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Doubts occurring in Salah and Hajj

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**Q: I reached maturity when I was fourteen years old. After two years when I was sixteen I performed Hajj. I spent two years while not knowing the difference between Madhy (pre-seminal fluid) and Maniy (spermatic fluid) even though I knew that Maniy necessitates that the person performs Ghusl (ritual bath) while Madhy requires the person to perform Istinja' (cleansing the private parts with water after urination or defecation) and Wudu' (ablution) then the person may offer Salah (Prayer). While performing Hajj, I felt the discharge of Madhy but I thought that it is Maniy and then made Ghusl (ritual bath) during the performance of Hajj. Before I made Tawaf-ul-Ifadah (final obligatory circumambulation around the Ka`bah in Hajj) I felt fluid on my underpants resulting from looking and sexual thoughts. I was confused whether it was Maniy which necessitates Ghusl (ritual bath) or Madhy in which state it will be sufficient for me to perform Istinja' then Wudu'. I said to myself that if I were at home, I would perform Ghusl to be on the safe side. But perhaps it was Madhy because I heard that the fluid discharged when sexual desire is stirred or when the person thinks of sex is called Madhy. Hence, I only performed Istinja' and Wudu' then performed Tawaf-ul-Ifadah. Later, I knew the difference between Madhy and Maniy. My question now is:**

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**What is the ruling on this Hajj of mine? It should be noted that it is my obligatory Hajj. Later, I did Hajj again but it was intended to be a supererogatory Hajj. I also performed Tawaf (circumambulation around the Ka`bah) but not during the Hajj months intending it to make up for Tawaf-ul-Ifadah during which I was not in a state of ritual purity. Then, I fed six needy people as an expiation for discharging Maniy during Hajj. What should I do?**

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**What is the ruling on my Salah during this period? It should be noted**

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**that I used to observe Salah fully. All praise and thank are due to Allah! So what should I do?**

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**What is the ruling on the `Umrah (lesser pilgrimage) which I made during this period? In**

fact, I did 'Umrah three or four times during this period. So what should I do? May Allah protect you and grant you all success!

**A:** You do not have to make up for Hajj, 'Umrah or Salah because you do not know for sure if the fluid you discharged when you were doing these obligatory pillars, was Maniy. The basic rule is the soundness and correctness of offering the acts of worship.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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