

193172 - Can A Couple Have Sex in a Room in Which There is a Mushaf?

the question

What is the ruling on having intercourse with one's wife in a room in which there is a Quran, as there is no other room? Is this regarded as showing disrespect to the Quran?

Summary of answer

Disrespecting the Quran does not include a man having intercourse with his wife in a room in which there is a Mushaf, regardless of whether or not other rooms are available.

Detailed answer

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Importance of showing respect to the Quran

There is no difference of opinion among the scholars that it is obligatory to show respect to the Quran and handle it with care.

An-Nawawi (may Allah have mercy on him) said: "The scholars unanimously agreed that it is obligatory to respect the Quran and handle it with care." (*al-Majmu'*, 2/85)

Example of disrespecting the Quran

The scholars have mentioned many examples of disrespecting the Quran, including the following:

Throwing it on the ground or in dirty places, or stepping on it, or spitting on it, and other actions which are indicative of [disrespect for the word of Allah](#) .

Can you have sexual intercourse in a room in which there is a Mushaf?

But that does not include a man having intercourse with his wife in a room in which there is a [Mushaf](#) , regardless of whether or not other rooms are available.

It is well known that the houses of most Muslims are not without [Mushafs](#) , but there is no report from any of the scholars – in what we have of their books – which suggests that it is not allowed for a man to have intercourse with his wife in a room in which there is a Mushaf. If that was an established principle in their view, they would have stated it and explained it, as they explained other issues of knowledge. As they did not mention such a case or similar cases, this indicates that the basic principle remains in effect.

Can you keep the Quran in the bedroom?

A man asked Ibn 'Abbas: Can I put the Mushaf on the bed in which I have intercourse? He said: Yes. (Narrated by 'Abd ar-Razzaq in his *Musannaf* (2/171) and by Ibn Abi Dawud in *al-Masahif* (446)

See also: *al-Muqaddimat al-Asasiyyah fi 'Uloom al-Quran*, by 'Abdullah Yusuf al-Juday' (562 ff).

For more information, please see the answer to question no. [95753](#) .

The scholars of the Permanent Committee (3/67) asked a question similar to the one asked here:

Is it permissible to take the Quran into the bedroom and read it in bed before sleeping, and put the Mushaf in a metal chest, but in the [bedroom](#) ?

They replied:

“It is permissible for someone to [read the Quran in the bedroom and in bed](#) , if he is not junub, and he may read from the Mushaf if he has wudu”

If it were haram to put the Mushaf in the bedroom, which is usually the place where intimacy takes place between spouses, the scholars would have explained that and would not have neglected it, because it is something that happens repeatedly and is something that people need to know.

And Allah knows best.