

Islam Question & Answer

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42061 - Ruling on entering the bathroom with a Mus-haf or tape of Qur'aan

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What is the ruling on entering the bathroom with a Mus-haf? Does the same apply to Islamic tapes which contain recordings of the Holy Qur'aan?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

The scholars clearly stated that taking the Mus-haf into bathrooms (toilets) and other unclean places is haraam, because that is disrespectful towards the words of Allaah. However, if a person fears that it may be stolen if he leaves it outside the bathroom, or he is afraid that he will forget it, then there is no sin on him if he takes it in, because it is essential to protect it.

Tapes are not like Mus-hafs, because tapes do not contain any writing. All that is there is certain vibrations which produce sound when passed through a certain machine. Hence tapes may be taken into the bathroom and there is no problem with that.

Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen (may Allaah have mercy on him), *Liqaat al-Baab il-Maftooh*, 3/439.

Shaykh Ibn Baaz (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:

Entering the bathroom with the Mus-haf is not permissible except in cases of necessity; if one fears that it may be stolen, then there is no sin in that. End quote.

Majmoo' Fataawa Ibn Baaz, 10/30.