

The Physics of الصَّلَاةُ

Exploring the Science Behind Islamic
Prayer Movements

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Goal today?

Bite Sized Scientific Backed Chunks for you to bring home and Ponder.

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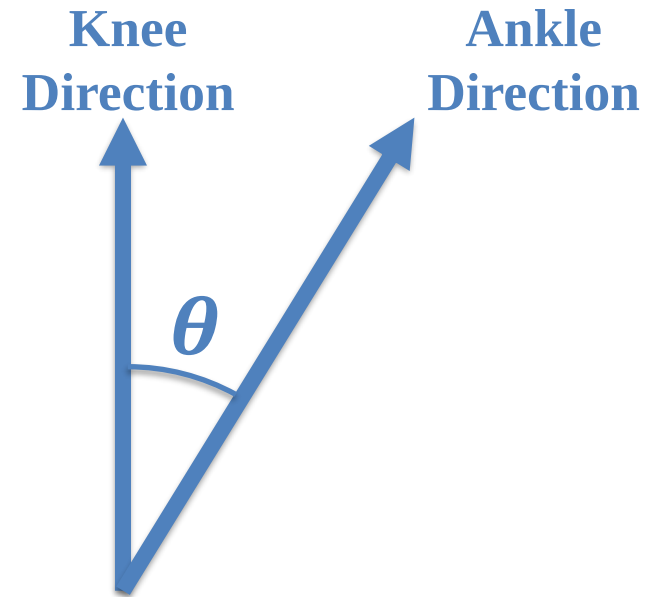
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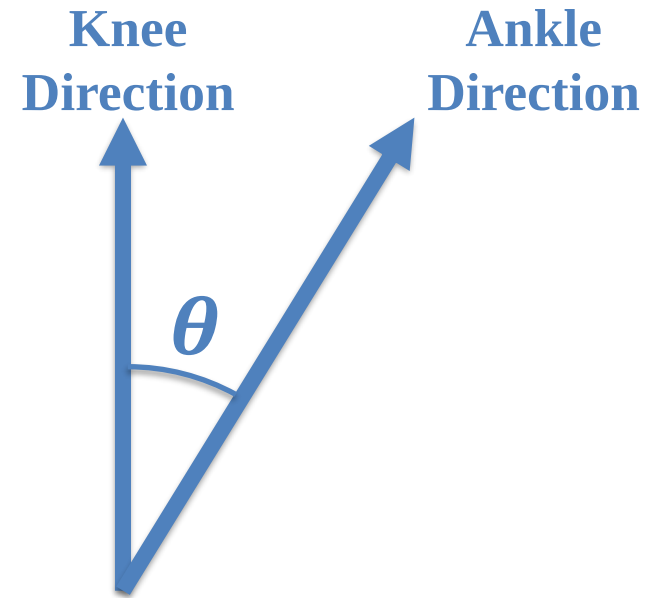
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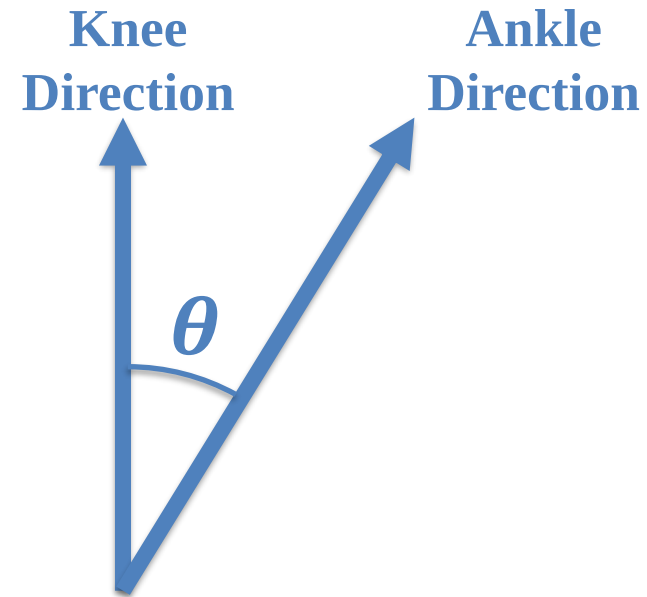
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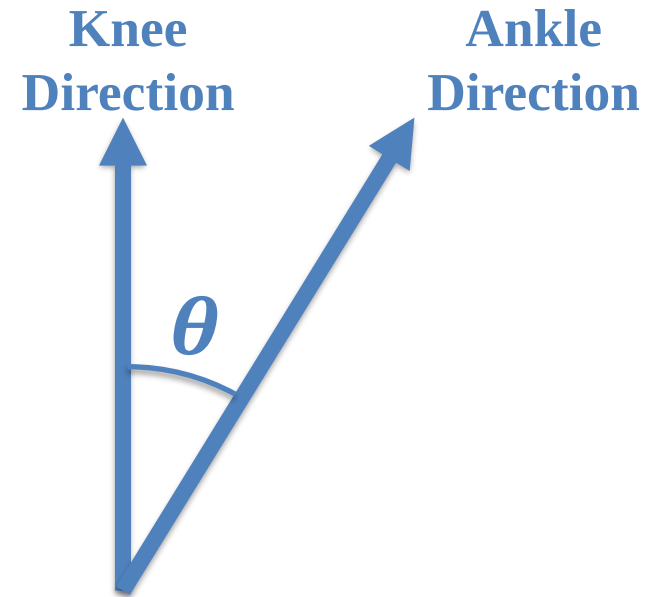
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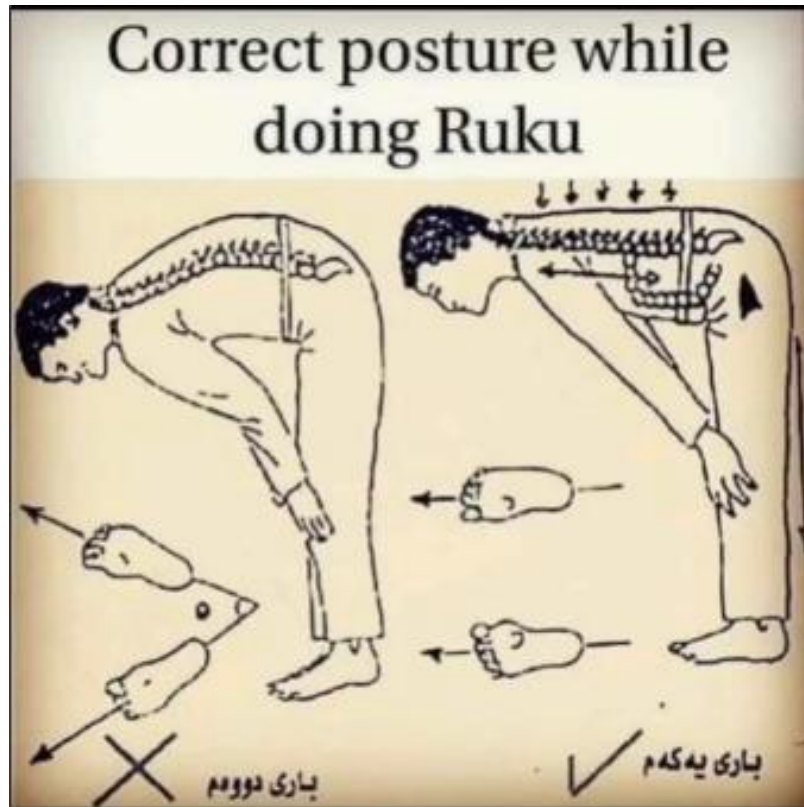
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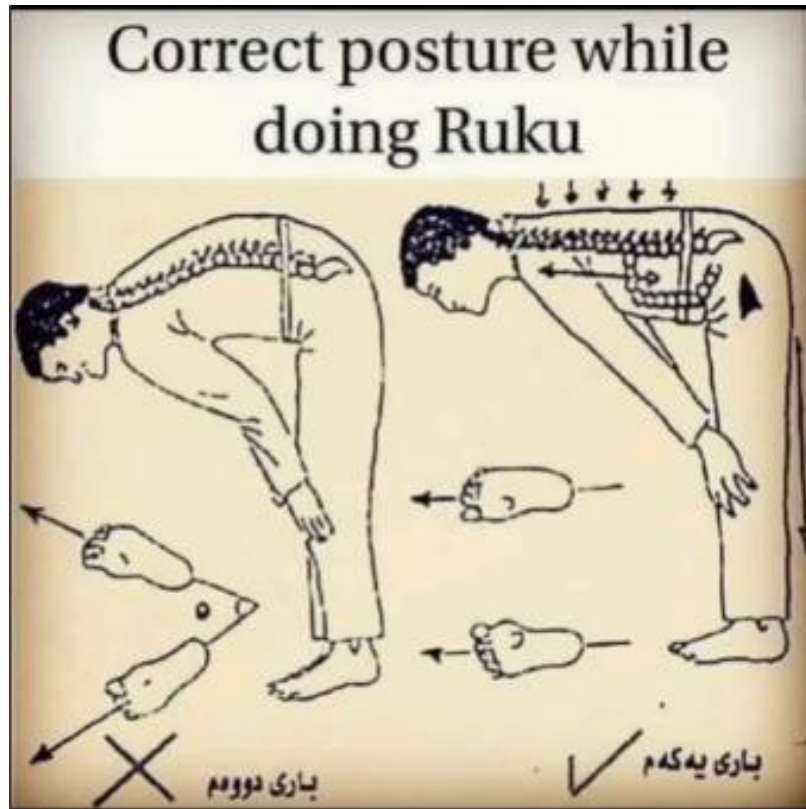
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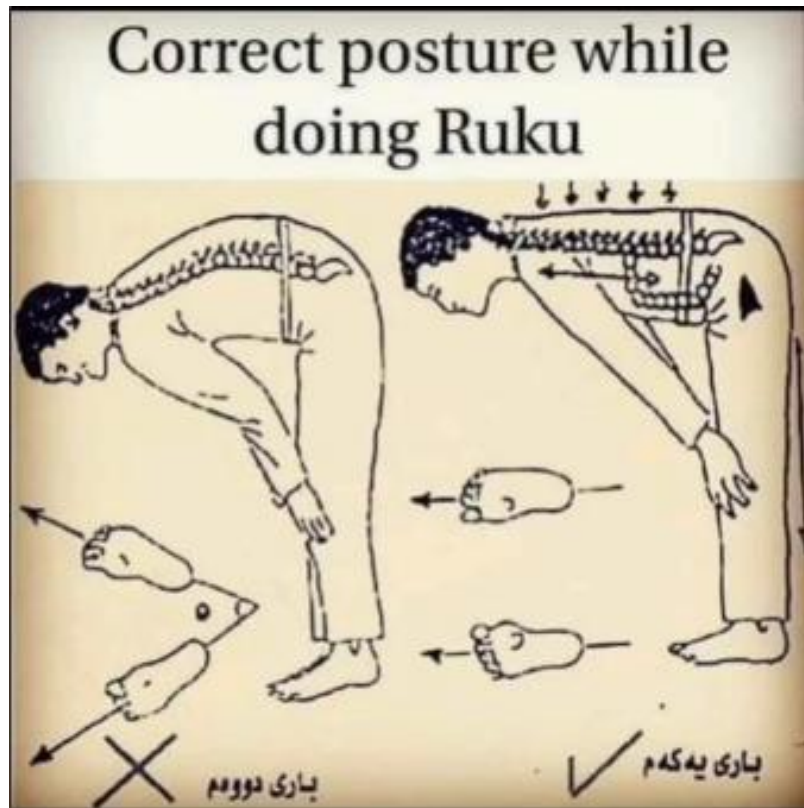


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Abu Mas`ud Al-Badri, who said: The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "A man's Salah is not valid until he straightens his back in bowing and prostration."

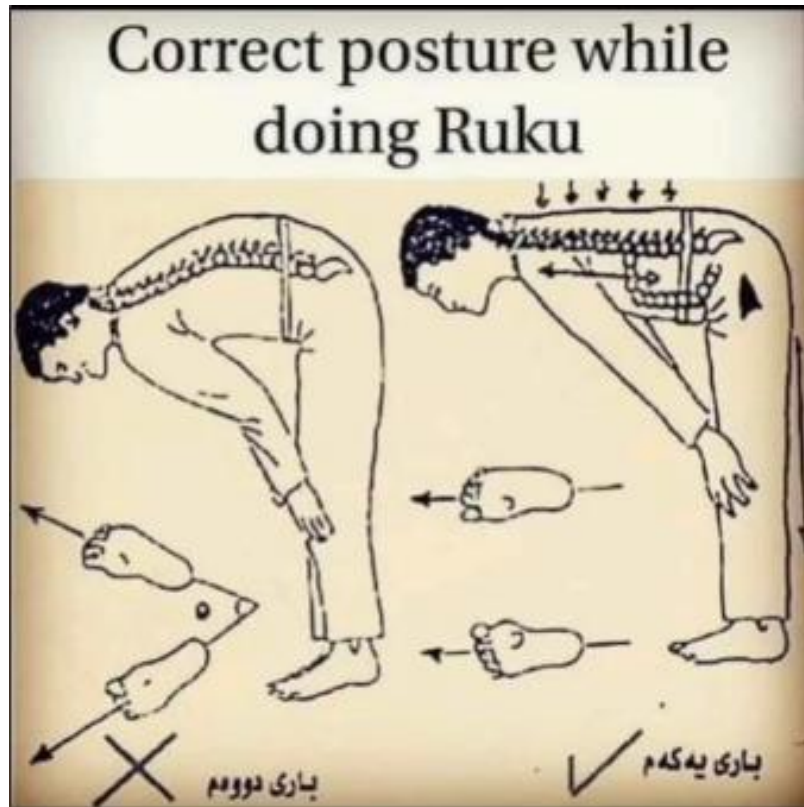
Reported by Abu Dawud (855), At-Tirmidhi (265) who said it is sound and authentic, An-Nasa'i (1027), and Ibn Majah (870).

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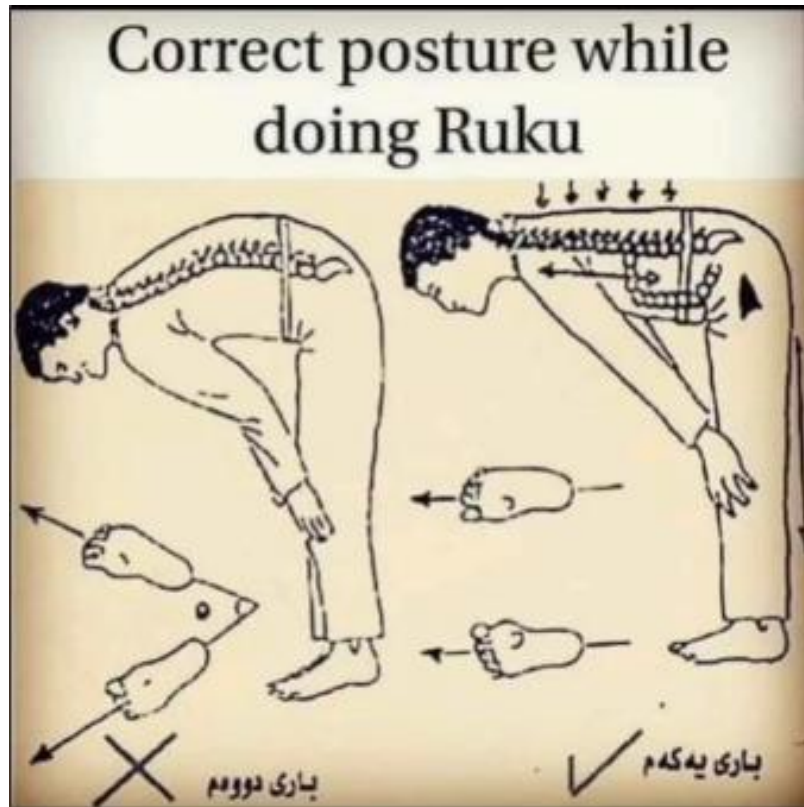


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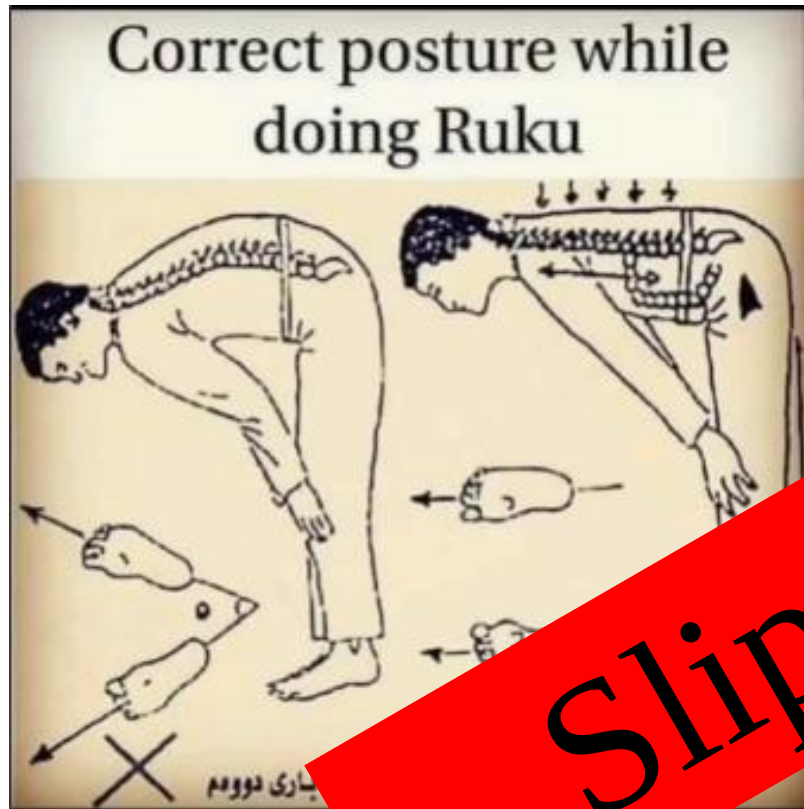
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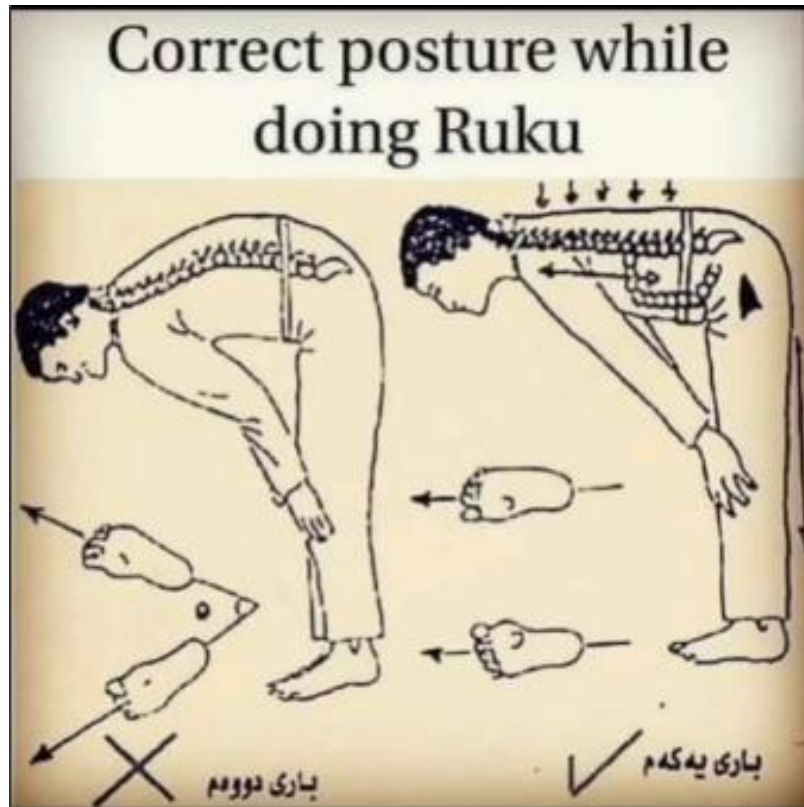
Lumbar Flexion

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Less strain on the spine

Slipped Disc

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Case Report

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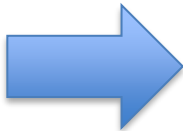
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Table 3. The overall mean and peak EMG values during prostration and in the child's pose

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