

The Rushdie Fatwa

Fatwa

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QUESTION:

Assalamu'alaikum, I read that to bow down in prayer, one's back must be at the same level as his head. But my backbone stays a bit high. Can I fold my hands to lean down a little bit more, or my hands should stay straight, like a rod? can you tell me what to do minimum while bowing down so that my prayer remains valid?

ANSWER:

The Rukoo' (bowing down in prayer) that is sufficient in prayer is for the worshiper to bow down to the extent that his hands can touch his knees, and it is not a condition for its validity that the back should be straight.

As for the most complete Rukoo', and what is desirable in it, it is for the worshiper to put his hands on his knees, his fingers spread apart, straighten his back, put his head straight (at the same level) as his back, and keep his upper arms and sides wide open.

Therefore, if you do the complete Rukoo', then this is better but if you did not do so and bowed down to the extent that your hands touch your knees while observing Tuma'Neenah (Tranquility), then your prayer is valid and you do not have to do anything because you have fulfilled the sufficient Rukoo'.

Tuma'neenah means that each body part settles in its place for the least time possible before one moves from one position to another.

QUESTION:

As Salamun Alaykum. I stepped on a dog urine and just rubbed my shoes on the sand with intention to wash them later. Then I forgot and walked around the house in them. Now I think that house got impure and all my salahs (prayers) are invalid. Can you give me an advice?

QUESTION:

am i allowed to use stamps that are called first class or second class stamps which have a cross on them and stick on these letters to send to them? please answer i won't send the letters unless you answer

QUESTION:

Why do people give sadaqah (voluntary) instead of zakaah (obligatory)?
Because, if i am not mistaken, we get closer to Allaah and get more reward by performing the obligatory acts.

When I read Quran and sound/authentic hadith...
My question is as a lay man/person (non scholar),
is it permissible for me to decide halal (allowed) and haram
(forbidden) (for myself) based on my reading
(without asking Islamic scholars).

You should not attempt to understand the Sharee'ah texts on your own,
but should rather refer to the scholars for explanation and clarification
of their intended meanings.

A text may have a clear-cut indication but have been abrogated.

(The Cow) 2: 106

Whatever a Verse (revelation) do We abrogate
or cause to be forgotten,

We bring a better one or similar to it.

Know you not that Allâh is able to do all things?

Finally, it should be mentioned that if a person is not well-versed in religious knowledge, it is not permissible for him to debate with the people of falsehood, and one should avoid keeping company with such people as they may spoil his religion.

*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you
to give the reason for the hope that you have.
But do this with gentleness and respect... I Peter 3:15*

“We are from Allah and to Allah, we shall return. I am informing all brave Muslims of the world that the author of The Satanic Verses, a text written, edited, and published against Islam, the Prophet of Islam, and the Qur’an, along with all the editors and publishers aware of its contents, are condemned to death. I call on all valiant Muslims wherever they may be in the world to kill them without delay so that no one will dare insult the sacred beliefs of Muslims henceforth. And whoever is killed in this cause will be a martyr, Allah Willing. Meanwhile, if someone has access to the author of the book but is incapable of carrying out the execution, he should inform the people so that [Rushdie] is punished for his actions.”

\$3-6M bounty from Iran

Fatwa – 1989 – Ayatollah Khomeini

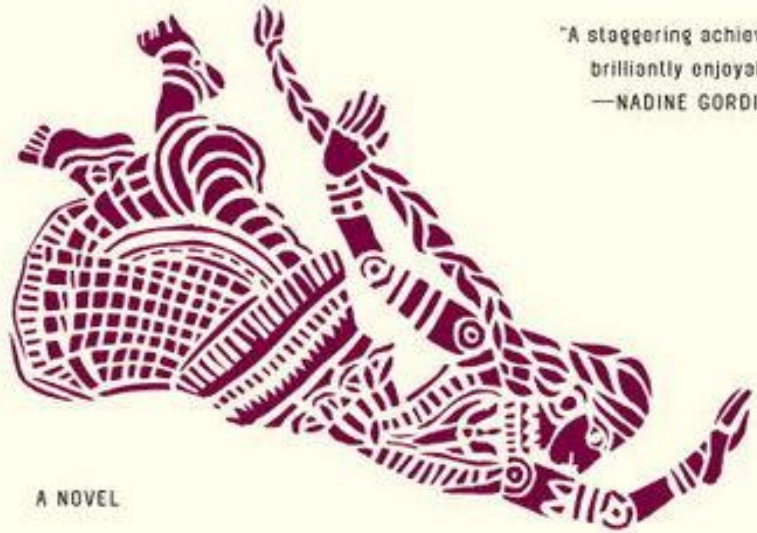
In June of 1989, Khomeini died. This rendered the fatwa forever irrevocable until the death of the subject: in this case, Salman Rushdie. Khomeini's successor, President Ali Khamenei, became the new Supreme Leader of Iran. In 1998, the foreign minister of Iran indicated that although the fatwa remained, the Iranian government had no plans to implement it.

Hence, Salman Rushdie came out of hiding.

Since 1989, the Iranian government and media outlets have continued to reaffirm the Salman Rushdie fatwa. They have reminded the world many times that they are still calling on Muslims for his death. In 2016, forty different Iranian government-run media outlets contributed \$600,000 to add to the bounty and, thus, his threat is by no means over.

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THE SATANIC
VERSES

Salman Rushdie

Born in India

Grew up Muslim

Became atheist

Mahound (derogatory) receives vision
allowing the worship of 3 goddesses

19. Have you then considered *Al-Lât*, and *Al-'Uzza* (two idols of the pagan Arabs)
20. And *Manât* (another idol of the pagan Arabs), the other third?
21. Is it for you the males and for Him the females?
22. That indeed is a division most unfair!
23. They are but names which you have named, you and your fathers, for which Allâh has sent down no authority. They follow but a guess and that which they themselves desire, whereas there has surely come to them the Guidance from their Lord!

(The Star) 53:19-23

In Arabic, it becomes *Al-Ayat ash-Shaytaniya*; in Persian, *Ayat-e Shetani*; in Turkish, *Şeytan Ayetleri*.

Surely We have revealed this reminder (*The Qur'an*);
and We will surely preserve it Ourselves.

(The Valley of Al-Hijr) 15:9

...it is indeed a Glorious Koran,
in a Book protected (from tampering)
which none shall touch except the purified;
a sending down from the Lord of all the Worlds.

(The Event) 56:77-80

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“The unbelievers are those who say:

'Allah is the Messiah, the son of Mary.’”

“Unbelievers are those that say: ‘God is one of three.’

(The Table) 5: 72-73

Therefore, when you meet the unbelievers smite their necks, then, when you have killed many of them, tie the bonds.

(Muhammad) 47:4

When choosing a knife, one should focus firstly on sharpness. He should then consider the strength of the blade and handle, and seek something reasonably sized for the job at hand. Also, it should not be too large, making it difficult to conceal, nor lacking a strong grip lest it be easily disarmed. Serrated or partially-serrated blades make for good combat knives.

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Regarding where on the body the victim should be struck, then the objective here is to kill – so the strikes should be aimed at major organs, i.e. the heart, lungs, or main arteries, which run from head to toe along the inner parts of the body. These include the inner thigh, the groin area, and under the armpits, then extending up the neck. The windpipe can be cut easily by slicing the throat, which is in direct implementation of Allah’s command, “So when you meet those who disbelieve, strike their necks”

(Muhammad 4)

When attacking a victim wearing leather, jeans, or similarly tough material, then one should avoid striking the clothed areas. Instead, he should try to strike the exposed skin of the neck, etc.

Rushdie was taken off a ventilator over the weekend but was still being treated for injuries including three stab wounds to his neck, four stab wounds to his stomach, puncture wounds to his right eye and chest, and a laceration on his right thigh, Chautauqua County District Attorney Jason Schmidt said Saturday, adding the author may lose his right eye.

Attack 8/12/22 – Hadi Matar

Visited father in Lebanon in 2018

Radicalized?

Mother says he came back changed – angry, kept to himself