

Esteftaat



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Purity of non-Muslims

Question:

Are Non-Muslims clean?

Answer:

Non-Muslims, whether followers of divine religions or else, are all intrinsically clean, unless [like any other being] they become unclean because of touching something unclean, i.e. alcoholic beverage, blood, etc.

Shaving beard

Question:

Is shaving beard Haram?

Answer:

No, it is not Haram.

To alter stoning

Question:

Is the perfect Muslim Jurist allowed to alter the legal provisions such as stoning and execution to other provisions such as imprisonment and a fine?

Answer:

In field of governmental chapters of Islamic Jurisprudence, the prophet (s.a.w.a) and the infallible Imams and the perfect and just jurists are allowed to alter those provisions, based on the general rules of Islamic jurisprudence and according to the general interests of Islamic Umma.

Mortgage

Question:

Is taking Mortgage from banks to buy house or car allowed in Islam?

Answer:

Yes, it is permissible.

Interest

Question:

Is it allowed to take interest from banks in the west?

Answer:

Yes, it is allowed to take interest from Non Moslem banks.

Lobster

Question:

May I ask you about lobster? Is it Halal or Haram?

Answer:

It is not Halal.

Music

Question:

I have a question about music according to Ahlul-Bayt. Is music Haram? Are any forms of music or songs permissible? How about Sufi music which praises the prophets (sawas) and imams (as) using musical instruments? Are any instruments considered impermissible? Does it depend on the context or language of the song?

Please help me to understand. I listen to positive and uplifting music from all over the world, but I do not want to do Haram things, none of this music has any negative message and some of it is religious in nature, and or classical.

Answer:

We cannot say that all types of music are prohibited.

The music which is suitable for Debauchery ceremonies is Haram.

The women cannot sing for the men, and the music must be without negative message.

The rest, like music which praises the prophet (sawas) and imams (as), or encourages people for good ethics such as love, mercy, braveness and other good morality, using musical instruments, is permissible.

Lottery

Question:

Is buying lottery tickets permissible?

Answer:

Buying lottery tickets is permissible only if the institute organizing the lottery sells the tickets solely to collect money for philanthropic purposes, and people are aware of this and buy such tickets with the intention to contribute to such objectives, and that the entire net profit of selling the tickets will be spent in such philanthropic purposes, and this is explained to everybody and they are agreed.

Taqleed

Question:

I am currently following Mujtahid A , but have recently been studying and comparing many of his beliefs, philosophies and fatwas with those of Mujtahid B and have become more and more in favor of the teachings of Mujtahid B. I think there is a strong base, supported by much factual and scientific evidence that makes me more confident in the teachings of Mujtahid B.

I think his stances on politics, women, scientific technology and issues such as tahara and najasa hold more intellectual support than the stances held by Mujtahid A. My question is: how can I determine who is more knowledgeable; do I have to follow what the majority say or may I use my own reasoning and intellect to determine who I believe is more knowledgeable?

Answer:

There are three ways of identifying an A'lam:

- a) One is himself a learned person in Fiqh and Islamic knowledgeable and is able to identify an A'lam;
- b) When two persons, who are learned and just and possess the capacity to identify the A'lam, confirm

that a person is A'lam, provided that two other learned and just persons do not contradict them.

- c) When a number of learned persons who possess the capacity to identify an A'lam, certify that a particular person is A'lam, provided that one is satisfied by their statement.

When one is unable to identify the most learned one, he should follow a Mujtahid that he supposes to be the most learned and if he decides that several Mujtahids are all of equal stature, then he has a choice.

Khums

Question:

I have a question about khums.

I have four children and I am the only worker in the family. My wife is not working as a result my finance is in the negative. I have a debt of about ten thousand dollars.

Do I have to pay any khums?

Do I have to have what is called (Ras-al-sana) for khums purposes?

Answer:

According to this information, you do not have to pay Khums. But it is good to keep "Ras-al-sana" for your calculation in next year.

Tatbir

Question:

I want to ask you about "Tatbir", is it forbidden in this time because it gives a bad picture of Shia?

Answer:

It is difficult to talk about different types of Taazia. On one hand, everything depends on niyyat of the person. On the other hand, the western media misuses that work against Islam and Shia faith.

You may know that the enemies of Islam, made a film named "The sword of Islam" to prove that Shia people are violent and bloodthirsty, and they used pictures of "Tatbir" as evidence.

It is necessary to prevent any thing which helps the enemies of Islam.

Mouth wash

Question:

Is it permissible to use a mouth wash that contains some alcohol like oral-B or Listerine?

Answer:

There is no problem, if you do not drink it during washing your mouth.

Fast food

Question:

1- First question: in some fast food store they have some big pots of oil that they fry non Halal chicken and also they fry potato (fries) inside same pots. I am wondering if we can eat those fries or not. Same thing with fish sandwich they fry fish inside the same pots that they fry non Halal meat and chicken, are we allowed to eat those fish sandwiches?

2- Which one of sea food is Halal?

3- About pizza: we don't know what kind of cheeses store use for pizza are we allowed to eat cheese or vegetable pizza?

Answer:

1. If you know that they fry fish inside the same pots that they fry non Halal meat and chicken, it is not Halal.
2. Fishes with scales and shrimp (prawn) are Halal.
3. If you know that there is nothing Haram in cheese, you can eat.

Ahlul Kitab's meats

Question:

I have a question. When slaughtered meats according to Islam are unavailable in the city, is it permissible to eat the meats slaughtered by Ahlul Kitab to solve the necessity?

Answer:

It is not permissible to eat the meats slaughtered by Ahlul Kitab. But it is permissible to eat fish and other types of food without meat and lard. Because Non Moslems are Tahir.

Question:

However, the reason why I asked was that I live in a place where I don't have time to cook food due to work and extreme fatigue after work hours, seafood restaurants are very far away from my office and home and they are very

expensive since I have to keep a certain budget for spending on food, also I don't know if the fish being sold in the restaurants have scales or not, and Halal restaurants are very far away that I am unable to go during lunch hours of my office work. What I meant to say in the last email is that if I come across to this point, if I end up consuming the ahlul kitab meat, even though it is not permissible, would it still be considered a major sin? I always hear from health resources that say that humans need to eat meat for balanced dietary reasons. Can you please help me? I don't mean to confuse you or make it lengthy; please accept my apologies for any inconvenience. Thank you very much for your time. I wish you well.

Answer:

You can order Vegetable foods, Pizza and fishes with scales such as salmon fish or white fish. But it is not permissible to eat the meats slaughtered by non Moslems.

Donations

Question:

Could you please answer my 2 questions below:

- 1- Out of Khums, Zakat and Sadagheh which one should be paid first. Which one is the priority?
- 2- Where is the best place to donate money to (Sadagheh), School, mosque, Islamic TV channel?

Answer:

- 1- Khoms and Zakat are wajib, but Sadagheh is Mostahab.
- 2- Depends on the needs.

Crab

Question:

I have heard that lobster and crab are not permissible to consume. Why is that? since I heard shrimp is okay to consume, and shrimp, lobster, and crab are in the same family. Also, so far I haven't found in the Quran that mentions the impermissibility of the two, I only see that the food from the sea is okay to consume. Can you please help me on this issue?

Answer:

There are two sources for Islamic jurisprudence:

- 1- Quran.

2- Islamic traditions.

According to Islamic traditions, only fishes which have scales and shrimps among sea foods are Halal.

Pregnant woman and fasting

Question:

Is a pregnant woman required to fast during Ramadan?

Answer:

If fasting is harmful for woman or her baby, then, fasting is not allowed for her.

Ghusl and Wodhu

Question:

Is Ghusl enough before praying? I mean if you have Ghusl are you still supposed to have Wodhu as well?

Answer:

Ghusl is enough before praying.

Alcohol

Question:

Last year some people gave me some alcohol for Christmas .I had someone take them back to a liquor store for refund. Now I have \$50. I have two questions:

1-Is the money Halal?

2-If the answer in negative, what should I do with the money?

Answer:

1- That money is not Halal.

2- Please give that money to poor people as Sadaqa.

Before Marriage

Question:

I have a question about something I've heard from more than one person.

I've heard that if a man proposes to a woman, he may ask to see her hair and body one time, in order to see if he approves of her outer appearance.

This sounds a little bizarre to me, but I have heard it from many people so I was wondering if this is true or if it is a myth?

Answer:

Only he can see her without Hijab, with normal dress, if he is serious to get married with her.

Smoking

Question:

1. Is smoking cigarette Haram?
2. Does it invalidate Fasting?

Answer:

1. Smoking cigarette is not Haram, but better is to be avoided.
2. Smoking cigarette does not invalidate Fasting.

TFSA

Question:

We have a TFSA (Tax free saving Account). We opened this account last year so I was wondering if we should pay Khums on that money in the account. We have never taken

any money out of this account since it's supposed to be saving account for the future needs?

Answer:

It is necessary to pay khums on the amount which is in the bank for more than one year, but if you cannot take it and you do not have other money to pay, then, you will pay it in future when you take it from the bank.

Breastfeeding

Question:

If a woman is pregnant or breastfeeding should she fast too?
If Not then what are her responsibilities?

Answer:

She should not fast. She should perform Qaza in future, when there is no harm for her or for her baby. If she couldn't perform Qaza during one year, then she should pay kaffareh.

Maghrib prayer's time

Question:

Till when (what time) we can do maghrib and isha prayers?

Answer:

The Maghrib and Isha Prayers should be performed after Maghrib, which happens when the redness in the eastern sky appearing after sunset has disappeared. The Maghrib prayer must be performed before Isha prayer.

In normal circumstances, the prescribed time for Maghrib and Isha prayers is till midnight. But if forgetfulness, oversleeping or similar unusual situations prevent one from performing the prayers till midnight, then for them the time will continue till Fajr sets in.

The night will be calculated, as an obligatory precaution, from sunset till dawn (Subh-e-Sadiq).

If the time left over is just enough for Isha prayers to be offered within time, then Isha should be performed and Maghrib is Qadha.

Organ donation

Question:

I would like to ask about Organ Donation. However it would be interesting to understand your opinion and point of view for my personal decision making.

Also, I wish to know what you would recommend for me being a young person in how to get into religion.

It would be helpful (if you have the time) to give me some advice on how to get into religion, and praying, and trying harder to fast.

Answer:

If a person gives permission in his/her life time that the parts of his/her body could be removed after his/her death for transplanting to others, it would be allowed.

One of the best ways to learn Islam is to study Islamic books and if you have questions, you should ask the Muslim scholars. You should always have hope in Allah's mercy.

Question:

According to issues in your Resalah, can a Muslim donate his organs to a non-Muslim to keep that person alive?

Answer:

Yes, it is permissible.

Ghusl Mayit

Question:

I was asking that is it permissible for the husband to give ghusl mayit to his wife who has passed away and vice versa.

Answer:

Yes, it is allowed.

Mut'ah

Question:

Is it permitted to marry (temporary/Mu'tah); while having a permanent wife as well?

Answer:

If it makes problem to the family relations between him and his wife, it is not allowed.

Haram money

Question:

If one earns or receives haram money, is it permissible to use that money for charity or feeding the poor? Please comment.

Answer:

If this person knows the owner of the money, he/she shall return it to him/her. Otherwise, it is permissible to use that money for charity or feeding the poor.

Breaking the fast

Question:

Is it wajib to perform maghrib prayers before doing the iftari (breaking the fast) during Ramadan?

Answer:

No, it is not wajib.

Official of Islamic organizations

Question:

Can a well known drunkard be selected or elected for a religious post or president of any religious organization in any circumstances?

Answer:

it is not permissible.

Parents

Question:

I always here that it is obligatory to respect one's parents. But does that mean that the Almighty Allah expects us to still respect our parents, even if they do things like guiding one in the wrong direction, make fun of Islam, or disrespecting one's spouse, etc.?

Answer:

Almighty Allah expects us to respect our parents, but he does not let us to obey them if they ask us to be in the wrong direction or to do a haram job.

Right of divorce

Question:

I have been married for many years. My husband has failed to provide for me and my son for most of my marriage. My husband and I purchased a home together. We both contributed financially for the home expenses. At times, I have borrowed money to pay for expenses related to the home, and for my son and I, because he refused to provide the misc expenses. We sold the home. I possess the proceeds of the home.

I have given-up my mahr al'mutakhir in return for him to grant me a divorce and he refuses. We have been separated for a very long time.

It is also worthy to note that he married me under false pretenses and has not given me my mahr almutkadim yet.

What is your ruling with regard to the following?

1. Do I have the right to a divorce without his agree to it?
2. Do I have the right to keep my son with me and allow him to see him on a regular basis?
3. Do I have any right to any of the proceeds of the home?

Answer:

1. Based on this information, you have the right to a divorce without his agreement, if he did not pay your expenses of life for 6 months or more.
2. If you can prove in a court that he is not able to take care of your son, you can keep him with you.
3. You can take what you have paid for that house.

In the same time, if he can improve his manner and can be a good husband for you in the future, we recommend you to solve your problem friendly and continue your marriage.

Temporary Marriage

Question:

Is it permissible to contract temporary marriage with a woman who does prostitution secretly? Does the ruling change, if she is 'famous' for prostitution?

Answer:

It is not permissible to contract temporary marriage with a woman who is famous for prostitution.

Ghusl and Dhikr

Question:

1. Is it obligatory to perform wudhu after performing ghusul for no reason?
2. During afternoon prayers in jamaaat, when the imam recites Suratul Hamd in the first two rakaats, should one recite dhikr.

Answer:

1. It is not obligatory to perform wudhu after performing any wajib ghusl (like: janabat ghusl) or mustahab ghusl (like: Juma'a ghusl).
2. One can say zikr or be silent. But he/she should not recite Hamd and Sura.

Infallibility

Question:

We consider the Imams to be infallible. could you clarify what that means?

Does it mean that they are not able to commit any sins and bad deeds, or does it mean that they are able to commit sins but they it would never even cross their mind because they're so God conscious?

Answer:

There are 2 levels for infallibility:

1. Not to commit any crime or sin.
2. Not to make any fatal mistake in delivering the message of Allah to the people.

It means that they are able to do wrong, but they do not wish to do that, because they see its consequences and they're so God conscious.

Salaat al-layl

Question:

Is it possible to pray salaat al-layl to your parents who passed away or any other muslim?

Answer:

Yes, it is possible to perform salaah al-layl and dedicate its Thawab to your parents.

Playing cards

Question:

Is it permissible to play the playing cards without any gambling?

Answer:

Yes, it is allowed.

Zakat on paper currency

Question:

What is your position of zakat on paper currency?

Answer:

It is obligatory to pay 2.5 percent as Zakat on Cash Money, if it is not used in business process and economic cycle (trade, industry, agriculture, etc) and has remained for one year. But

if someone paid zakat on that amount one time, he/she should not pay zakat on the same money again.

Speak to the opposite gender

Question:

In Islam are you allowed to speak to the opposite gender?

Answer:

Normal speak to the opposite gender is allowed.

Shaking hands

Question:

The question I would like to ask you is about shaking hands. In the west shaking hands is part of cultural norm. Is it permissible to shake the hands of the opposite gender with clean intention?

Answer:

Shaking hands of Muslim women is not permissible for a man, but it is allowed with gloves and with clean intention.

Watan

Question:

Must I break my fasting when I visit my parents who live more than 8 farsakh away and I intend to stay there for 5 days? It should be mentioned that the city where my parents live is my birthplace and I was grown up there.

Answer:

That city is still your Watan and your fasting is correct.

Tayammum

Question:

Is it permissible to perform tayammum during fasting due to being in the state of janaabat as doing ghusl may cause hardship due to being weak and thirsty? Will fasting still be in order?

Answer:

If the Ghusl is harmful for you, you can perform Tayammum.

Hindus

Question:

I would like to ask you is regarding food which is made by Hindus. Is eating the food by Hindus permissible or is it forbidden.

Answer:

Their food is halal, if there is no meat and other haram items in their food. (Such as lard, pepsin, and alcohol).

Moon sighting

Question:

My second question is regarding the sighting of the moon. Is your ruling that the moon is validly sighted if it is seen in a country that shares the same night or in a country that shares the same horizon as my country?

Answer:

Sighting the moon is valid for other countries if it is seen in a country.

Chess

Question:

The question I would like to ask you would be regarding the game of chess. I would just like to know if this game

is permissible to play with friends without any gambling or playing during prayer times.

Answer:

Game of chess without any gambling is permissible.

Gelatin

Question:

A very common question is about eating Geletine. I would just like to hear your ruling about this issue.

Answer:

Eating Gelatin is allowed if you do not know its origin, and it is not wajib to research. But if you know hundred percent that a particular Gelatin is made of non-Halal meat, you should avoid it, unless if it is a medicine and it is necessary to use it. In this case also you can take it.

Suicide

Question:

A person commits suicide due to economic and health hardships because no one could help him. Can he be buried like other Muslims?

Answer:

Suicide is haram (forbidden). The person who commits suicide shall be buried like other Muslims.

Black magic

Question:

What is the rule on Black Magic?

Is Black Magic real or an illusion?

Is teaching people Black Magic halal or haram?

Answer:

Black magic may be real, but it is not allowed in Islam.

Taqleed

Question:

I currently follow the instructions of a late Marja, who has recently passed away, and according to his website, I need to ask another qualified Marja if I can continue with the Taqleed. Do you permit me to continue with the Taqleed of him?

Answer:

Yes, it is permissible.

Ahmadiyah

Question:

Recently I had a little debate with our Sunni Brothers about beauty of Islam and all a sudden the topic turned on Ahmadies where many questions and statement were brought up from both sides. I would like to know the answer for this question and if you kindly help me answer these questions please.

Do we consider Ahmadies as Karfar, Mushrak or Muslim? Why (can you explain Briefly please)?

Answer:

If they believe in Allah and that prophet Mohammad is the last prophet and there is no prophet after him, then they are Muslim. But if they say that Ahmad kadiyani was a prophet, they are not considered as Muslims.

Muslim Relations

Question:

I understand it is not allowed for Muslims to stop speaking to each other for more than three days. I am in a situation where I am not speaking to a Muslim woman because of her

actions towards me, however, I do not hate her, envy her, have any animosity towards her nor do I wish bad upon her. Is it still wrong for me to not speak to her or do I have to make amends?

Answer:

It is recommended to teach her your good morality by your good manner and action.

Hair replacement

Question:

Hair replacement is the placement of a silicone membrane onto your scalp through the use of liquid adhesives. The liquid adhesive is applied to small portions around the perimeter of the bald area. Hair is attached to this membrane so thus it is a hair system. The system is placed onto your scalp for 5-6 weeks and cannot be taken off that easily during this interval. However it is known that the membrane is gas and water permeable as it is very porous (as you can have a shower with it and sweat in it etc. and the water will go into your scalp). So wudhu can be performed easily as the water will touch the frontal part of your head. The question of concern comes from the ghusl, since the area where the adhesive is used to attach the system will not get

water through it (very small area), can I still perform ghusl wearing this system (which is not easy to take off)?

Answer:

Yes, you can perform ghusl.

Solitaire

Question:

I have only one question: Are Card Games like Solitaire Haram?

Answer:

These games are not Haram if there is no gambling.

Change of faith

Question:

What is the ruling in regards to a woman who married a man who was Muslim at the time of marriage but then the husband became a non believer later on?

Answer:

If that man is saying obviously: I am not a Muslim, the woman should be separated from him by divorce. But if he does not practice only, the marriage is still valid.

Woman and Ijtihad

Question:

Can a woman be a Mujtahid and can we do taqleed of her?

Answer:

A woman can become a Mujtahid and if she fulfills all of conations of Marja, then you can follow her.

Tariqa

Question:

Is it permissible to follow tariqa?

Answer:

There are different types of Tariqa and most of them have problems in faith. It is recommended to follow the true Jaffari faith and follow the way of qualified Shia Arifs such as Ayatollah Bahjat and urafa like him.

Earrings

Question:

I would like to know if it is okay for muslim women to show earrings.....

Answer:

it is necessary not showing it to non-mahrams.

Necklace

Question:

I have a question regarding jewelry. Some say that necklaces and bracelets are not permissible to wear. I was just wondering if one is allowed to wear such accessories not to impress anybody or get attention rather for one's own self.

Answer:

It is allowed to wear necklaces and bracelets.

New name

Question:

May we change our own name in order to be more fortunate?

Do we need permission from our parents to change our name?

Answer:

If the new name is a good name, then it is allowed without permission from parents.

Trips

Question:

1. If you are on a long trip (on airplane); and you say your prayers sitting, when you land do you have to say the prayers again standing?
2. If you go to a non-Islamic country and a store there writes that the meat is Halal; should you believe that?

Answer:

1. If you prayed toward Qibla, it is not wajib to do qadha.
2. If there is no sign to reject (like selling alcohol) you can trust.

Shrimp

Question:

I want to know prawns (shrimps) are halal? Can we eat them?

Answer:

Shrimp is Halal.

Working in the banks

Question:

My questions were whether it is permissible to provide the following services to a bank:

- 1- Software and Information Technology Services.
- 2- Servicing the bank's customers over the telephone on behalf of the bank.
- 3- Sales of bank's products (such as deposit accounts and credit cards) on behalf of the bank.

Answer:

All of mentioned jobs are allowed.

Meat

Question:

My mother (non-Muslim) buys food for me to help me out. I have asked her not to buy any meat products, etc, but she never seems to listen. Is it permissible to eat the foods bought for me by my mother?

Answer:

It is allowed to eat the food except meat.

But if she buys the meat from Halal stores and you trust her, there is no problem to eat the meat too.

Infertility

Question:

The question is that someone wants to have a baby, but she cannot because her egg is not good to get pregnant and have a baby, her doctor recommended to have a donated egg from her sister to be mixed with the ladies husband's sperm and be injected to her in order to have a baby. Is it permissible?

Answer:

It is allowed.

Waxing

Question:

Salaams, is it permissible for Muslim women to wax?

Answer:

If it is not harmful for your body, then it is permissible.

Hijab

Question:

I have a question concerning women having their feet uncovered in front of non-mahram men. Can a woman have her feet uncovered in the presence of non-mahram men?

Answer:

It is allowed to ankle only.

Using perfume

Question:

I would like to know if it is permissible for a woman to wear perfume around men?

Answer:

It is allowed, as long as one's intention is not to attract the attention of Non-Mahram people by that.

Nawafil and Qadha

Question:

I want to ask instead of performing sunnah and nawafil before or after farz prayer, is it better to perform our qadha prayers?

Answer:

If the qadha prayer is definitive, then it has the priority. But it is allowed to do Nawafil too.

Waqf

Question:

A person is a tenant of a property owned by a Shia Waqf Organization.

That person refuses to pay the agreed Rent Amount. Can such a person offer Prayers in that house where the arrears are still outstanding and are such prayers Valid.

Answer:

If he can pay the rental fee and does not pay, then his prayer is not valid.

Sadaqa Jaaria

Question:

I have a question regarding sadqa's Jaaria. If a journalist makes his livelihood by writing articles on political, economic condition of his country, religion etc. and he is paid for every article published in a news paper. During his entire life, he

could not complete one single book but after his death, his children publish his book. The book is a compilation of his articles that he wrote during his life and deals with political and economic condition of his country when he alive.

My question comes from this point:

- 1) Is the book a sadqa jaaria for future generations?
- 2) If a person reads the book and gets an idea of the political game of his country, is the shariat considering this book to be useful and deserve sadqa jaaria?
- 3) If the children give the book to the library with this Neeyat that whoever reads and benefits from this book, the sawaab would go the dead.

Answer:

Yes, this book can be considered as Sadqa Jaaria. His children can donate it to the library.

Insulting prophet

Question:

What is the punishment in Islam for one who insults the BELOVED HOLY PROPHET peace and blessings be upon him and his progeny.

Answer:

The most important duty of Muslims is to introduce the correct face of Islam and the Holy Prophet and Ahlul Bayt and to teach other people about Islamic studies.

Divorce

Question:

In a situation where a wife is asking for khula' divorce, is the husband's permission or approval required for this type of divorce to be granted?

Answer:

The husband's approval is required. Otherwise, the divorce shall be granted by a court.

Duties of couples

Question:

I'm married couple of years, the issue is about my wife, She talks to me very rudely and offensive when I try to tell her something.

What should I do in this matter?

Answer:

It is obligatory for man to love his wife and to be merciful with her.

It is also obligatory for woman to respect her husband and to be humble with him.

Khums

Question:

Can I do your Taqlid but give my khums to another Marja to handle?

Answer:

Yes, if the fatwa of other Marja in using khums is the same.

You can also spend 75 percent of your kums by yourself according to issues in our Resalah, and send the rest to your Marja.

Salawat

Question:

In Sala'at, Is this Appropriate to recite Salawat with Addition of "Wa-Aj'jil Farajahom"?

Answer:

It is allowed to recite it after Zekr of Ruku'u and Sojood and Qunut.

Ismaili

Question:

Is it permissible to get married with an Ismaili person?

He is not willing to convert to Ithna Ashari, but he is very God fearing and does not commit any sins of drinking alcohol or eating haram.

Answer:

It is allowed, but the Shia woman shall try to raise her children with Ithna Ashari faith.

Interest

Question:

You stated that it is possible to collect interest from a non-Muslim bank. Is it also permissible to enter into other contracts with a non-Muslim bank where interest is transacted, e.g. is it possible to take out a mortgage on one's home where interest would be payable to that bank?

Answer:

- a) To take interest from non Muslim banks is permissible.
- b) To give interest to Muslim or non Muslim banks is Haram.
- c) To take mortgage from any band is allowed.

Wodhu

Question:

If someone has just had a shower, hence their hair would still be wet, can they perform Wudhu?

Is it right that the hairline has to be dry before wudhu?

Answer:

a) If one has performed any Ghusl, there is no need for Wudhu.

b) If the hair is wet a little, there is no problem. But if it is wet too much, one should dry it and perform Wudhu.

Visiting family

Question:

I live in London and have family in Syria, so I thought as I have a week off on the week of the Arbeen (40th) of Imam Al-Hussein(a.s) I could go there and visit Sayeda Zeinab and Sayeda Ruqya (alihuma al salam), but the ticket would cost more than £400 which is sufficient to cover a needy person to live for more than three months back home (in Iraq), hence I thought I would send the money to a needy person rather than the spend it on a ticket for 5 days.

And I think that Ahl al Bayt alhim al salam would prefer that or is visiting Sayeda Zeinab and Sayeda Ruqya (alihuma al salam) with my cousins and seeing my grandparents more preferred?

Answer:

To help needy people is more preferred, but if you haven't seen your grandparents for a long time and they ask you to go there and see them, it is also permissible.

Zakat Al-Fitr

Question:

I have a question regarding Zakat al Fitr, I am currently studying abroad and am living with my Uncle for the year. I thought that my parents had paid zakat on my behalf, however I found out today that they didn't and I don't think my Uncle did either and to be honest I feel rude asking him! So can I just pay?

Answer:

Yes, you can pay.

Make - up

Question:

What is the ruling on the wearing of make-up and on the plucking of eyebrows? Can women decorate the face?

Answer:

She can do that for her husband, not for the non-Mahram people.

Having children

Question:

I have questions regarding marriage. I was a Christian that converted to Islam and now I'm with a Muslim wife, thank god. I'm not really aware of the things we must do in marriage because I'm a bit nervous to ask, but I do know the laws of Islam and the laws of praying... I'm not hundred percent sure if in Islam, there is a different way of having children. Is it the same as the Christianity?

Answer:

There should not be a difference. It should be with satisfaction of both sides.

Marriage

Question:

I met my non Muslim wife several years ago, and we agreed at that time that as we like each other, to have a relationship we must have Muttah or Marriage.

As she was not sure of her long-term commitments, although she assured me she loves me, she agreed to Muttah. I recited the verses in her local language as neither of us could communicate in Arabic.

We extended the period of muttah after the first two years elapsed and she expected my child, when she reverted to Islam with me, and we got married by an Aqd e Daimi recited by a respected shia scholar.

However, since our marriage, my wife has made no commitments towards praying her salat and after such a long time, today she told me, she was never brought up to believe in these things.

I have tried my best to reassure her, and help to talk to her without any harsh tone as well.

Firstly, Is my Nikah still Valid?

Have I done anything wrong in my life, and is this punishment of Allah?

Answer:

Your marriage is valid.

You did not do any sin because of this marriage, based on your good intention.

Ahd

Question:

My wife promised Imam Mahdi (ATF) that she'll never watch TV again and since then she doesn't watch TV including computer, YouTube or any kind of video. She doesn't even watch discovery or Islamic videos as she says she doesn't mention the imam that she'll not watch films and dramas. She promised she wouldn't watch the TV again. So she stopped watching all kind of videos.

Now she is in the situation that while attending a course she has to look at the demonstration that is in video format though its informative and doesn't have any song or music or no drama.

My question is that can she watch that video (informative) or not?

Or can she watch Islamic videos including majalis or videos from shia TV or not?

Answer:

Yes, she can watch them.

Nikah

Question:

Can you let me know the process for performing the Nikah in the Jafferi tradition?

Please include all the wording that will be used for the Nikah recited by the bride and the wordings for the groom to perform his own Nikah.

Answer:

The Method of Pronouncing the permanent Marriage Formula:

It will be sufficient if in pronouncing the formula for permanent marriage, the woman says: "Zawwajtuka nafsi 'alas sidaqil ma'lum" (i.e. I have made myself your wife on the agreed Mahr [Dowry]), and then the man should

immediately respond thus: “Qabiltut tazwij” (i.e. I accept the marriage).

And if they appoint other person to act as their representative for pronouncing the formula of marriage, it is sufficient if the representative of the woman says, “Zawwajtu muwakkilati muwakkilaka ‘alas sidaqil ma’lum”, (i.e. I have given my client to your client in marriage on the agreed Mahr), and thereafter the representative of the man should immediately respond thus: “Qabiltut tazwija li muwakkili hakaza”, (I accepted the same way the marriage on behalf of my client).

The Method of Pronouncing the Fixed-time Marriage Formula

It will be sufficient if in pronouncing the formula for temporary marriage, after having agreed on the period of marriage and the amount of Mahr, the woman says: “Zawwajtuka nafsi fil muddatil ma’lumati ‘alal mahril ma’lum” (i.e. I have made myself your wife for the agreed period and the agreed Mahr), and then the man immediately responds thus: “Qabiltu”, (i.e. I have accepted), or if the representative of the woman says, “Zawwajtu muwakkilati muwakkilaka fil muddatil ma’lumati ‘alal mahril ma’lum”, (i.e. I have given my client to your client in marriage for the agreed period and the agreed

Mahr), and thereafter the representative of the man should immediately respond thus:“Qabiltu li muwakkili hakaza”, (I also accepted the same way on behalf of my client).

Conditions of Pronouncing Nikah

There are certain conditions for the Nikah recited for marriage. They are as follows:

1- The formula of marriage contract should be recited in correct Arabic. And if the man and the woman cannot pronounce the formula in correct Arabic, they should appoint representatives who can recite it in Arabic. But if they cannot recite it in Arabic and they also cannot find qualified representatives, then they can pronounce the formula of marriage contract in any other language, but the words in the other language must convey the meaning of the Arabic formula.

2- The one who recites the formula should have the intention of Insha' (i.e. reciting it in a creative sense, making it effective immediately). In other words, their intention by uttering these words should be that she effectively makes herself the wife of the man, and the man effectively accepts

her as his wife. The representative should also have the same intention.

3- The person who pronounces the Nikah should be sane, and he should also be Baligh, though he may represent someone else.

4- In pronouncing the Nikah, the representatives should specify the man and the woman.

5- The woman and the man should be willing to enter into matrimonial alliance.

If a girl has reached the age of Bulugh (puberty) and is mature, (i.e. she can decide what is in her own interest) wishes to marry, she should, as a precaution, obtain permission from her father or parental grandfather. However, if the father refuses to grant permission to her for marrying a suitable man and compatible to her, then, his permission is not necessary. Similarly, it is not necessary to obtain permission if there is no access to her father or parental grandfather, if she is eager to get married urgently. If the girl had already married and later divorced or became widowed, her father or parental grandfather's permission is not necessary for the new marriage.

Tattoos

Question:

I wanted to know if getting Tattoos is halal or haram.

Answer:

It is permissible, but it is not recommended. However, the picture should not be bad pictures.

Eid

Question:

In our family it is a tradition that if a family member dies, the first EID (eid ul fitr or eid ul azha) is not celebrated in the grief of deceased. We do not wear new cloths and do not wish Eid to anyone.

I wanted to ask that according to Islamic laws is this practice sinful? Or is it ok if we do not celebrate these Eids?

Answer:

It is permissible and this practice is not sinful.

Qurbani

Question:

In our time, millions of pilgrims perform Qurbani during the time of Hajj. First of all, they perform it out of Mina. Secondly, it is obligatory to give a part of meat to poor people. But due to limitation of time we cannot find the poor people in the region, and we are not sure if the officials will send the meat to needy people in other countries. The question is that: can we perform our Qurbani out of Mina to fulfill the above mentioned condition?

Answer:

In such a situation, it is permissible to call somebody in your hometown or other place to perform Qurbani on the day of Eid Al-Fitr, or by thirteenth of Dhil Hajja. Anyway, it is obligatory to give a part of meat to needy people.

Moon sighting

Question:

What is your opinion in regards to moon being visible at different times in different parts of the world?

Answer:

The new moon must be visible for sure by naked eyes in some parts of the world.

Question:

Is it sufficient for rest of the World if moon is visible on one part of the earth?

Answer:

Yes.

Question:

Is there any way that we can come up with one formula so that Muslim Umma or at least Tashayu Can be united.

Answer:

Yes, if all people have only one Marja!

Fasting

Question:

My wife will get before the Holy Month of Ramadan a hysterectomy. After that, she will have some vaginal bleedings because of the wounds inside. Is it possible for her to fast?

Answer:

If fasting is harmful for her or she is getting weak by this operation and fasting is difficult, she should not fast. And when she is healthy in future, she should fast instead of those days.

Zakat

Question:

Therefore until 1982, zakat was payable on paper currency according to what the writer is stating.

Although you have allowed 75% of khums to be used for relief of poverty, would it not be easier to pay 2.5% zakat. Is zakat payable on profit of the year or savings at the end of the year. What I mean is that if have \$1,000 on January 1, 2001 and \$2,000 on January 1, 2002, will zakat be payable on \$1,000 or \$2,000.

And if I have \$3,000 on January 1, 2003, is Zakat payable on \$2,000, \$3,000 or the increase in the balance of \$1,000. Therefore, is it for beneficial for the community to receive khums or zakat. That is will the community get more money from khums or zakat.

Answer:

Based on the verses of Quran and Islamic traditions, paying

Khums (which is a kind of zakat on paper currency) on savings at the end of the year is Wajib and it can be paid for relief of poverty in the community.

If Khums and normal zakat are enough for relief of poor people, then paying zakat is wajib on the 8 items, which are mentioned in the Hadith books, because, it is supposed that one has already paid khums (which is a type of zakat) on paper currency (20%). When there is no need, one should not pay on paper currency 2 times.

But if this amount plus zakat on 8 items are not enough for this purpose (as you mentioned in one of your previous questions), then paying zakat on other items including paper currency also is Wajib. In such a situation, one must pay zakat on all profit of the year. But if his/her profit is less than his/her expenses, he/she should not pay zakat on profit of the year.

Question:

I returned from visit to East Africa a few days back. Being a visitor, it was difficult to assess accurately the needs of the people but one could sense there is a major struggle to survive.

In Tanzania, I was told that the country used to be 60% Muslim and 40% others (including Christians). Now the ratio is reversed with the Muslims being 40% due to active missionary work done by the Christians who are taking advantage of the poverty in converting the Muslims. In Uganda, there are many orphans, not necessarily Muslims, but the Muslim organizations wanting to look after them are struggling because of lack of funds. But in Uganda, the Christians have no problems looking after the orphans and, thereby, making them Christians. I am sure the situation in Kenya is no different as in other parts of Africa.

I have two questions. With respect to Sehme Sadat, why should it be applicable in Africa where there are no needy Sayeeds. Can 100% of the khums not be utilized for the benefit of the Africans?

The second question is when the issue of khums is raised, there is always the matter of ijaza and it is not always available to those who provide the service because of many reasons.

Also wajib zakat is simpler and affordable. Therefore, does zakat become wajib on paper currency? Is it not wajib to help the needy by paying zakat on paper currency?

I am sure the situation in other parts of the world is not any different.

Answer:

1. In such a situation, it is Wajib to pay Zakat on paper currency too, in order to remove the poverty in Muslim community. We mentioned the details in the Resalah.
2. To pay Zakat to poor people, there is no need for Ejaza from Marjas.
3. It is allowed to pay Sahme Imam to non-Sayyed needy people.
4. If Zakat, Sadaqa and Sahme Imam are not enough for non-Sayyed poor people, and Sahme Sadaat is extra for poor Sadaat, then the rest can be given to non-Sayyed needy people too.

Sea food

Question:

Since the Quran seems to be very clear in not specifying what food can be eaten from the sea and since those who follow Sunni fiqh seem to be of accord all meat from the sea is halal, I must conclude from your answer only Shia fiqh

excludes such sea creatures as lobster, crab, oysters, squid, etc.

Answer:

Names of all animals which are Halal or Haram are not mentioned in Quran. But there are four sources for Islamic jurisprudence: Quran, Sunnat (correct traditions), Aql (wisdom) and Ijma (Consensus).

There are Hadith Books such as Al-Kafi, Wasail Al-Shia, Al-Faqih ... which explain the Halal and Haram foods.

Paying Khums

Questions and Answers

Can the Sehme Imam part of the Khums be used for relief of poverty?

Yes, it is permissible.

Do we need your permission or we as your muqaleed can make our own decision?

You can pay 75% of khums by yourself according to issues of the Resalah.

I live in Canada but find that there is more poverty in Africa amongst both the Khoja and African people. I was born and brought up in Africa. Therefore, have affection with Africa. Therefore, can I distribute or use Sehme Imam in Africa.

Yes, you can.

Can the Sehme Imam be used for the relief of my family members or friends in India or Pakistan and I find them needy?

Yes, if they are not your children and wife.

Can the Sehme Sadat part of khums be used for relief of poverty of non-Sadats? The condition I find are as follows: I live in Canada. I find that there are some deserving Sadats in Canada but their requirements is not much. My next connection is with East Africa. There I find that there are no Syeds or at best no deserving Syeds. Can I use all of Sehme Sadat for relief of poverty of Khoja and African Muslims?

If sehme sadaat is extra, it can be paid to non-Sadaat poor people.

What is your ruling with respect to those who live in East Africa?

If they are needier, it is recommended to send money to them.

Salat qasr

Question:

I live in Mississauga and if I go to Milton will I Have to pray full prayers or Qasar?

Answer:

If the distance between the last part of Mississauga and first part of Milton is more than 22 KM, you should pray Qasr.

Question:

Is Oakville and Milton also part of GTA?

Last part of GTA is Mississauga and Brampton from the west.

Question:

This is the supplementary question with regards to the Qasar issue. Since I live in Mississauga (and soon move to Brampton), if I travel from my home and go to Oakville or Milton on the west side what should I do?

1) Should I pray full?

2) Should I pray Qasar?

Answer:

If you travel from end of Mississauga to the west more than 22 Km, then you should pray Qasr.

Question:

Also, the 22 km from the boundary is one way or two way? The total travelling distance is 22 km (11 km going and 11 km coming) or 22 km going and 22 km coming?

Answer:

I mean: more than 22 km going and again 22 km coming back.

Boundaries of GTA

Question:

1- Can you please explain to me what the boundaries of GTA are?

Answer:

From north: end of Richmond Hill, and from west: end of Mississauga and Brampton, and from east: end of Ajax.

Question:

Which areas are part of GTA and which are not? Are they different from the map book outlining the GTA?

Answer:

Toronto is a great city which includes all towns which are joint together and are not separated.

Sikhs**Question:**

1. Is it haram to eat food from the hands of a Sikh? A Shia woman is married to a sunni man whose mother has Sikh's family members. To keep respect and love between the families she attends their gatherings. The question becomes if the Sikhs are Tahir or not?

Answer:

Sikh people are Pak (Tahir) according to our Fatwa like other Kafirs. Their food is Halal, except meat.

Age of Takleef for girls**Question:**

At what age does wearing a Hijab become wajib for a girl?

Answer:

At the age of Takleef.

There are 2 signs for Takleef:

- a) Seeing the blood of Haiz
- b) Getting 13 years old. (According to our opinion).

Age of Takleef for boys**Question:**

At what age does Praying become wajib for a boy?

There are 2 signs:

- a) Entering the state of Janabat.
- b) Getting 15 years old.

Converting Islam**Question:**

The following scenario is often encountered in western countries, and I know two ladies who have been married for years and have children from their marriages. They've been Christian all their lives but have been studying Islam recently and have come to the conclusion that Islam is the right religion. However they are hesitant to convert to Islam because they have been told that a Muslim woman has to be married to a Muslim man and if they convert then they have

to get divorced from their current non-muslim husbands. My questions are:

Is the above applicable only to women who are single before their conversion and so after their conversion they cannot get married to non-Muslim men, or does it also apply to women who are already married and so if they convert to Islam but their husbands stay as Ahlul Kitab, then they too have to get divorced from their non-Muslim husbands?

Answer:

A Muslim woman can not marry a non-Muslim. But in a situation that you mentioned, they do not have to get divorced from their current husbands, but the husband does not have any domination and the lady must have freedom in marital relationship, and educating and training her children.

Question:

If the answer to question 1 is that they too have to get divorced, would you please point me to some references that indicate this? At the time of the prophet (s.a.w) was there not women who converted to Islam but their husbands did not (and these men fought the prophet later on in wars)? Does this not mean that, if a woman who is already married with

children decides to convert to Islam she doesn't have to get a divorce?

Answer:

The source of this Fatwa is including several verses in Quran and a lot of Rewayats which are mentioned in books of jurisprudence.

Zakat and Khums

Q:

In our time, it seems that the Zakat on 9 items is not enough to remove the poverty among the Muslim communities. What is your viewpoint in the issue of zakat on currency in this situation?

A:

In such a situation, it is wajib to pay zakat on this item too, according to the income of people.

Q:

Is it allowed to pay Sahme Imam (which is half of Khums) to non sayyed poor people?

A:

Yes, it is allowed.

Interest in Muslim Banks

Q: I live in Pakistan which is an Islamic Country but the whole banking system is based on capitalism and we have to give interest to banks if we take loan and if we invest money in bank we can get interest on that. Is it permissible for me to take interest from a bank which is not being run on Islamic economic rules?

A: To pay interest to Muslim Banks is allowed if you have contract of Muzariba or Muzaria. You can find the details in the Resalah. Otherwise, it is not permissible.

Q: In Pakistan Government starts different schemes in which retired government servants can invest and around 12% interest is given to the investors, is this type of interest allowed which is being given by an Islamic government to its retired officers?

A: If the government claims that it pays the amount from the sources like Muzariba and Muzaria or other Islamic sources, then it is allowed.

Q: I am not a poor man and I don't need interest to run my life, is it permissible to take interest from a non Islamic bank in an Islamic Country (Pakistan) and spend the money on my charity/non-profitable projects.?

A: If the source of money is Halal (as it was mentioned above), then it is allowed.

Halal Meat

Q: If the meat being sold at Christian shop (food Basic) and it is written Halal on it, so is it halal to eat the meat?

Answer:

If you know the brand of that meet and you are sure that it is from a true Muslim company, then it is Halal.

Thanksgiving prayer

Q: After having been granted the legitimate wish/desire by Allah Almighty, how long more can we continue offering our prayers, (Namaz-e-Shukrana) or thanksgiving prayer?

Answer: You can do that any time, but it is better to do that as soon as possible.

Missing prayers

Q:

I live in a non Muslim country for many years now and need to travel out of my city frequently (3 -4 times a week) to attend my tuition classes. Due to the nature of travel and lack of facility of nearby mosque in the travelling city, I, often, end up missing my Zohur and Asar Prayers. What compensation do I need to pay towards it and if I miss them, unintentionally, and situation beyond my control, then how can I offer them again? Can I still get the same rewards if I offer my Zohar and Asar Prayers late evening (9:00 PM) after arriving home?

Answer:

You must do Qadha prayer later, as it was missed.

Parent's prayer

Q:

Can we offer Namaz Walidain/Parents Prayers when they are alive and healthy or is it offered after they pass away?

Answer:

It is offered after they pass away.

Morning Prayer

Q:

In a foreign land, if a Muslim leaves home for work before dawn/before Morning Azan, can he offer his morning prayers before morning azan as he doesn't return home until late and on his way to work, he doesn't have any other facility to offer it.

Answer:

It cannot be offered before Azan. If it is not possible to do that, then you should do Qadha later.

Parent's permission

Q:

I am a shia convert, my parents are however sunni and they do not know I am shia and I am now in a situation where I want to marry a particular shia man. However as my parents are close minded and believe that a woman should be educated before marriage and they will not permit me to marry a shia by disregarding the daughters needs and wants, what should I do since they would not be willing to accept him as my husband.

Answer:

If you are 18 years old or more, and you know that man well, and you know that this person can be a good husband for you, then permission of your father is not necessary.

Hijab**Q:**

I am a Muslim girl, living in Canada. I believe that I am a good muslim-meaning that I pray 5 times a day, I give money to the poor, respect everyone. However, I do not wear my hijab. I used to wear my hijab in seventh grade, but I was bullied, so I took it off- which I know, is a pretty lame excuse.

Ever since then, I am afraid I'll go to hell, because I don't wear it. So couple of months ago, I was researching about Hijab and women in Islam, and I found a website in it, I found out that women do not have to wear the traditional headscarf. In fact, the headscarf isn't even Islamic. When Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him), said to tell their wives, daughters to cover their bosoms, there wasn't anything explicit said about covering your hair. In fact, the term "Hijab" isn't used in that verse.

It was talking about being modest. Modesty can be achieved in both spiritual manner and physically. I mean, I try to be modest. I do not wear short skirts or anything revealing. I also try to be modest in my manners and everything. So is the real meaning of hijab to be modest in spirituality and physically, without wearing the traditional head scarf?

Answer:

God bless you for your goodness, but it is necessary for women to cover their hair, but it can be done by a hat or scarf.

Azadari

Q:

I am Shia Muslim; I would like to know the answer to the following Questions, as I would like to see the various views on these issues:

1) Is it allowed to weep loudly in majlis (gatherings) in the Month of Muharram?

Answer:

Yes, it is allowed.

2) Are you allowed to Perform Tatbir in the west, and the acts could be done outside in public?

Answer:

The media uses this type of Azadari against Islam and Shia, then, it is not allowed.