

## Why does the Muslim woman wear Hijab?

{O Prophet, tell your wives and your daughters, and the believing women to draw their outer garments over themselves; that is more likely that they will be known [as chaste women] and will not be harassed. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.} [205] Surat al-Ahzāb: 59.

The Muslim woman understands well the meaning of the term "Khusūsiyyah" (particularity). Her love for her father, brother, son, and husband made her realize the particularity of each type of love, as her love for her husband and her love for her father or brother require her to give everyone his due right. Her father's right over her, mainly showing respect and dutifulness, is different from her son's right over her such as providing care, upbringing and so on. She knows quite well when, how, and to whom she could reveal her adornment, so, her outfit in the presence of a stranger is different from what she wears in the presence of a close relative. In other words, she does not appear in the same look before all people. A Muslim woman is a free woman who refuses to be a captive of fashion and others' personal desires. She wears only what is appropriate for her and what makes her happy and pleases her Lord. See how the woman in the West has become a captive of fashion and fashion houses. Once they declare that the new trend is wearing short and tight pants, she hurries to wear it whether it fits her or makes her feel comfortable or not.

It is no secret to anyone how the woman today has turned into a commodity, as almost no commercial or flyer is devoid of an image of a naked woman. This conveys an indirect message to the western woman about her current value. When a Muslim woman conceals her adornment, she is the one who sends the world a message indicating how valuable she is, and how honored she is by Allah. So, those who deal with her must evaluate her in terms of her knowledge, culture, convictions, and ideas not in terms of her physical beauty.

A Muslim woman also understands the human nature that Allah has instilled in people, hence, she does not reveal her adornment in the presence of strangers to protect the society and herself from abuse. I think none can deny the fact that

every beautiful girl who feels proud of exposing her physical charms to the public, when reaches old age would wish that all women wear Hijab.

Have a look at the statistics of death and disfigurement rates resulting from plastic surgeries nowadays, what has driven women to go through all this suffering? It is because they forced her to take part in physical beauty contests instead of focusing on her intellectual beauty, the thing that has caused her to waste her true value as well as her life.

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