

Islam Question & Answer

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2137 - Istinjaa' for breaking wind

the question

Our religious studies teacher told us that it is makrooh (disliked) to do wudoo' after breaking wind, and that if a person passes wind from his back passage after making wudoo', it is makrooh for him to do wudoo' again. Is this correct?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Doing istinjaa' after breaking wind is disliked because it is extreme, but if a person passes wind after making wudoo', this invalidates his wudoo', according to the consensus of the Muslim scholars. Washing the private parts is not called wudoo'; it is called istinjaa' if water is used and istijmaar if stones or similar materials are used.