It has transformed into a new substance and cannot purify.

Classifying Water Volume: Kurr vs. Qalīl

Kurr (Running / Large Volume Water)

Still water over 384 Liters OR any actively running/flowing water.



THRESHOLD: 384 Liters / 101 US Gallons

Qalīl (Non-Running Water)

Still water strictly under 384 Liters.



The classification of your water source dictates exactly how many times you must wash a mutanajjis object.

The Universal Mechanics of Washing

1 Remove

All physical particles of the *'ayn an-najāsah* (blood, urine, etc.) must be entirely scrubbed or wiped away first.



2 Wash

Apply plain water (*Muṭlaq*) to the affected area.



3 Verify



The runoff water must be visually and sensorially pure. The smell, color, and taste of the water must not change as it flows off.



The Stain Exemption



If microscopic particles remain, or a lingering smell/color stays behind (e.g., a faded blood stain) after thorough washing and removal of the physical substance, the object is completely *Ṭāhir*.

The Purification Matrix: Clothing, Body & Rugs

	Using <i>Kurr</i> / Running Water	Using <i>Qalīl</i> / Non-Running Water
Body or Clothes (Made <i>najis</i> by urine) 	Wash 1 time (after removing impurity). Squeeze out excess water.	Wash 2 times (after removing impurity). Squeeze out excess water each time.
Rugs & Carpets (Made <i>najis</i> by urine) 	Wash 1 time (after removing impurity). Apply pressure/squeeze out water.	Wash 2 times (after removing impurity). Apply pressure/squeeze out water each time.

Rule of thumb: *Qalīl* water requires *double* the washes for fabrics and rugs.

The Purification Matrix: Containers & Utensils

			Using <i>Kurr</i> / Running Water	Using <i>Qalīl</i> / Non-Running Water
 Interior of Containers (Pots, Bowls, Plates)	A	Āyatullāh Sīstānī	Wash 3 times (Obligatory precaution for all water types: <i>Kurr</i> , <i>Qalīl</i> , or Running).	
	B	Āyatullāh Khamenei	Wash 1 time	Wash 3 times
 Utensil Licked or Drank from by a Dog		1. Scrub the inside thoroughly with <i>ṭāhir</i> soil. → 2. Remove the soil entirely. → 3. Wash 3 times with plain water.		

Rules for the Restroom: Purification & Etiquette

Purification Rules



Urine

Tissues are invalid. The urinary outlet must be purified with water.

Sīstānī: 1 wash is sufficient (2-3 recommended).
Khamenei: 2 washes (obligatory precaution).

Feces

Water must remove all physical traces of stool (lingering color or smell is acceptable if particles are gone).

Etiquette & Rules



Qiblah

It is forbidden to face one's front or back toward the Qiblah while relieving oneself.

'Awrah

It is obligatory (*Wājib*) to cover private parts from all religiously mature (*Bāligh*) individuals, including *maḥram* relatives.

Posture

It is highly recommended (*Mustaḥab*) to sit.

Terminology Quick Reference



Ṭāhir

Ritually pure.



Najis

Ritually impure.



Mutanajjis

Something inherently *Ṭāhir* that has become temporarily *Najis* through wet contact.



Muṭahhir

A purifying agent (like water) capable of making a *mutanajjis* item *Ṭāhir* again.



Kurr / Qalīl

Running/large volume water (>384L) vs. Still/small volume water (<384L).

Qur'ānic Connection

مَاء

Mā' (Water)

Arabic Root: *m-w-h*
Occurrences in the Qur'an: 63 times.

(Reference: Sūrah al-Anbiyā' 21:30)

Knowledge Applied: Real-World Scenarios



Scenario 1: The Beach Dog

Situation: Hasan sees a dog swimming in the ocean. Is the ocean now najis?

Diagnosis: No. (Ṭāhir).

The ocean is running/Kurr water far exceeding 384L. The impurity of the dog cannot overcome a Kurr body of water.



Scenario 2: The Dry Blood

Situation: Ali's shorts have dried blood on them. They fall onto the floor. Is the floor najis?

Diagnosis: No. (Ṭāhir).

Remember the Moisture Gate. Because both the blood and the floor were dry, no transfer occurred.



Scenario 3: The Tissue Wash

Situation: Zahid uses only dry tissues to clean himself after urinating. Is he ritually pure?

Diagnosis: No. (Najis).

The urinary tract requires pure water (Muṭlaq) to achieve Ṭahārah. Tissues are insufficient.