

Lesson 2

The Permissible (Halāl) is Clear

This lesson teaches me to:-

- Recite the hadīth in correct language
- Point out the types of guidance mentioned in the hadīth
- Find out the importance of avoiding suspicion
- Protect my heart by avoiding suspicion of others

• I take the initiative to learn:

Allah ﷻ said in describing His Prophet ﷺ:

﴿وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ﴾ (الأعراف 157).

"wa-yuhillu lahumu ṭ-ṭayyibāti wa-yuḥarrimu 'alayhimu l-khabā'itha " [Al-A'rāf: 157]

"and makes lawful for them the good things and prohibits for them the evil ." [The Heights : 157]

◊ Write down as many good and impure things you can in a minute.

Things made lawful by
Allah ﷻ

Animals that are slaughtered
as per Islamic ruling, fruits,
vegetables, marine animals.

Things prohibited by Allah ﷻ

Pork, Alcohol, anything
that is harmful for
our health.

◊ You travel to a country and find a restaurant that sells strange food, unknown to you. The restaurant owner tells you the food is composed of meat and herbs peculiar to that country. How would you classify this food? Is it lawful or prohibited?



matters which Muslims are required to abstain from... who abstains from doubtful matters so that he never falls in indulging in forbidden matters (haram). Whoever does so seeks to absolve himself from sins and preserves his honor.

I make a judgment

in the table as to whether the following acts are permissible, forbidden or unclear:

SN	Act	(halal) permissible	(haram) forbidden	(mushtabihāt) Unclear
1	Eating fruits and drinking natural juices	✓		
2	Eating fish in a country whose citizens eat forbidden meat	✓		
3	Circulating gossip amongst people		✓	
4	Someone found a cup of juice on a table in the school and drank it			✓

The Danger of Doubtful Matters:

The Prophet ﷺ warns us against unclear matters because they are dangerous to both the individual and society; as it is easy for those who indulge in unclear matters to get enmeshed in (haram) forbidden things. Also, those who form the habit of indulging in unclear matters expose themselves to backbiting and gossip and loses the confidence of people thereby. Moreover, the spread of doubtful matters is conducive to the spread of lewdness in society.

I identify:

One who seeks to absolve his religion and honor in each of the following cases, and give the reason

Case	What do you think of this conduct?	Is it a case of absolving one's religion and honor?
Khaldoun keeps bad company although he does not involve himself in what his friends do.	Inappropriate conduct	No
Someone found a pen that does not belong to him in his bag and kept it for himself.	Inappropriate conduct	No
Aishah changed her place in the classroom because her classmates decided to cheat in the examination.	Appropriate conduct	Yes

Case	What do you think of this conduct?	Is it a case of absolving one's religion and honor?
One of his colleagues told him that a kind of bread is kneaded by forbidden grease and he abstained from eating it.	Appropriate conduct	Yes
Without telling them, Khalaf searches in the bags of his friends for something he has lost.	Inappropriate conduct	No

I choose a solution and state a reason for my choice.

1. Hamad bought a piece of sweets in a foreign country. He doubted that the contents of the sweets may be forbidden. What must Hamad do? Choose the appropriate solution in your view and explain the reason for choosing this solution.

1. He must read the contents information.
2. He has to ask the owner of the sweet shop of the contents.
3. He must not buy this product to safeguard his religion and honor.

The Importance of the Heart (Conscience):

The saying of the Prophet ﷺ tells us about the importance of the heart. A Muslim must be keen on preserving the righteousness of his heart and clear it of (shirk) polytheism, hypocrisy, venom and other types of diseases related to the heart (conscience). This is because the heart (conscience) is the foundation for the righteousness of all the other organs of the body. Deeds pertinent to good and charity emanate from a heart filled with good and love for other people. This reflects on one in the form of leniency in dealing with others, capacity to cooperate and give and keenness on preserving one's religion, society and country.

I verbally express:

I give a verbal portrayal of the picture depicted in the hadith, which demonstrates the state of one who shows leniency in tackling unclear matters.

I think deeply of these cases and make a decision:

- ◇ The Municipality called on people to stop buying a particular product until the conclusion of official laboratory analysis to decide on the validity or otherwise of this product.

We must avoid consuming it until the final verdict comes for its permissibility.

- ◇ Social media promote some kinds of food and drinks which contains (lard) pig fat or

We must remove these types of Ads or hide them if possible.

- ◇ Some shops sell an encoded card to watch the World Cup for a very low price compared to the official price specified by the TV channel that has bought the rights for broadcasting.

It is an inappropriate act as it involves cheating / thievery /

gaining money by unlawful means. So, we must not buy it

1. I cooperate with my classmates:

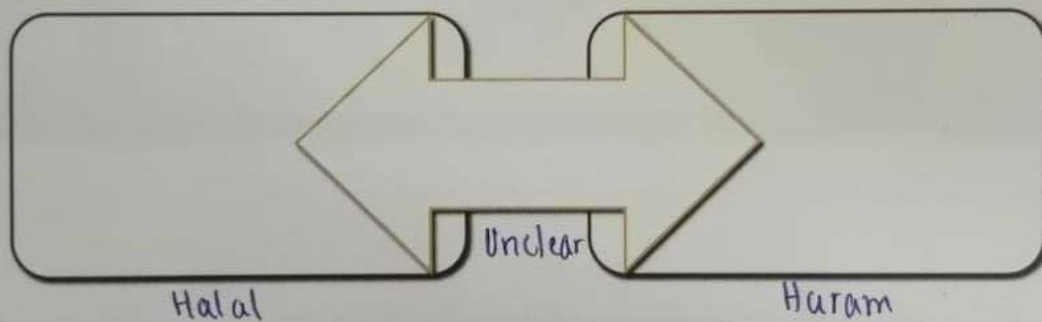
1. We explain the relationship between this hadīth and the other one by the Messenger ﷺ which says: "Leave what makes you doubt for what does not make you doubt" (Narrated by at-Tirmidhi)

Both the hadiths warns us about the unclear matters and advises us to avoid it.

2. Referring to the saying of the Prophet ﷺ "There lies within the body a piece of flesh. If it is sound, the whole body is sound; and if it is corrupted, the whole body is corrupted", we explain the relationship between bodily organs and the righteousness of the heart.

Our actions are dependant upon the goodness of our heart.

I make a pictorial representation of the hadīth in the following diagram:



I conclude:

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Taqwa is quite sufficient to make us avoid indulging in forbidden and unclear matters.

I mention an unclear (borderline) act that I have decided not to do to absolve my religion and honor.

I avoid consuming foods with unclear ingredients.

I love my country.

Because I love my country I will perform my duty to contribute to its progress. My duty comprises tasks such as:

- To not waste the natural or manmade resources
- To report any illegal acts to the concerned authority
- To keep the country clean.

I organize my ideas:

