## Dress in Islam

"Every religion has a distinctive quality, and a distinct quality of ISLAM is MODESTY."



The dress of the Muslims must be loose enough to hide the shape of the body.

The dress *must not* be transparent, similar to dress identified with the dress of the disbelievers, and resemble the dresses of, or seek to attract, their opposite gender.

Wearing expensive apparel to show-off one's status and affluence is not the way of Islam.

The Noble Qur'an calls on the descendants of Adam to wear their "beautiful apparel at every time and place of prayer." [7:31]

Islam does not require a person to dress totally in black, blue or green. Only saffron, the colour associated with polytheists, is prohibited as dress colour for Muslims.

The dress of Muslims must cover their *awrah* or 'parts that elicit desire'. Most *hijab*-wearing women do not cover their face and hands.

A small though highly visible minority wear a face veil (niqab). They have been harassed and discriminated in the 'liberal' West.

The 'defenders' of individual freedom expose their hypocrisy by their calls to ban in public places the personal choice of a tiny segment of the population.

The face veil is one of several issues that is constantly highlighted to portray Islam as a backward religion that needs a reformation.

The real aim of the secularists is to destroy the rise of Islam as a complete way of life and reduce it to 'a private matter'.

The Bible requires women "to cover their head." [1 Corinthians 11:3-13].

Modern interpretations have downplayed the significance of these verses in the Bible. There is nothing wrong in being modern, that is if one is a user of mobile phones. You can buy a new modern mobile every few months.

Islam is not a mobile! Islam is Allah's final revelation to mankind. The true Believers obey the commands of Allah The All Merciful. They seek to understand the wisdom behind the guidance found in The Noble Qur'an.

Islam redirects mankind from the false worship of created things to the true worship of The Lord of all created things.

The critics of women's rights in Islam expose their hypocrisy by their silence towards the multi-billion dollar porn industry (\$97 billion in 2015) that treats women like filth.

It is easy to understand why women are leaving the Western-secular culture and embracing Islam that restores their dignity.

Funny how people mock Islamic dress. Yet on graduation day they wear clothes similar to a *jubbah* to to look modest and successful!



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With The Name of Allah, The Intensely Merciful, The Eternally Merciful

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"I feel more intimidated by the flaunting of semi naked bodies in soft porn outfits, than I do a fully covered Muslim woman." ["Piffle"]

In Islam, modesty is for both genders. It encompasses walk, talk, dress, thinking and actions.

Western politicians and media criticize Islam as anti-women.

They fear the growing trend amongst young, educated women all over the world to embrace Islam to reclaim their rights and dignity.

Just about everything that feminists in the West strived for in the '70s was already available to Muslim women 1400 years ago.

Women enjoy more protection and respect within Islam compared to any other faith.

The rights of a Muslim woman include the right to have her survival and sexual needs met by her husband, a marriage contract, divorce, refuse a marriage proposal and maintain her name when entering marriage.

She also has the right to inheritance, own and run her own business, exclusive possession of her assets and dispose them in ways that she considers appropriate.

In the spiritual realm, women are equal to men as the only distinction amongst the Believers is the level of their piety.

Cover: Masjid Negeri Pulau Pinang, Malaysia

Image: © Jahmaican I Dreamstime.com Cover quotation: Sunan Ibn Majah The status accorded to women in Islam is best exemplified in an advise of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh): "Stay with your mother, for Paradise is under her feet." [Sahih]

Western politicians and media portray Islam as anti-women's rights by highlighting cultural and political practices in Muslim lands that have nothing to do with Islam.

Islam is not what some Muslims do. It is what all Muslims are supposed to do.

What Hitler - raised in a Christian family - did, was not what Jesus (pbuh) preached!

Muslims regard the West's attacks on Islam as nothing but hypocrisy as reflected in their backing of groups that suppress human rights in Muslim lands.

The hegemonic control of the oil and natural gas reserves in Muslim lands is the primary goal of the Western powers.

"On entering Baghdad on April 9, 2003, US forces stood by as looters burned and ransacked government ministries – except the oil ministry which they guarded diligently." [The Star, January 11, 2007]

Muslims view the attacks against Islam as ways to divide and weaken the Muslims to further the West's hegemonic ambitions.

Every aspect of Islam
is now under a magnifying glass –
to search for subjects to distort
and misrepresent Islam
as backward and violent.

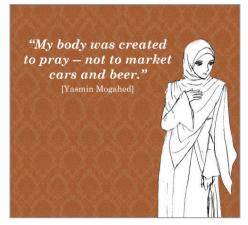
They do not spare even the *hijab*, the dress of the Muslim women. They highlight it as 'proof' of women's servitude in Islam.

The effects have been the reverse.

Islam is now the fastest-growing religion.

More women than men are embracing

Islam in the West and other places!



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More women are wearing the *hijab*. Many view their *hijab* as a statement of their Muslim identity and liberation from western lifestyles, that enslaves women to the fashion and cosmetics industries.

The Muslim woman seeks spiritual beauty. Her *hijab* is an external expression of her inner commitment to lead a way of life that pleases Allah The All Merciful.

Rather than making rules on dress styles, Islam teaches both men and women how to be modest and humble in their dressing.



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