



Chapter: What to say while going to the lavatory (water closet)

[116]: narrated Anas radiyAllaahu`anhu:

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Etiquettes of going to the toilet

Shari`ah – complete and detailed

Salman al-Farisi

(A mushrik said to him): Your Apostle (ﷺ) teaches you about everything, even about excrement?!

He replied: ‘Yes, he has forbidden us to face the Qibla at the time of excretion or urination, or cleansing with right hand or with less than three pebbles, or with dung or bone.’ [Muslim 262a]

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باب التَّسْمِيَةِ عَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ وَعِنْدَ الْوَقَاعِ

Bismillaah in every situation

Under the heading of wudhoo

(also re: going to the bathroom – al-khalaa)

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About to enter the toilet:

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O Allah, I seek Refuge with You from male and female jinns

Protection against the jinn seeing you

Also recommended to say ‘Bismillaah’ beforehand [ibn Hajr, to the standard of Muslim; al-Albaani]

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"The screen between the Jinn and the nakedness of the sons of Adam is that when a person enters the Kanif, he should say: Bismillah (in the name of Allah)."

[ibn Maajah 297; Sahih according to Sh al-Albaani]


Important to make sure you do this





Chapter: Providing water at lavatories (for washing the private parts after answering the call of nature)  
[117]: narrated ibn `Abbaas radiyAllaahu`anhu:

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Providing water nearby at the toilet

- To wash and clean

Wadhoo – i.e. the water



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Asked who did this?


Maymunah told him that ibn `Abbas did

Showed his insight / intelligence

Made du`aa for him


From the fuqahaa of this Ummah





Chapter: While urinating or defecating, never face the Qiblah (except when you are screened by a building or a wall or something like that)  
[118]: narrated Abu Ayyub Al-Ansari radiyAllaahu`anhu:

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Issue is when you are out in the open (according to majority of scholars)

Other hadith – facing, but within a building

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Someone asked ibn `Umar

“That is only when you are out in the open”

Still better to avoid even within a building

When designing toilets etc. (architects)

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When stopping off out in the open when on a journey etc.

Qiblah – need to know before (when relieving yourself); and for the prayer

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Out of honour for the Qibla

(salaah, dhikr, du`aa)

Turn East or West (i.e. if in Madinah)

Correct for the Qibla at your location








## Chapter: Defecating while sitting over two bricks [119]: narrated Abdullah ibn Umar radiyAllaahu`anhu:

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## Chapter: Defecating while sitting over two bricks

*'baraaz'*

'toilet area'

'going to the toilet'

Squatting with one foot on each brick

Higher up and away from anything dirty

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Jerusalem – North of Madinah (if facing would have your back to the Ka`bah)

Ibn `Umar climbed up for some other reason – accidentally saw the Prophet (ﷺ) while he was on the toilet


This hadeeth and also ibn `Umar's statement – ok if you are inside a building





## Chapter: Women going out to answer the call of nature [120]: narrated Aisha radiyAllaahu`anhaa:

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Used to go out at night into the open away from the town

Only from one night to the next

Later houses had toilet areas

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They would go to Manasi` - open place

More concealed at night

`Umar – wanted the Prophet (ﷺ) to veil his wives

Anyone could go a visit them

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Instance when revelation concurred with `Umar's view

Hadith about the knowledge of `Umar

- Shirt
- Milk



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Sauda went out

Tall - `Umar recognized her (even though it was night)

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