

Water Conservation in Wudhu

Wudhu is a great Ibaadah (act of worship). Rasulullah ﷺ is reported to have said that when a person performs wudhu in the proper manner, all the (minor) sins that were committed are washed off by means of the wudhu. However, certain acts spoil this great Ibaadah and deprive one of the full benefits and virtues of wudhu. Among these acts is the wasting of water.

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It has been very conservatively estimated that at average most people use more than six litres of water for one wudhu. This is in stark contrast to the amount of water that Rasulullah ﷺ used for his wudhu. Hazrath Aisha (R.A.) reports that Rasulullah ﷺ used one *mudd* of water for wudhu and one saa for ghusal (Abu Dawood). One *mudd* amounts to approximately 1.03 litres and one saa is approximately 4.1 litres. In other words, we generally use more water for wudhu than Rasulullah ﷺ used for ghusal.

Once Hazrath Jaabir (R.A.) narrated the saying of Rasulullah ﷺ that one *mudd* of water suffices for wudhu and one saa for ghusal.

A person sitting there remarked: "It does not suffice for me." Hazrath Jaabir (R.A.) silenced him by saying: "It sufficed for him (Rasulullah ﷺ) who was better than you and who even had more hair than you" (hence he would require more water than you to wash the head during ghusal) (Ibn Majah).

ISRAAF

To use more than is necessary is termed *israaf*. Regarding *israaf* Allah Ta'ala declares: "Verily Allah Ta'ala does not love the wasters."

On one occasion Rasulullah ﷺ asked a person performing *wudhu*: "Why are you wasting water?" The person enquired: "Is there *israaf* even in *wudhu*?" Rasulullah ﷺ replied: "Yes indeed, (do not waste) even if you are at the bank of a river" (Ibn Majah).

Hence it is necessary to become conscious of this important aspect and refrain from wasting water during wudhu.

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