

AL-JĀMI': ISLAMIC MORALS, ETTIQUETTES & PRACTICES

1.0 Purification in Islām.

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1.1 Tahārah (purification) is comprehensive, it covers every aspect of our life:

- 1.1.1 Soul: From Shirk (polytheism), Kufr (disbelief) and Nifāq (hypocrisy), through learning Tawḥīd and Imān.
- 1.1.2 Emotions: From malice, jealousy and harbouring bad thoughts, through pardoning, forgiving & tolerating.
- 1.1.3 Statements: From insults, foul speech, falsehood., through speaking the truth, spreading goodness and sweet words.
- 1.1.4 Actions: From cheating and insincerity, through integrity in work and dignity in interactions.
- 1.1.5 Worship: Through Ikh̄lās and Ittibā'.
- 1.1.6 Wealth: From Ḥarām, through Ḥalāl earning and spending.
- 1.1.7 Clothing: From physical impurities.
- 1.1.8 Houses: From music and hung photographs, through Ṣalāh and Dhikr.
- 1.1.9 Environment: Through not spreading corruption, nor damaging, littering and polluting our surroundings.
- 1.1.10 Body: Through Wuḍu, and personal hygiene.

2.0 Personal hygiene.

2.1 Islamic etiquettes of personal hygiene include:

- 2.1.1 Siwāk
- 2.1.2 Istinjā
- 2.1.3 Clipping nails
- 2.1.4 Shaving armpit hair and pubic hair.
- 2.1.5 For males: trimming the moustache and allowing the beard to grow.

2.1.6 Circumcision

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3.0 Friday and its etiquettes

3.1 Jumu'ah is a special day for Muslims, it is like a weekly 'Eid, so it has to be distinguished from other days.

3.1.1 'Friday is the best of days. It was the day that Ādam was created; it was the day that he was granted entry into Jannah, it was the day that he was removed from Jannah, and the Day of Resurrection will also take place on this day.' [Muslim]

3.2 . Its etiquettes include:

3.2.1 Being joyous upon this day.

3.2.2 Performing Ghusl.

3.2.3 Taking care of personal hygiene.

3.2.4 Wearing one's best clothes.

3.2.5 Applying perfume.

3.2.6 Sending salutations upon the Prophet ﷺ.

3.2.7 Reciting Şūrah Al-Kahf.

3.2.8 Arriving early to the Masjid. The Jumu'ah prayer is an obligation upon men, and highly encouraged for women.

4.0 Rights of a Muslim upon a Muslim.

4.1 'The rights of a Muslim upon a Muslim are six...

4.2 'When you meet, give the greeting of Salām,

4.3 When invited, respond to the invitation,

4.4 When advice is sought, offer sincere advice,

4.5 When hearing a person sneezing and praising Allah, supplicating for mercy,

4.6 When a Muslim is ill, visiting him/her...

4.7 and when a Muslim dies, following the funeral procession.' [Muslim]

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5.0 Good manners & practices.

5.1 Truthfulness & honesty.

5.2 Abstinence & modesty.

5.3 Courage in standing up for the truth.

5.4 Generosity & helping the needy.

5.5 Loyalty & friendship.

5.6 Cheerfulness & positivity.

5.7 Eating and drinking with the right hand

5.8 Adhering to the Islamic conduct in entering and leaving homes and mosques and while traveling

5.9 Obedience to parents

5.10 Keeping the ties of kinship

5.11 Being good towards neighbours

5.12 Respecting the elderly, loving the young and venerating the people of knowledge.

5.13 Congratulating each other upon good news, and comforting each other upon losses.

6.0 Bad manners & sins.

6.1 Sins are types:

6.1.1 Kufr: Acts of disbelief such as Shirk, magic, mockery of Islām etc..

6.1.2 Major sins, especially when there is a violation of other people such as violence, lying, theft, consuming the wealth of orphans, accusing innocent women etc..

6.1.3 Other major sins such as dealing with interest (Ribā), betraying Muslims, cutting the ties of

kinship, presenting a, false witnessing, harming neighbours and other sins.

- 6.1.4 Bid'ah: Innovating into Islām such as celebrating the Prophet's birthday, specifying days, festivals, fasting etc...

7.0 Signs of a Munāfiq

7.1 A Munāfiq, loosely translated as hypocrite, is a person who conceals Kufr (disbelief) but shows Islām outwardly.

7.2 There is also a minor form of Nifāq (hypocrisy), its signs are:

- 7.2.1 'The signs of a Munāfiq are four...when he speaks he lies,
- 7.2.2 when he makes a covenant he is treacherous,
- 7.2.3 when he makes a promise he breaks it
- 7.2.4 ...and when he argues he exceeds the limits.' [al-Bukhārī & Muslim]

8.0 A reminder about sincerity.

8.1 'Actions are according to intentions, and for every person is what he/she intended. Whoever made migrates with a [pure intention] for Allāh and His Messenger, the migration will be for the sake of Allāh and his Messenger. And whoever migrates for a worldly gain or to marry a woman, his migration will be for whatever he migrated for.' [al-Bukhārī & Muslim]

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