

Prophet (SAW) Strategy in Prevention of Water Pollution

Dr. Saeed Ul Haq Jadoon

Lecturer, Department of Islamic and Religious Studies, Hazara University Mansehra, Pakistan.

Rashid Ahmid

Lecturer, Department of Islamic Studies, NUML Islamabad.

Sidra Gilani

PhD Scholar, Department of Islamic and Religious Studies, Hazara University Mansehra.

Imtiaz Ali

PhD Scholar, Department of Islamic Studies, AWKUM .

Abstract

Water pollution is a major problem of the time. The reason for which is excessive use of water. Dirtying standing water in this way is also a cause of water pollution. Efforts are made at national and international level to prevent water pollution.

Islam has laid down rules and regulations for the prevention of water pollution. The application of which is very useful for the prevention of water pollution.

The life of the Prophet ﷺ is an excellent example in this regard. The Prophet ﷺ forbade urinating in standing water. In this way, excessive use of water has also been condemned.

The main reason is to prevent water pollution. At present, different religions and religious teachings have an important role in preventing water pollution. For this reason, research on the wisdom of the Prophet ﷺ in preventing water pollution is the need of the hour. This topic was chosen to fulfill this need.

Cleanliness and Islamic teachings

Almighty Allah has provided clean water to man along with other necessities of life, but with the passage of time, the recklessness of man caused polluted this water, as a result of which man had to bear all the harms. Islam urges to keep water clean and also encouraged and explained the importance of keeping water pots clean.¹

Water pollution at current scenario is an important problem of the world. The modern world is realizing it now and they are trying and working hard to solve it. Who is for this reason, the Holy Qu'an and Sirat Tayyaba SAW have declared dirt as the main cause and have educated

cleanliness from all kinds of impurities and have encouraged those who clean so much that they have declared them as their adored and favorite. Allah says:

{ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُطَهَّرِينَ }²

Translation; "Allah loves the pure (adore those who keep yourself clean)". The Prophet (PBUH) has given teachings regarding every aspect and facets of society. Likewise, his teachings about water pollution are the solution to this important universal problem. He (SAW) has presented important measures and took practical steps to prevent water pollution, as the Holy Quran has encouraged cleaning to get rid of all aspects of environmental pollution, so the Prophet (peace be upon him) has also taught that cleaning is half of faith. Prophet SAW says:

الطهور شطر الإيمان³

Translation; "holiness is part of faith".

Water Pollution and Teachings of Prophet SAW;

"Dirtiness of water and unusable due to inclusion of harmful substances is called water pollution". The main cause of water pollution is industrial waste, which is discharged into canals, lakes and rivers, chemical fertilizers and pesticides are the major causes of polluting water. Since water is the common and shared property of the whole Ummah, and no one has priority over anyone in this regard, its protection is also a common responsibility of all people. The Prophet ﷺ says:

المسلمون شركاء في ثلاث في الماء والكلا والنار وثمنه حرام⁴

Translation; People share in three things, in water, in grass and in fire, and it is forbidden (prohibited) to take money for it.

Many conferences were held at the international level and across the globe to avoid and evade pollution, in which many suggestions were given for the solution of water pollution, solutions were discussed in new ways, but the teachings of seerat Tayyaba are very effective in this regard. Therefore, there is a need to implement these teachings to prevent water pollution.⁵

Water Pollution prevention and prophet SAW strategies:

Following are some principles in the light of Seerat Tayyaba (SAW) to prevent water pollution;

1. A Provocative to save water from pollution;

The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) has emphasized and urged to keep the water clean and has prohibited putting dirt in it, so that people can avoid the damaging and unsafe effects of water pollution. Therefore, he said:

لا يبولن أحدكم في الماء الدائم ولا يغتسل فيه من الجنابة⁶

Translation; "None of you should urinate in standing water, nor bath in a state of janabat (impure condition)".

What the Prophet SAW forbade from urinating and bathing in standing water, this prohibition of his is a general rule in keeping water safe from pollution, which indicates the dangerous pollution caused by standing (stagnant) water.⁷

The message is to do everything possible to keep the water clean, today there are drains and gutters everywhere. Many diseases are spread by dirty drains and sewers, the Prophet SAW gave important rules to protect the environment from pollution by ordering to keep the houses and streets clean. If water gets embedded, it causes disease. It is the responsibility of the government to arrange water drainage in cities, cities often do not have a proper water drainage system due to which clean water is contaminated with foul smell and sewage everywhere. There is a risk of side effects.⁸

2. Avoiding excessive Consumption Of Water;

In the same way, excessive use of water also lead to water pollution, so the Prophet SAW declared excessive use of water to be lavishness to avoid water pollution, even for ablution and purification, he forbade the use of excessive water. Yes, he passed by Hazrat Saad RA while he was doing ablution and said:

«مَا هَذَا السَّرْفُ» فَقَالَ: أَيْبِي الْوُضُوءِ إِسْرَافٌ، قَالَ: «نَعَمْ، وَإِنْ كُنْتَ عَلَى نَهْرٍ جَارٍ»⁹

Translation;” what kind of extravagance is this? He said: Hazrat Saad replied: Is there extravagance in the water of ablution? So he said: Yes, even if it is not a running river.”

Many problems, including environmental pollution, do not get solved because we talk regarding it at the level of a conference and an event and policy, but in practice we either do not take any interest nor any practical measure or if we take interest, it is only to a small level. , which does not solve the problem. From the biography of Tayyaba SAW, it is known that what the Holy Prophet (PBUH) used to describe was a practical example of

it, so when he (PBUH) forbade excessive use of water, he himself cautious about this issue and matter. Hazrat Aisha (RA) says:

كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يغتسل بالصاع ويتوضأ بالمد¹⁰

Translation; Rasool SAW used to perform ablution with one mud¹¹ of water and ghusl with one saa¹² of water.

There is a need, we have to educate people to reduce water consumption, and we should also do it and reduce water consumption starting from ourselves and our homes. This is an effective strategy in preventing water pollution. Water has been used a lot in every place, whether it is a house or a community centre (hujra), a mosque or a seminary (madrasa), but putting the responsibility of every work on the account of the government and the state is not a requirement and requisite of justice. In reforming the society, more responsibility is imposed on the individuals of the society than the government. Similarly, ordinary members of the society and educated people can play a greater role than the government in reducing excessive use of water. Therefore, the people who are capable and capable of writing should create this awareness, and awareness among the people through their sermons and use advice and their pen in this direction.

3. Emphasis on keeping water pipes and tanks clean;

The Prophet (peace be upon him) has not only insisted on the prohibition of excessive use of water but to keep it clean and prevent it from pollution, but also ordered to keep the vessels and pots in which water is kept clean and closed. Therefore, he SAW said:

عَطُوا الْإِنَاءَ، وَأَوْكُوا السِّقَاءَ، فَإِنَّ فِي السَّنَةِ لَيْلَةً، يَنْزِلُ فِيهَا وَبَاءٌ، لَا يَمُرُّ بِإِنَاءٍ لَيْسَ عَلَيْهِ غَطَاءٌ، أَوْ سِقَاءٍ لَيْسَ عَلَيْهِ وَكَاءٌ، إِلَّا نَزَلَ فِيهِ ذَلِكَ الْوَبَاءُ¹³

Translation; ‘‘Efforts have been made to keep the water clean to the extent that water containers and apparatus have been instructed to be kept safe. Nowadays, the pipes through which the water comes are often rusty pipes, and the tanks in which the water is kept are often dirty, due to which people suffer from various diseases.’’¹⁴

4. Use of all precautions to keep water clean

From the study of Seerat Tayyaba SAW, it is known that the prevention of water from any sort of pollution is strictly regulated in Sunnah Mutahira, the Prophet (peace be upon him) forbade even breathing or blowing into a water vessel to protect water from pollution. . Therefore, he SAW said:

إذا شرب أحدكم فلا يتنفس في الاناء¹⁵

Translation; "When any of you drinks water, do not breathe into the pot."

This hadith clearly shows that the Prophet SAW forbade breathing even in a vessel to avoid water pollution, so those who put different types of chemicals and harmful substances in the water and those people do not even realize that we have committed a sin and put the society in trouble. So it is a vital need of the time to make people be aware of and to play a role in prohibiting this terrible act.

Research Finding;

Some of the conclusions drawn from this research titled Prevention of Water Pollution and Teachings of the Prophet SAW are as follows:

1. The efforts of prophet SAW to prevent water pollution is an example worthy to praise and follow.
2. It is the responsibility of every citizen to keep water clean and free from pollution.
3. Keeping water containers clean is a useful measure to prevent water pollution.
4. Avoiding excessive use of water is the best strategy to prevent water pollution.

References

¹ <https://www.nrdc.org/stories/water-pollution>

² Al Tuba: 128

³ Musnad e Ahmad, bab Hadees u Abi Malik Alashari, HadeesNo: 22902

⁴ <https://www.britannica.com/science/water-pollution>

⁵ <https://www.nrdc.org/stories/water-pollution>

⁶ Sunana e Abi Dauood, bab fe Biri Buaza, hades No: 70

⁷ <https://www.water-pollution.org.uk/prevent-water-pollution/>

⁸ <https://www.iberdrola.com/sustainability/water-pollution>

⁹ Sunan e Ibni Maja, bab Ma jaa feqasd elUzoo, HadeesNo: 425

¹⁰ Musnad e Tayalasi, Safiya binti Shaiba aan Ayisha, Hadees No: 1668

-
- ¹¹ Al Dur rilMukhtar, Ibne Aabdeen Shami, Dar ul Fkar Birut, 1992, Vol:2, P: 158
- ¹² Al musuaa Al fighiya Al kuwatiya, wazaratulAwqaf kuwayat, vol: 28, P: 296
- ¹³ Mustakhraj e Au Awana, bab Bayanul Akhbar Al maujiba fr Tagh tiyatil Ina, Hadees Ni: 8608
- ¹⁴ <https://www.medicoverhospitals.in/articles/effects-of-water-pollution-on-human-health>
- ¹⁵ Musanaf e Ibne Abi Shaiba, Kitabul Ashriba, Hadees No: 34