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## **MUSLIM WOMEN'S DRESS**

For the non believers, woman's dress in Islam is a matter of ridicule, considered as a tradition of middle-ages or oppression, for some believers, it is a trivial matter. We all accept that laws are to be obeyed, especially the Divine Laws. We all know that when a law is not obeyed, people get punished. We give so much importance to the man made laws. We understand that not obeying the laws cause so much disruption in our lives. No matter how harsh the punishment on earth is, for not obeying the laws, it will still be less severe than the punishment in the hereafter. We cannot compare the punishment of the hereafter to any punishment on the earth. Then how is it that we take things so lightly about the Divine Laws?

In Surah Ahzab, (Ch33: 36) Allah says "It is not befitting for a believer, man or woman, when a matter has been decreed by Allah and His Apostle, to have any option about their decision: if any one disobeys Allah and d His Apostle, he is indeed on a clearly wrong path." If we do not respond to Allah's guidance and follow our own heart and mind, it is not consistent with the philosophy of Islam, which is 'submission to the Will of Allah'.

Evil is always attractive, we get swayed by it. When faced by the Truth about religion, it becomes easier to avoid the issue or become vague about it or dilute it or condone it altogether or rationalize the disobedience to Allah. This is described in the Quran as neither new nor without consequences. In Surah Maidah (Ch 5: 81-82) "Curses were pronounced on those among the children of Israel who rejected faith, by the tongue of David and of Jesus the son of Mary: because they disobeyed and persisted in excess. Nor did they usually forbid one another the inequities which they committed: evil indeed were the deeds which they did."

### **Requirement of the dress:**

1. Extent of covering: the whole of woman's body is considered "awrah" i.e. something to hide or be covered. She should not display her beauty and adornment in front of male strangers, who they are allowed to marry. ( Non-Mahram)
2. The dress must be loose enough as not to describe the shape of the woman's body. Tight clothes, which cover the whole body but describe the shape of such attractive parts of the woman's body, as the bust line, the waist, the buttocks, the back and the thighs are not acceptable. This is not the way of Islam. It is like walking around naked showing the curves of the body, which are supposed to be hidden. It will be recommended to wear an overcoat or an abaya over the tight clothes.

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3. The dress should be thick enough not to show the color of the skin or the shape of the body.
4. It should not be such as to attract attention.
5. It should not be recognized as a male costume
6. It should not be a dress of fame, pride and vanity

Can we now reflect upon the way a Muslim woman's dressing should be and what some of us wear, especially the young women in our community, if they are not wearing according to Islamic way, who are to be blamed? **Bringing up children in an upright manner is a great responsibility of the parents.**

Allah says, " O' Prophet! Tell your wives and daughters and the believing women that they should cast their garments over their persons when abroad that is most convenient, that they should be known as such and not molested. Allah is often Forgiving and Most Merciful."

*Ahzab (Ch 33: 59)*

*Islam recognizes the natural sexual instinct, drive and attraction that exist between a man and a woman. The dress code of the man and woman, the control of gaze and the haya or shyness are the ways to control the abuse of this attraction, which is considered appropriate only between husband and wife. Hidden motives, evil inclination, evil looks with no restrain on gaze, making oneself attractive to entertain other than one's own spouse is considered repugnant in Islam. Even the use of one's voice in such a manner is not allowed. The use of perfume by women causes emotional stimulation and considered promiscuous.*

*May ALLAH guide us to the right path of Islam.*

## Message from UMMA NEWS Committee

**Dear UMMA members:**

**Assalam Alekum**

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**Dear Brothers & Sisters :**

**Assalam o Alaikum**

**UMMA** wishes a very happy new year to the whole community. We pray that new Hijri year, which commenced on 31 Jan 06, brings all the happiness and peace for the Muslims all over the world. May ALLAH Almighty give us the strength and determination and enable us to enhance and glorify the image of Islam.

**UMMA** extends heartiest congratulations to all Brs and Srs who were blessed by ALLAH TAALA with the opportunity to perform the holy ritual of Hajj.

**UMMA** organised a VCE Workshop and Education Information Evening on Sat 4 Feb 06 at 4.00 PM at UMMA Centre. The aim of the session was to guide the students to select appropriate subjects for VCE which would enhance TER score and provide them better pathways for their future life. Other subjects discussed were how to enhance memorisation capacity, organise homework and necessity of work experience.

**It** was a very informative and impressive event with a large attendance. UMMA is deeply indebted to **Brs Ramzi el Syed, Abdur Rehman, Zakir Hussain, Jawed Butt, Bassam Kamel, Sr Shaheen Bashir Gondal and Sr Shamim Hasni** who briefed the students. Food was served after the session.

**Next** meeting of the Consultative Council will be held on Thursday 9 Mar at 7.00 PM at UMMA Centre, Insha ALLAH.

**This** is an election year and UMMA elections will be held after the AGM tentatively on Sun 18 June 06. The exact information will be given in the next issue of UMMA NEWS in May 06 Insha ALLAH.

## *Sayings of our Prophet ﷺ*

**“A good word is *Charity*”**

**Imam Sahib wants to inform all community members that Australian Commonwealth Government laws require one month's notice for the marriages to be registered.**

**All those who are planning marriages of their children must allow one month notice period while fixing the marriage dates.**

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## MAN AND WOMAN: EQUAL BUT DIFFERENT

The Quran, the final and eternal guide of the mankind, makes it very clear that man and woman are two physical forms of the same soul, hence no original difference between them. Allah (swt) declares in the very opening of Sura al-Nisa' (Women): **"O mankind, fear your Lord, Who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And fear Allah, in Whose name you plead for rights, and heed the ties on kinship. Surely, Allah is ever watchful over you" [4:1]**

Islam treats both, man or woman, equally in that whoever leads a pious life in accordance with divine guidance is entitled in equal measure to attain salvation and eternal success in the Hereafter. **"Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer, We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do" [16:97]** (also see 4:124, 33:35, 49:13)

In Islam the criterion of superiority or status in the sight of Allah is one's righteous conduct, ruling out any reference to one's gender, nationality or whatever. **"O mankind! We created you from a single pair of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know each other. Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you" [49:13]**

In view of the fact that men and women have different physical and physiological make up they have naturally assigned different social, political and economic roles.

Leadership is inheritable in any organizational set-up including the family. Man has been assigned this position because of his role of economic and management support of the whole family. **"Men are protector and maintainers of women by what Allah has given one over the other and what they spend (for maintenance) from their wealth, So righteous women are devoutly obedient (to Allah and to their husband) guarding in the husband's absence what Allah would have them guard" [4:34].**

Even though he is the leader this does not mean he is entitled to disregard the rights of his wife and the children. He is expected to govern his home with mutual consultation not in an autocratic way, as Allah enjoined in the Qur'an. **"Those who respond to their Lord, and establish regular prayer, who (conduct) their affairs by mutual consultation." [42:38].**

Abdullah bin Abbas(R) said:

**Five things are more valuable than the horses with black striped legs:**

- 1- **Do not** engage in senseless talk, it is useless and absurd and could lead you to committing a sin.
- 2- **Talk** purposefully when there is an occasion for it.
- 3- **Do not** engage in hot discussion with an intelligent person or with a fool. The intelligent will be angry and disrespect you if you speak non-sense, the fool and the ignorant will try to harm you.
- 4- **In** the absence of your brother, speak of him as you would like him to speak about you in your absence, and consider him innocent of the things, as would like him to consider you innocent of.
- 5- **Act** like a person who believes that he will be rewarded for doing the good deeds and he will be punished for doing bad.

Narrated Abu Sa'id Al-Khudari Allah's Messenger said: **{When the son of Adam wakes up in the morning, all the organs and limbs humble themselves before the tongue and say: fear Allah for our sake because we are with you if you are straight, we will be straight; and if you are crooked, we will be crooked with you} (i.e. we will be rewarded or punished as a result of what you do) . [At-Tirmidhi]**

### TIPS ON COMMUNICATION

1. **Always** smile and avoid frowning
2. **Answer** *al salamu alaykum* with complete *wa alaykum al salam wa rahmatu Allah wa barakatuhu*. Do so with a cheerful, inviting and an engaging voice.
3. **Say as little** about yourself to others as possible. Avoid saying anything ill of anyone even if it is absolutely true.
4. **Learn** to compliment your communicant on all occasions and to invoke Allah's blessing upon him in the conversation.
- 5- **Give** full attention to what is being said to you.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### New Arrivals

Baby boy Azan born to Mr. & Mrs. Rukhsar Syed

Baby girl born to Mr. & Mrs. Shahid Fazal Din

Baby girl born to Dr. & Mrs. Mr and Mrs Arshad Haymayn

Baby boy Taha born to Mr. & Mrs Abdur Rehman . (Grand parents Mr and Mrs Mufti Munib)

UMMA congratulates the parents (& Grand Parents) of the newborns. May ALLAH bless the newborns with wealth of Eeman. *Ameen*

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### Marriages

UMMA congratulates:

**\*\* Mr and Mrs Ansar on the marriage of their son Asad with Hafsa**

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### VCE Results

**\*\* Osama s/o Asma & Dr Ishaq Bhatti** passed his VCE this year and joins **Medicine @ Monash**

**\*\* Hana d/o Asra & Dr. Zafar Shah Khan** passed her VCE this year and joins **Law @ Monash**

UMMA congratulates all those boys & girls who successfully completed their VCE this year. May Allah (SWT) help them achieve their future goals and keep them on the right path of Islam. *Ameen*

**\*\* Elder brother** of Mufti Munib Ahmed passed away in Pakistan

**\*\* Br Allah Bakhsh** passed away in Karachi.

**\*\* Br Abdul Latif** passed away in Kabul.

**\*\* Brother-In-Law** of Br Habib ur Rahman passed away in Karachi

**\*\* Nephew** of Riaz Maan passed away in New Zealand

**\*\* Elder brother** of Dr. Ishaq Bhatti passed away in Pakistan

*UMMA extends heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families on the sad demise of their loved ones. May Allah (SWT) grant them place in Jannah and give sabr-e-jamil to the bereaved families. Ameen*

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