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- 1. Any discharge, no matter how small, from the front or back passage, such as urine, excrement, wind, *Wadi* (dense white post-urination fluid), *Madhi* (prostatic fluid), or *Maniy* (sexual fluid).
- 2. Deep sleep (as opposed to light sleep in a sitting or standing position that involves no loss of consciousness).
- 3. Absence of the mind due to insanity, fainting, drunkenness, intoxication, or medications that produce unconsciousness.
- 4. Touching the private parts (front or back passage) directly with the hand without a barrier.
- 5. Eating camel meat.
- **Factors that prevent the validity of ablution:** Presence of any physical barrier between the skin and water such as grease, wax, glue, nail polish, and similar substances that act as a screening layer and prevent water reaching the skin. This is because one of the essential conditions for *Taharah* to be valid is that the water must come in direct contact with the skin and fingernails.
- **Difficulty sustaining ablution:** People who have a condition that constantly invalidates their ablution, such as urinary or flatus incontinence or *Istihadah* (abnormal vaginal bleeding outside the menstrual or post-partum period), should perform ablution before every prayer.