

Makruh Things When Not Performing Salat



1. It is tahrimi makruh ^[1] to turn your front or back towards the qibla ^[2] when emptying the bowels or urinating in a restroom or any other place. It is not makruh ^[3] if you forget or if there is the danger that you may dirty your clothes or if there is some other danger.

2. It is tanzihî makruh ^[4] to turn your front or back towards the qibla when cleaning yourself after relieving nature, or to urinate or empty the bowels towards the sun or the moon.

3. To make a small child relieve itself by holding it towards one of these directions is makruh for the adult who holds it. Likewise, to have a small child do something that is haram ^[5] for adults is haram for the adult who has the child do it. For example, a person who makes a boy wear silk clothes or ornaments it with jewels or makes it drink alcohol commits a haram by doing so.

4. It is tahrimi makruh to stretch your legs or only one leg towards the qibla without a good excuse. Yet it is not makruh to do so with an excuse or by mistake.

5. Also it is makruh to stretch your legs toward a Qur'an or other Islamic books. It is not makruh if they are on a higher level. It is written in the fifth chapter of Hindiyya: **"It is permissible and even advisable to keep the Qur'an in your house only for blessings and abundance, even if it is without ever reading it. It is makruh to write in Arabic a disbeliever's name and insult it, for Islamic letters have to be respected."**

[1] makruh-tahrîma: The omission of a wâjib (obligatory performance), and it is close to harâm (prohibited). It is a venial sin to do an act which has been declared to be makrûh tahrîmî.

[2] qibla: direction towards the Ka'ba. The direction turned towards during worshipping (in Islam, toward the Ka'ba).

[3] makruh: (act, thing) improper, disliked and abstained by the Prophet ('alaihi 's-salam); makruh tahrîma: prohibited with much stress.

[4] makruh-tanzihî: An act that has been declared to be close to halâl (permissible), or an act that is better not to do it than to do it. Instance: Omitting the acts that are sunnat-i ghayr-i muakkada or mustahab is makrûh tanzihî.

[5] haram: an action, word or thought prohibited by Allahu ta'ala.