

On Intercourse

Muhammad b. al-'Ays narrated from Ishaq b. 'Uthman from 'Uthman b. 'Isa from Muhammad b. Muslim who said: A man said to Abu 'Abd Allah, peace be upon him: "I have bought bondmaids and would like you to teach me something by which I may prevail over them." He [Abu 'Abd Allah] said: "Take a white onion (*basal*), cut it into small pieces, and fry it in olive oil. Then take an egg and break it into a bowl. Put some salt on it, and add it to the onion, then fry it and eat of it." He [the man] said: I did that and did not want anything of them without attaining it.

From him, peace be upon him, that he said to another: 'Prostrate yourself and say: "O Allah, make lasting in them my pleasure, increase in them my desire, and make my weakness strong over them, by Your Majesty, my Master."'

He said: "Kohl increases intercourse and henna also increases it." He, peace be upon him, said: "Fresh milk is beneficial for one whose semen (*al-ma'*) is reduced."

From Muhammad al-Baqir, peace be upon him, that he said: "Whoever does not have a child, let him eat eggs and eat them often, for it increases the progeny."

Al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, said: "Take endive, for it increases the semen and improves the colour. It is hot and tender and increases the number of male children."

From al-Harith b. al-Mughira, who said: I said to Abu 'Abd Allah, peace be upon him, "I am from a family all of whom have passed away, and I do not have a child." He replied: "Pray to Allah, the Exalted, while prostrating and say: **Lord, give me of Thy goodness a goodly offspring. Yea, Thou hearest prayer (3:38). O my Lord, leave me not alone, though Thou art the best of inheritors (21:89).** Say that in the last *rak'a* of the evening prayer, then have intercourse with your wife that night." 'Al-Harith said: I did that and there were born to me 'Ali and al-Hasan.

On Disapproved Times For Intercourse

Ahmad b. al-Khudayb al-Nisaburi narrated from al-Nadr b. Suwayd from Faddala b. Ayyub from 'Abd al-Rahman b. Salim, who said: I said to Abu Ja'far, peace be upon him, 'May I be your sacrifice, are there disapproved times for intercourse?' He replied: 'Yes. Even if it is lawful, it is disapproved of from the beginning of dawn to sunrise, and between sunset and nightfall; on the day when there is an eclipse of the sun; and on a night and day when there is an earthquake or a black wind or a red or yellow wind.

'The Messenger of Allah, blessings of Allah on him, spent the night of a moon eclipse with one of his wives and he did not do that night what he did on other nights. It was said to him: "O Messenger of Allah, this unkindness is hateful." He, blessings of Allah on him, replied: "Do you not know that a sign appeared tonight? I dislike pleasure and diversion during it, and I would be like the people whom Allah rebuked in His, the Mighty and Exalted's, Book:

Even if they saw lumps falling from heaven, they would say, A massed cloud! (52:44). Then leave them alone to plunge and play, until they encounter that day of theirs which they are promised (43:83). And until they encounter their day in which they will be struck down (52:45)."

Then Abu Ja'far, peace be upon him, said: "By Allah, after having knowledge of the times during which the Messenger of Allah forbade and disliked intercourse and diversion and pleasure, whoever has intercourse during those times disliked by the Messenger of Allah and is then blessed with a child, he will see in his child what he does not like. Know, O Ibn Salim, that whosoever does not avoid diversion and pleasure at the appearance of the signs is among those who makes a mockery of the signs of Allah."

On Intercourse on the Night of the New Moon

'Abd Allah and al-Husayn, the sons of Bistam narrated from Muhammad b. Khalaf from 'Ali b. al-Husayn from Muhammad b. al-Jahm from Sa'd al-Mawla, who said: Abu 'Abd Allah al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, said to me: "Beware of having intercourse on the night the new moon (*al-hilal*) appears. If you do so and are then blessed with a child, it will be insane (*makhbut*)." I said: "May I be your sacrifice, why do you disapprove of that, O son of the Messenger of Allah?" He replied: "Do you not see the person afflicted with falling sickness? Most of them are not in a state of falling except on the first day of the new moon."

Intercourse on the Night of the Middle of the Month

Ahmad b. al-Hasan al-Nisaburi narrated from al-Nadr b. Suwayd from Faddala b. Ayyub from 'Abd al-Rahman b. Salim, who said to Abu Ja'far al-Baqir, peace be upon him, "May I be your sacrifice, do you disapprove of intercourse at the start of the new moon and in the middle of the month?" He replied: "Because [*sic*] the person afflicted with falling sickness often has a fit at these times." He said: "O son of

the Messenger of Allah, I understand about the beginning of the new moon, but what is wrong with the middle of the month?" He replied: "The crescent changes from one stage to another, and begins to wane. If you do that and are blessed with a child, it will be destitute, poor, weak, and subject to trials."

On Intercourse of One Who Has His Hair Dyed

Muhammad b. Ja'far al-Bursi narrated from Muhammad b. Yahya al-Armani from Muhammad b. Sinan al-Zahiri from Yunus b. Zabyan from Isma'il b. Abu Zaynab that Abu 'Abd Allah, peace be upon him, said to one of his followers: "Do not have intercourse with your wife while you have your hair dyed, for if you are blessed with a child, it will be effeminate (*mukhannath*)."

On Intercourse on the Night of a Journey

Muhammad b. Isma'il b. al-Qasim narrated from Ahmad b. Muhriz from Samr b. Abu al-Miqdam from Jabir al-Ju'fi from Abu Ja'far al-Baqir, peace be upon him, who said: 'Amir al-Mu'minin, peace be upon him, said: "The Messenger of Allah, blessings of Allah on him and his family, disapproved [of intercourse] on the night in which a person intended to travel and said that if he is blessed with a child, it will be squint-eyed (*ahwal*)."

From al-Baqir, peace be upon him, who said: 'Al-Husayn b. 'Ali, peace be upon him, said to his companions: "Avoid intercourse on the night in which you intend to travel. If you do so and are blessed with a child, he will be squint-eyed."

On Intercourse in Front of Children

Ahmad b. al-Hasan b. al-Khalil narrated from Muhammad b. Isma'il b. al-Walid b. Marwan from al-Nu'man b. Ya'la from Jabir who said: Abu Ja'far al-Baqir, peace be upon him, said to me:

"Beware of having intercourse where a child who is able to describe your condition can see you." I said: "O son of the Messenger of Allah, is it [because of] a dislike of being seen?" He replied: "No, if you are blessed with a child, he will be renowned for dissoluteness (*al-fisq*) and immorality (*al-fujur*)."

Khalaf b. Ahmad narrated from Muhammad b. Marwan al-Za'farani from Ibn Abu 'Umayr from Salama Bayya' al-Sabiri from Abu Basir from Abu 'Abd Allah al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, that he said to him: "Beware of having intercourse with your wife while a child is watching you. The Messenger of Allah, blessings of Allah on him and his family, disliked that intensely."

On Intercourse with One Free-Born Woman before Another

Al-Mundhir b. Muhammad narrated from 'Allan b. Muhammad from Dharih from Abu 'Abd Allah, peace be upon him, who said that al-Baqir, peace be upon him, said: "Do not have intercourse with one free-

born woman in front of another. As for [intercourse with] one bondmaid in front of another, there is no objection [to that].”

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