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Lesson 19: Najasah

Najasah means the thing which is unclean in itself, and makes other things unclean by contact. There are ten (10) *Najasah*:

1 and 2. Urine and stool of those living things whose meat is forbidden (*haram*), and whose blood comes out with a gush, other than birds. For example the urine of sheep is not *najis*, because its meat is not *haraam* though its blood comes out with a gush. Likewise, the stool of snake is not *najis* because its blood does not come out with a gush, though its meat is *haraam*.

Note: Urine and stool of those animals are *najis* which eat refuse of the human beings or have drunk milk of pig.

3 and 4. Blood and semen of those living things whose blood comes out with a gush, whether they be *halal* or *haraam*. So all these things of human beings are *najis*, and also those of cow are *najis*.

5. Dead body of those living things whose blood comes out with a gush. But there are some details: Those parts which have no life in them during life-time, like hair, nail, bone, teeth etc. are not *najis*. The corpse of a Muslim is *najis* after being cold and before being washed. Before being cold it is *tahir*; after being washed it is *tahir*. The limbs which are cut from a living body (as in operation) are treated as corpse. (Ivory is taken out from dead elephant; still it is not *najis*, because it is a part which has no life in the life-time of the elephant (You may think of other examples yourself).
6. The dog.
7. The pig.
8. Kafir.
9. Liquor (liquid intoxicant).
10. Fuqqa (mild beer).
Note: The sweat that comes out during or after becoming unlawfully *'junub'*, and the sweat of the animal which eats refuse of human beings are not *najis*; but prayer with such sweat on body or clothes is not allowed.

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