

Islam Question & Answer

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3624 - Does thumb-sucking affect the fast?

the question

Assalamu alaikum

I have an awkward problem, that is I still suck my thumb since I was a child!, it can be quite extreme when I am not feeling too well. I am in doubt if this is Haram at all, and does it nullify my fast? I heard a friend say anything that enters the body nullifies the fast. Plse answer my question a.s.a.p. because Ramadan is beginning soon and it is extremely embarrassing for me to talk to anyone about it, not even my husband!.

Jazakum allah alf Khair

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Wa 'alaykum al-salaam wa rahmat-Allaahi wa barakaatuhu.

You have to try hard to give up this habit, and take your thumb out of your mouth every time you realize that you are sucking your thumb. Whatever happens because of forgetfulness will not affect your fast. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Allaah has forgiven my ummah for what they do by mistake or out of forgetfulness, and what they are forced to do."