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The practice of using a stick or similar object to clean the teeth and gums, removing bad odor or food particles, is called Miswak.



Using Miswak is a tradition of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, and it is even allowed during fasting.



The Prophet ﷺ encouraged the use of Miswak without any specific time; it can be used at any time, morning, or evening.



The Prophet ﷺ said that Miswak cleans the mouth and is a means of seeking Allah's pleasure.



The Prophet ﷺ said that if it were not for the fear of hardship on my nation, I would have ordered them to use Miswak before every prayer.



Miswak is recommended during ablution, upon waking up, when the mouth odor changes, when reciting the Qur'an, before prayer, and when entering a mosque or home.



When asked what the Prophet ﷺ would do first upon entering the house, Aisha رضي الله عنها replied that he would use Miswak.



It was the practice of our beloved Prophet ﷺ to use Miswak before beginning obligatory prayers.



Whenever the Prophet ﷺ woke up at night, he would clean his mouth with Miswak.



Muslims should clean their mouths with Miswak during every act of worship or when seeking closeness to Allah and maintain cleanliness in all aspects.



It is recommended to keep the Miswak stick soft to prevent it from breaking or causing injuries to the mouth.



The Prophet ﷺ used a fresh root stick from the Salvadora persica tree for Miswak.



There is no harm in using either the right or left hand for Miswak; both are acceptable.



If a Miswak stick is not available during ablution, one can use a finger to clean the teeth.



The importance of Miswak is highlighted in the hadith that it keeps the mouth clean in this world and is a means of Allah's pleasure in the hereafter.



**Those who abandon Miswak
out of ignorance or laziness
miss out on a great reward.**



Other benefits of Miswak include strengthening the teeth and gums, clarifying the voice, and keeping a person alert.



Trimming the mustache, maintaining the beard, using Miswak, cutting nails, and shaving the armpit and pubic hair are considered part of the natural disposition (fitrah).



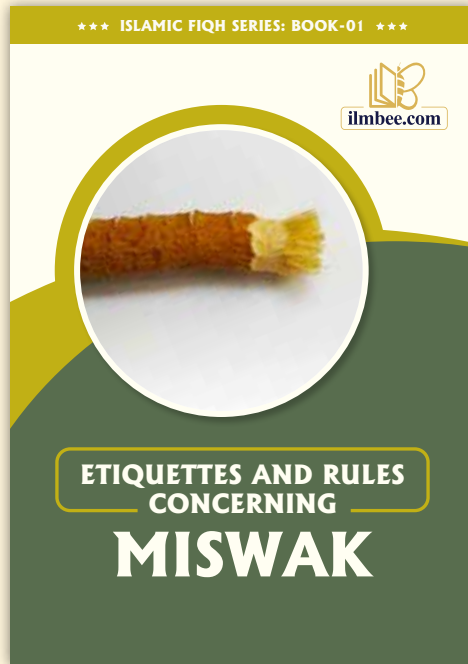
All the actions considered part of fitrah are related to cleanliness, and Miswak is mentioned among them.



The concept of fitrah refers to maintaining both internal and external cleanliness, which is the essence of Islam. Therefore, the use of Miswak should be an essential part of daily life.

REVIEW YOUR READING

- 1. What did the Prophet ﷺ use before obligatory prayers?**
- 2. Can you use finger to clean your teeth if a Miswak is unavailable?**
- 3. Is the use of a Miswak allowed during fasting?**



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