

Reviving the Sunnah of The Black Musk!

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Benefits of Black Musk

On the authority of Abu Saeed رضي الله عنه that the Messenger (ﷺ) said:

'The BEST of fragrances/scents is Musk.'

(Muslim)

Imaam an-Nawawi رحمه الله said in his explanation of this hadeeth: ***'It is the BEST of scents and the most preferred! It is pure and permissible to use on the body and clothing, and also to sell it.'*** -- (This is a general consensus on that which was mentioned previously.)

Ibnul Qayyim رحمه الله stated in 'At-Tib An-Nabawiyyah':

"Musk is the King of perfumes. It has the BEST Aroma. Other perfumes are usually compared to Musk, but Musk is NEVER compared to other perfumes! Also the hills and the sands of paradise are made of musk."

Musk is a hot dry substance of the second degree. It brings comfort and joy to the heart, whilst also strengthening the inner organs when it is drunk or smelt. Musk brings strength and comfort to the external organs when rubbed with it. Musk is profitable for old people and those who have excessive skin moisture especially during winter. It also helps against fainting, shaking and general weaknesses in the body as it excites the extinctive heat.

Musk clears the white part in the eye and dries excess moisture in it and it dissipates swelling in various organs. Musk also works as an antidote for some poison and helps against snake bite. It has benefits.

Explanation of Ibnu Qayyim رحمه الله's statement where Musk is used as a simile:

He's referring to the likes of what is found in Surah al-Mutaffifin:

تَعْرِفُ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ نَضْرَةَ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٢٤﴾ يُسْقَوْنَ مِنْ رَحِيقٍ مَخْتُومٍ ﴿٢٥﴾ خَتَمُهُ مِسْكٌ وَفِي ذَلِكَ
فَلْيَتَنَافَسِ الْمُتَنَفِسُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

"You will recognize in their faces the brightness of delight. They will be given to drink pure sealed wine. The last thereof (that wine) will be the smell of musk."

(Al-Mutaffifin 83:24-26)

We see that Allaah سبحانه وتعالى used Musk as a simile here. (Page 343)

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: *'On the Day of Resurrection the 'Shaheed' (martyr) will come with a colour like the colour of blood and a fragrance like the fragrance of musk.'* (Bukhari 2803; Muslim 1876)

Another example of a simile is the narration in Bukhari under the chapter of fasting: On the authority of Abi Hurairah رضي الله عنه, the Prophet (ﷺ) said: *"By Him in Whose Hands my soul is, the smell coming out from the mouth of a fasting person is better in the sight of Allaah than the smell of musk. (Allaah says about the fasting person), 'He has left his food, drink and desires for My sake.'* (Vol. 3, Book 31, No. 118)

From these narrations is the narration of Al-Bukhari: Chapter – Musk

On the authority of Abu Musa رضي الله عنه the Prophet (ﷺ) said: *"The example of a good companion (who sits with you) in comparison with a bad one, is like that of the musk seller and the blacksmith's bellows (or furnace); from the first you would either buy musk or enjoy its good smell while the bellows would either burn your clothes or your house, or you get a bad nasty smell thereof."*

Ibn Battal said in his explanation of Sahih Al-Bukhari: *'Musk is the BEST smelling scent.'* The proof of this has already preceded. If there was a scent better than Musk then, Allaah سبحانه وتعالى would have used it as an example as He used Musk.

On the authority of Abu Dhar رضي الله عنه the Prophet (ﷺ) said, *'I entered Jannah and saw that its sand was Musk.'* (Al-Bukhari)

The Legislative use of Musk for Women

Imâm An-Nawawi رحمه الله said in his explanation of Sahih Muslim.

Chapter - The usage of Musk on cotton for the woman who bathes after menstruation.

On the authority of Aisha رضي الله عنها, a woman asked the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) concerning her bath after menstruation. So he commanded her to bathe and thereafter asked her to take a piece of cotton with Musk and purify herself with it. She asked, *'how do I purify myself with it?'* So the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) repeated his statement and she asked again as to how to purify herself with it. So he (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, *'SubhanaAllaah, purify yourself with it.'* *So I (Aisha) pulled her to the side and said to her, 'Follow the area of menstruation with the cotton.'* (Bukhari)

Ibn Battal رحمه الله said in explanation of Aisha رضي الله عنها's statement: *'Follow the area of menstruation with cotton.'* -- What is intended by her statement is for her to insert the cotton with the musk into her private area.

Imâm An-Nawawi رحمه الله said in his explanation of Sahih Muslim: *'What is intended in this chapter is the explanation that it is Sunnah for the woman who bathes after menstruation / postnatal bleeding, to take a piece of cloth/cotton on which Musk is applied and inserts it into her private area. Al-Mahaami also mentioned that its considered Sunnah for both types of women to perfume the whole area affected by blood during that period of time.'*

Imâm An-Nawawi رحمه الله said: *'The wisdom behind the usage of Musk at these times is to perfume the area and to remove unpleasant odor.'* He also said, *'Musk is used after the completion of menstruation and if Musk is not available, she should use the fragrance she has.'*

Method of Usage

- Take a little of Musk and use it to clean the private area.
- Place 2 drops of Musk on a clean finger, cotton or cloth and insert it into the private area.

Note:

One may experience a slight burning sensation when applying the Musk which will cease immediately. (This is due to the Musk being considered HOT).

Some Benefits of Musk for Women

- It is from the Sunnah of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) as mentioned with evidence (above);
- It purifies the uterus from impurities;
- It tightens the vagina especially after the muscles of the vagina have lost its elasticity due to natural childbirth and repetitive deliveries;
- It eliminates vaginal discharge and mild vaginal infections;
- It eliminates yeast infections and sensitivity.

Other uses of Musk

- Pleasant scent for clothing
- Body perfume
- Room refresher

This indeed shows the superiority of Musk compared to other fragrances.

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❖ Important note

Musk in its pure form can be black or red in color. As for white musk, then this is not in its natural form, rather a chemical has been added to it. Therefore, white musk **SHOULD NOT** be used in the private area!!



This is the **Black Musk!**