

It is said by the Holy Prophet (Allah's grace and peace be upon him) the sneezing is an act which is liked (and approved) by Allah, whereas He does not like people yawning or gaping. When a Muslim sneezes and says 'Al'hamdo Lillah' (All Praise is due to Allah) it is necessary for a Muslim to say 'Yarhamaka Allah' (May Allah have mercy on you). Yawning is inspired by Devil satan, therefore one should try to recheck the yawning as far as possible. When a man yawns, satan laughs at him and enjoys it, because yawning is a symptom of laziness and negligence.

PROBLEM:- It is necessary that when yawn begins or is about to begin one should put hand over his mouth.

PROBLEM:- In belch and sneeze the sound should be husband (not producing loud noise).

PROBLEM:- The answer of a sneeze is wajib when the man says 'Al'hamdo Lillah'. The reply yarhamaka Allah should be prompt and audible. If the sneezer does not say Al Hamdo Lillah, then it no return reply is due.

PROBLEM:- If the man sneezes more than three times, the reply should be restricted to only three times.

PROBLEM:- When a woman sneezes, the reply is to be slightly audible if she is an old woman and which she should hear. If the woman is young, the reply should be a subdued one, provided in both these cases the woman says Al-hamdo Lillah.

PROBLEM:- If during Khutba (sermon) someone sneezes, no reply is due.

PROBLEM:- If on sneezing a kafir says 'Al hamdo Lillah' the reply should be 'Yah'deekallah' (May Allah guide you).

PROBLEM:- The sneezer should say 'Al'hamdo Lillah' loudly so that all may reply. If however only a single man replies, it will be on behalf of all present.

PROBLEM:- If before the sneezer the listener says "Al hamdo Lillah", then the latter shall remain free from the tooth-ache and ear, pain, in another Hadees it is reported that he shall be free from back-ache.

PROBLEM:- While sneezing one should lower his head, cover his face and subdue the sound. Sneezing loudly is foolishness. (Note: Sneezing while talking is the good omen of the man being a Just Witness (Shahid-de-adil)).

PROBLEM:- Some people regard sneezing as a sign of ill omen especially before starting new work or going out on some business. This is all false. How can such a thing become bad or sign of bad-omen when it carries blessings from Allah.