

Does Looking at Women Invalidate Wudu’?

It should be clear that though Islam prohibits lustful looking at members of the opposite sex, this act does not break one’s *wudu’* (ablution) unless *madhi* (pre-seminal fluid) is emitted.

Sheikh Ahmad Kutty, a senior lecturer and an Islamic scholar at the Islamic Institute of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, states: “There is no evidence in the authentic sources of Islam to suggest that either looking at a woman or laughing invalidates one’s *wudu’*. However, if you look at a woman with lust then it may cause your *wudu’* to break, due to the onset of *madhi*.”

It goes without saying that many scholars are of the view that touching a woman with desire breaks *wudu’* for it is associated with *madhi*.”