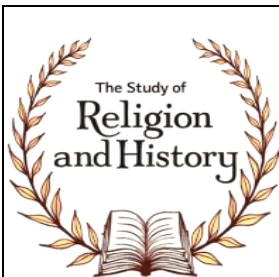


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## WATER POLLUTION AND CONTEMPORARY DEMANDS: AN ANALYTICAL STUDY IN THE CONTEXT OF ISLAMIC SHARIA

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### **Abstract**

The Water symbolizes life on the earth. All kinds of existence depend on water. Allah has created great reservoirs of water on this earth which cater to the needs of all living beings, but human negligence is making these resources polluted. Pollution not only poses threats to human life, it also endangers marine life and resources. These threats have been increased manifold by industrial revolution and increasing human population. The same factors are also responsible for the increased use of water. Many countries have employed distillation processes to provide clean water for the increasing demands of population, agriculture and industries. Islamic jurisprudence also takes into account different types of water, some of which can be used in cleansing rituals for worship, while Islamic Jurist accept it as "Istiḥalah"? The following study will outline the details of distilled water to see whether it can be used for daily chores and ablution rituals or not.

### **Keywords :Qur'an, Water, Living hood ,Islamic Prospective**

Allah Ta'ala created man and all creatures and took all steps for all their needs. Among these needs, water is very important in human life, water has also created man and for his survival. Water is needed step by step, to quench thirst, to prepare food, to wash dishes and clothes, to irrigate fields to obtain purity, to maintain the greenness of trees and plants. The importance of water has been described in various places in the Holy Quran, it has been described as its power and a great blessing for humans .

In view of the importance of water, it is forbidden to urinate in standing water. On the other hand, it will be impossible to use such water and we will not be able to purify other impurities from this water. It will have a direct effect on us and our environment. This will cause various diseases, stomach, kidney, urine, blood. Most of the diseases are due to the use of polluted water, due to the particles of polluted water there are mental diseases especially in children. According to a report in the subcontinent in 2013 more than ten million people died from water-borne diseases. There are, and most of the dead are children. Therefore, it is important to protect water and prevent it from being polluted. There is also a reason to forbid urinating in water because it will make the water dirty and impure and will spread stench, which will have an impact on our health.

At this time, the problem of environmental pollution has become serious for the whole world and the reason for this is obviously that man has neglected the environment in the race of development thanks to science and technology in various areas of life and indulged in luxury, wealth. And the desire to make profit by any means and to increase production unnaturally fast, and to prefer personal desires to the interests of society, and quick gains to long-term gains, has become its mode. Due to which, undesirable and inappropriate changes in the physical,

chemical and biological properties of air, water and land have occurred and the temperature of the earth has increased to a harmful extent, due to which the problem of global warming has arisen.

Therefore, these changes have threatened the lives of humans and other living beings and there is a fear that their lives will end completely. While the environment is everything in which humans or other living things live. Therefore, land, forest, mountains, rivers, deserts, different types of living things such as humans, birds, insects and large animals and small living things are all essential components of the environment and all of them are necessary for each other in their natural life, but Now man has disrupted the interference in nature, due to which he causes air pollution, water pollution, land pollution, sound pollution, sea pollution. (Pollution) and Radial Pollution (Radial Pollution), so there is a huge number of hazardous substances in the atmosphere for humans and the environment.

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Islam, which is a religion of nature and moderation, has taken various measures for the survival and protection of the environment and natural resources such as forest sources, water resources and land resources. And keeping in mind every need, complete guidance has also been given.

A change in the nature or composition of water as a result of natural or human activities that makes the water unsuitable for drinking, domestic, industrial, recreational, wildlife, and other needs. Such water is called polluted water. . The addition of such unnecessary substances in the water, which is dangerous for humans, animals and aquatic life, affects the normal life of the water body.<sup>2</sup>

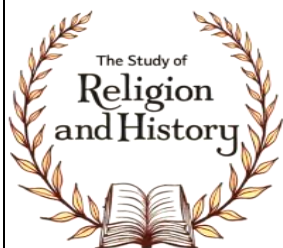
Contaminated water sources:

There are various sources of water pollution, some of them are known sources such as water discharged from factories and some are unknown sources such as rainwater which carries various types of pollutants with it and then enters the water bodies. Following are the sources of water pollution.

- ☐ **Domestic emissions:**
- ☐ **Industrial wastes:**
- ☐ **Chemical fertilizers and sprays:**
- ☐ **Oil pollution:**
- ☐ **Dirt and Garbage:**
- ☐ **Garbage pollution:**
- ☐ **Air pollution from various gases:**

<sup>1</sup> Goel,P.K, *Water Pollution Causes Effect and Control*, New Age International Publishers, India, (2006), 1

<sup>2</sup> Sharma,B.K, *Water Pollution*, (Shan Media, India, 2005), 34



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When water becomes polluted from various sources, it has bad effects on all living organisms. The effects of polluted water are as follows:

1. Bacteria in sewage often spread infectious diseases that sicken aquatic and terrestrial animals with water consumption. Bacterial contamination of water is a major problem in developing countries, where the leading cause of child mortality is water-borne diseases. Major diseases are cholera and typhoid.

2. Some of the toxins in industrial waste have mild effects while others are life-threatening as they can cause effects such as immunosuppressant, reproductive defects and severe indigestion.

3. In some places, sodium fluoride is added to water that is beneficial for teeth, but research has shown that such water is extremely harmful to human health. It increases the risk of bone fractures in humans. Bad health, children. It increases brain damage and increases cancer cells.

Allah Almighty has provided us with clean water on this earth, but this clean water is getting polluted due to human beings. Because it is becoming harmful to health, but the aquatic life that Allah Almighty has created under the water is also being destroyed for human benefits. Without water, neither life on this earth is possible nor human nutrition can be fulfilled. Quran. Allah says:

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ<sup>3</sup>

(Due to the misbehavior of people in Dakhi and Teri, riots spread. Because Allah Ta'ala will make them taste the fruits of some of their deeds, it is (very) possible that they will stop)

Islamic teachings to protect water from pollution:

Water is the symbol of life on this earth, so it is our duty to protect it from pollution. In the Holy Quran, Allah Almighty says:

كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا مِنْ رِزْقِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تَعْتُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ<sup>4</sup>

"Eat and drink the sustenance given by Allah and do not spread mischief in the land".

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) Said

عن الرسول ﷺ انه نهى ان يبول في الماء الراكد<sup>5</sup>

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) forbade urinating in standing water

قال اطفؤا المصابيح اذا رقدتم و غلقوا الابواب او كوا الماسقية و خمروا الطعام والشراب<sup>6</sup>

"When you go to sleep, put out the lamp, close the doors, tie the mouths of the mosquitoes and cover the food and drink utensils".

This command has been given so that no pollution gets into the water, no insect falls through the air, which transmits different types of viruses or causes other harmful diseases.

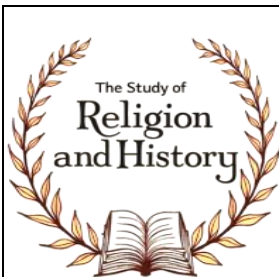
Australia, France, and Germany used wastewater first in agriculture. In the nineteenth century, Great Britain and the United States also started using it. In most countries, after purifying the polluted water, its reuse has been significantly expanded. These include Israel, Jordan, Peru

<sup>3</sup> Al-Room 30:41-

<sup>4</sup> Al-Baqara 2: 60-

<sup>5</sup> Ibn e Maja Al-Qazveni ,Sunan ibn e Maja , Kitab ul Tahara,Hadith No:35

<sup>6</sup> Al Jami al Sahih Lil Bukhari , Hadith No:5623.

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and Saudi Arabia, where it is government policy to reuse this water, especially for irrigation of fields. As the demand for water resources is increasing due to the growing population and rapid industrial development. . Wastewater reuse has become an attractive approach to maximize water reserves<sup>7</sup>

### Need Moderation:

Islamic teachings require that life should be lived in moderation, thus Allah says: Eat and drink, and do not overdo it".

وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ<sup>8</sup>

(And do not transgress, Allah does not like transgressors)

In the eyes of the Qur'an, everything that departs from wisdom and correctness and undermines the ability to profit is corruption. It is also applied to corrupting it, so that its true usefulness will gradually disappear. So says the Almighty.

وَإِذَا تَوَلَّى سَعَى فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيُفْسِدَ فِيهَا وَيُهْلِكَ الْحَرْثَ وَالنَّسْلَ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفُسَادَ<sup>9</sup>

"And when they are far from you, all their running is to cause mischief in the land and to destroy the crops and the race, and Allah does not like mischief".

Allah Ta'ala invites us to consider the earth, air, water, living and dead creatures, trees, stones, mountains, seas and other wonders in the world in order to identify and understand His knowledge, power and Lordship. has given and pointed to this system of balance of the universe, so it is said

صُنْعَ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أَتَقَنَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ إِنَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَفْعَلُونَ<sup>10</sup> :

"This is the work of Allah who has established everything".

And on the authority of Hazrat Abu Umamah, may Allah be pleased with him, the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said:

"To me, the most enviable among people is a believer who is in a modest state, who prays well, who is anonymous, who does not have any special arrangement among people and whose livelihood (live hood) is as much as the need and May he be patient with it<sup>11</sup>

It is clear from the words of the Holy Prophet that greed and greed are evil and moderation is required in everything and it is obvious that if the world continues on the path of development with moderation and mediocrity, then the balance system will also be maintained and the environment will be maintained. will also be protected and at the same time progress will also be achieved.

All the components of the universe, light, air, water, soil, rocks, elements, plants and animals etc. have some purposes and benefits in them and human being benefits from them consciously and unconsciously in such a way that his life and death depend on them, in their absence. If they are not used properly or if they are used in a wrong way, the life of the human being is in danger. Therefore, the importance of these creatures has been described in the Qur'an

<sup>7</sup> Health Guideline for the Use of Waste Water in Agriculture and Aquaculture, (Geneva: WHO Technical Report Series,778, 1989), 10

<sup>8</sup> Al-Anam 6: 141-

<sup>9</sup> Al-Baqara 2: 205-

<sup>10</sup> Al-Namal 27:88.

<sup>11</sup> Sunan ibn e Maja ,Hadith No:4117-

and Hadiths, their development and their protection have been encouraged, harming them without reason has been prohibited, it is also the responsibility of man to ensure the survival of the creatures and their survival as much as possible. Also try to develop .

One of the teachings of Islam is that water should not be stored in such a way that other people will be in need.

Muslims share in three things, water, grass and fire<sup>12</sup>

Water is the basic requirement for the life and survival of every living thing on earth. Therefore, Almighty says:

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ<sup>13</sup>

"And We have created every living thing from water, do you still not believe?"

In view of the importance of water, Allah Almighty has placed three parts of water and one part of land on the earth, so there is one billion and forty million cubic kilometers of water on the earth, 17% of it is on the surface of the earth, but 97% is land. The water is in the form of oceans, which covers about 70.8% of the earth's area, and which is salty and unusable for humans. We call it fresh water. Fresh and usable water is found at the poles in the form of icebergs or deep ice sheets. But glacial water accounts for only one percent, and two percent is fresh and usable water from rivers, streams, canals, lakes, ponds, wells, and springs. The amount of usable water for this purpose is very less. Therefore, the value and price of water is very high, in view of which Islam teaches that it should not be wasted.

The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

"There will be some people in this Ummah who will exceed the limit in purity and supplication<sup>14</sup>

From this, it is known that using or wasting water unnecessarily is a disservice to this great blessing.

One of the teachings of Islam is not to pollute water, because water is the basis of life for all living organisms and from a medical point of view, the efficiency of water in a living body is 90% more than other things, food and air are also water. It goes through the process of dissolution in the body, but the efficiency of water is also important to remove harmful elements from the outside and inside of the body, while on the other hand, there is also the fact that water is a universal solution. In which anyone gets polluted, water pollution is the most important and biggest problem today, so after air pollution, water pollution has become the most serious environmental problem.

Therefore, the meaning of these holy hadiths is that why a wise person can urinate in this water, which he needs for ablution and bath etc.

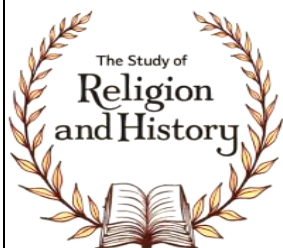
Medically, by urinating in water, the germs of the disease called "Bilharzia" (Bilharzia) spread in water and especially in stagnant water. and when they find a body, they penetrate into it and cause various diseases such as inflammation of the liver, etc<sup>15</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Sunan Abu Dawood ,Hadith No:3477.

<sup>13</sup> Al Anbia 21:30.

<sup>14</sup> Sunan Abu Dawood ,Hadith No:96.

<sup>15</sup> Azudin Fraj,Dr,DarulIslam wal wiqaya min alamrad,Pg 85



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And the reason for the prohibition is obvious, and that is that in the case of breathing or blowing into the vessel, there is a fear that something will appear from the saliva and saliva and fall into the water. Due to the thinness of water, it should stick to it and mix with it, and thus the water becomes polluted and variable, and Salima's nature is averse to its use.

## **Conclusion:**

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