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أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَ  
 أَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَاذْكُرُوا بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٥٨﴾  
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٥٨﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِيَسْتَذْكُرْكَ الَّذِينَ مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَبْلُغُوا  
 الْحُلُمَ مِنْكُمْ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ مِّن قَبْلِ صَلَاةِ الْفَجْرِ وَحِينَ تَضَعُونَ  
 ثِيَابَكُمْ مِّنَ الظَّهْرِ وَمِن بَعْدِ صَلَاةِ الْعِشَاءِ ثَلَاثُ عَوْرَاتٍ لَّكُمْ  
 لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَلَا عَلَيْهِمْ جُنَاحٌ بَعْدَهُنَّ طُوفُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ بَعْضُكُمْ  
 عَلَى بَعْضٍ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ

(سوره نور: ٥٨)

صَدَقَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

## Importance of Society in Islam

My dear seniors, brothers and respected women of the Ummah! Allah ﷻ has given us clear instructions and regulations on how to improve and mould our society according to Shariah.

*Salaat* (praying) is one of the most important acts of worship, but Allah ﷻ has sufficed it with *أَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ* "And establish the prayer" in the Quran and did not detail all the steps of the worship. Similarly, paying *zakat* (obligatory alms) is an essential part of Islam, but again Allah ﷻ





has only said وَأَتُوا الزَّكَاةَ “and give [the] zakat” and did not explain the nitty-gritty of where and how *zakat* is applicable. *Saum* (fasting) in the month of Ramadan is another important act of worship, but Allah ﷻ has only said كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ “fasting is prescribed for you” and did not expound on the intricacies of what breaks a fast and what doesn't. Performing Hajj (Pilgrimage to Makkah) is a great honour for a Muslim. Allah ﷻ has said وَأَنَّ لِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا “And for the sake of Allah ﷻ on the people is a pilgrimage to the House - for whoever is able to find thereto a way”, He did not explain the circumambulation of the *Kaaba*, or circling the hills of Safa and Marwa, or staying at Arafat, or spending the night at Muzdalifah, or sacrificing at Mina.

However, the matter of social life is so crucial that Allah ﷻ has not sufficed it with just one guideline or an ayat or two in the Quran. In fact, complete verses have been revealed. Instead of brief descriptions, detailed explanations have been given. For example, the entire Surah Noor focuses on modesty and its impact on society. This is because a society without modesty cannot be an Islamic society. A society built without following Shariah guidelines will not have the colours and beauty of an Islamic society. And that is why in Surah Noor Allah ﷻ has repeatedly emphasised on the importance of modesty.

## Why Are Societies Disintegrating?

When a society becomes devoid of honour and modesty,





it collapses. Today, we can observe that societies without modesty are in complete chaos. Family system has shattered, domesticity has vanished, husband wife relationship has disappeared, father son, mother daughter, brotherhood, sisterhood - all relations have gone astray.

## The True Picture of Islam

An Islamic society is built on the principles of honour and modesty. No society can survive without these building blocks. Just as a society without honour and virtue can never be an Islamic society, a house without them can't be called a Muslim household.

Explaining the importance of modesty, Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه used to say:

مَنْ قَلَّ حَيَاءٌ قَلَّ وَرَعُهُ، وَمَنْ قَلَّ وَرَعُهُ مَاتَ قَلْبُهُ

“He whose modesty is diminished, his piety is diminished, and he whose piety is diminished, his heart dies.”

(Shob-Al-Imaan)

## Signs of the Destitute

Hazrat Fuzail Bin Ayaz رضي الله عنه used to say that

الْقَسْوَةُ فِي الْقَلْبِ، وَجُمُودُ الْعَيْنِ، وَقَلَّةُ الْحَيَاءِ، وَالرَّغْبَةُ فِي  
الدُّنْيَا وَطُولُ الْأَمَلِ

“Doomed and ill-fated is a person who has the following





attributes: hard-hearted, dry eyes (fear of Allah ﷻ does not make him teary-eyed), lack of modesty, worldly disposition, and far-fetched desires” (Shob-Al-Imaan)

The signs that Hazrat Fazeel Bin Ayaz ؒ described, includes lack of modesty. This is because modesty and honour are the basic building blocks of a successful society. Whereas, without honour and modesty a society and its people are doomed.

Allah ﷻ wishes to see societies adorned with the beauty of honour and modesty and that is why instead of one or two verses, He has revealed an entire Surah on the topic. Previously, Muslim girls would write the entire Surah Noor by hand so that they may learn lessons from it and would later take it with them as dowry.

## **Need for a Change in the Mindset**

While parents today are worried how their marred daughter will get married and make a home for herself, they are less worried about her lack of modesty. They are concerned for her future if she's unable to acquire a professional degree, but least bothered that she's losing her modesty - even though it is actually modesty that enables a woman to build a proper home. A father may worry how his unemployed son will get married, but it doesn't cross his mind that without honor and modesty, his son will never be able to build a home.





## Wisdom Behind Public Lashing

A prosperous society can only be built on the foundation of honor and modesty, and that is why Allah ﷻ revealed an entire Surah on their importance. He told us about the consequences of an immodest and dishonorable society. In order to discourage the fall of an Islamic society into this darkness, He also directed us to publicly lash those who commit these crimes.

Allah ﷻ said in Surah Nur:

الزَّانِيَةُ وَالزَّانِي فَاجْلِدُوا كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا مِائَةَ جَلْدَةٍ وَلَا تَأْخُذْكُمْ بِهِمَا رَأْفَةٌ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ  
الْآخِرِ وَلَيْسَ لَهُمَا عَذَابٌ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

"The fornicating woman and the fornicating man, flog each one of them with one hundred stripes. No pity for them should prevail upon you in the matter of Allah's religion, if you really believe in Allah and the Last Day, and a group of believers must witness their punishment."  
(Surah Nur; Verse 2)

My dear readers, the reason such a severe punishment has been ordered is to discourage others from committing such a grave sin. It is to protect the grace of a modest society, to ensure the young generation doesn't lose the beauty of modesty. Because it's not possible to have a successful society without modesty at its foundation - it throws a family into disarray, in no time causes upheaval in a previously peaceful family, a couple living together





for decades suddenly loses all trust in each other, children become deprived of the protection of their parents, divorce becomes common.

Hence, to protect our society from such a dark time, Allah ﷻ has ordered this severe punishment. He has also said that if someone accuses another of adultery, and is unable to bring forth witnesses to support his claim, then he too should be lashed 80 times so that no one else would dare defame an innocent Muslim.

## Allah ﷻ's Curse on Instigators of Immodesty

Allah ﷻ has emphatically stated that those who will spread immodesty in an Islamic society, by whatever means, will be cursed in both this world and the hereafter. He has said:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ  
أَلِيمٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ.

"Surely, those who like that lewdness spreads among the believers, for them there is painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter." (Surah Nur, Verse 19)

My dear readers, at the time of the revelation of this verse a very hurtful incident had occurred. The infidels of Madinah had created a sacrireligious storm against the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ's beloved wife, and mother of the faithful, Hazrat Ayesha ؓ. They had created a





propaganda against her purity and virtue. If we study this verse in detail, and observe our surroundings, we will clearly see exactly how and in what manner immodesty is being spread in an Islamic society. It is a very sad and pitying state for the Muslims who, only for the sake of a little money, have become the source of spreading this immorality.

## **The Agenda of Multinational Companies**

Today, Muslim traders think that trading with multinational companies will cause their businesses to flourish. What they don't realize is that these companies have reached out to us only to remove all traces of honour and modesty from our society. Sadly, Muslim traders are following in their footsteps and encouraging the spread of immodesty, saying how else will they sell fabric, how else will their businesses thrive, how else will they trade. These people are, in fact, taking home fire, not money. They are taking home embers of Hell! Alas, such an earning is not auspicious, because they are causing the decline of the most important asset of a society - its modesty. This includes tradesmen who, in order to sell their products, publicly advertise immoral pictures.

## **A Disease Among the Non-Mulsims**

My dear readers, the non-Muslims don't have a proper word for modesty, they don't even have a clear explanation





for it, because they don't consider it a virtue, but a disease. If someone gets afflicted with it, they try their best to cure them. Their entire culture revolves around keeping their society immodest.

Whereas for us, honor and modesty are valuable assets - essential and the basis of a flourishing society. The Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ الْحَيَاءَ وَالْإِيمَانَ قُرْنَاءُ جَمِيعًا فَإِذَا رُفِعَ أَحَدُهُمَا رُفِعَ الْآخَرُ

“Indeed *haya* (modesty) and *Iman* coexist. When one of them is lifted, the other leaves as well.”(Mishkaat)

The Prophet ﷺ also said:

وَتَلَاثَةٌ لَا يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ: الرَّجُلُ يَلْبَسُ لِبَسَةَ الْمَرْأَةِ وَالْمَرْأَةُ تَلْبَسُ لِبَسَةَ الرَّجُلِ وَالذَّيْوُثُ

“There are three kinds of people who will not enter Paradise. One is, a man who dresses like a woman. Second is, a woman who dresses like a man. Third is cuckold, (Shob-Al-Imaan)

My dear readers, the fact is that the real agenda behind multinational companies is to remove all traces of modesty from our societies, however the sad reality is that the Muslims have become blind to the truth and are following in their footsteps just to earn a little money.

## The State of Muslim Traders

Take a look at the Muslim traders established in Muslim





societies - promoting non-Muslim culture for money. Valentine's day isn't a day of love, it's a day to auction off honour and modesty! Alas, Muslim traders themselves are advertising this day. Where is their dignity? Their decency? They don't realize that tomorrow their own daughters will participate in these activities, this culture will enter their own homes. All for money! If you are unable to put a stop to this culture, then at least don't encourage it! This is a 100% non-Muslim tradition which promotes immodesty, and everyone is getting influenced by it. In many circles, it's not even considered wrong anymore.

## The Concept of a Wholesome Relation is Decreasing

Do we really want a society that has no trace of honour and modesty? A society where a son has no respect for his father? Where there is no trust between husband and wife? Where a conscientious father would prefer death in the face of his daughters shamelessness? Please, stop already before we lose all concept of these wholesome, virtuous relationships. Modesty and honour are such valuable assets of a society that Allah ﷻ has revealed entire Surahs on them.

## Quranic Teachings on Protecting Haya

1. To protect this valuable asset, Allah ﷻ has said to men:

"قُلْ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوْا مِنۡ اَبْصَارِهِمْ"







"Tell the believing men that they must lower their gazes."

(Surah Nur, verse 30)

And He said to the women:

وَقُلْ لِّلْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَغْضُضْنَ مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِنَّ

"And tell the believing women that they must lower their gazes."

(Surah Nur, verse 31)

2. To safeguard this valuable asset, Allah has said:

"وَأَنْكِحُوا الْأَيَامَىٰ مِنْكُمْ"

"Arrange the marriage of the spouseless among you."

(Surah Nur, verse 32)

Meaning that once they reach puberty, and are able to marry, then marriage should be hastened, not delayed.

The Quran highlights the importance of protecting modesty by explaining that there are three times in a day when a person might be in a casual state of undress - either in seclusion or to rest. These are; the time before Fajr, in the afternoon, or after Isha. And that is why it has been said that during these times even your children, who haven't yet reached puberty, should not enter your room without permission. This should give you an idea on how much stress there is in the Quran to protect modesty. Allah ﷻ has said:





”يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِيَسْتَدِينِكُمُ الَّذِينَ مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ لَمْ  
يَبْلُغُوا الْحُلُمَ مِنْكُمْ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ مِّن قَبْلِ صَلَاةِ الْفَجْرِ وَحِينَ  
تَضَعُونَ ثِيَابَكُمْ مِّنَ الظُّهْرِ وَمِن بَعْدِ صَلَاةِ الْعِشَاءِ ثَلَاثُ  
عَوْرَاتٍ لَّكُمْ لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَلَا عَلَيْهِمْ جُنَاحٌ بَعْدَهُنَّ طُوفُونَ  
عَلَيْكُمْ بَعْضُكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ وَاللَّهُ  
عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ“

”O you who believe, the slaves owned by you, and those of you who have not reached puberty, must seek your permission (to see you) at three times: before the prayer of Fajr, and when you take off your clothes at noon, and after the prayer of 'Isha'. These are three times of privacy for you. There is no harm, neither to you nor to them, after these (three times). They are your frequent visitors, as some of you are (frequent visitors) of the others. This is how Allah explains the verses to you. Allah is All-Knowing, All Wise.” (Surah Nur, verse 58)

Meaning that the children who haven't reached puberty, should not enter without permission at these times, so that the natural modesty and shyness that they are born with remains protected.

My dear readers, the teachings of Quran lead us in one direction, but as a society we are headed in the opposite direction. The children we raise in this society, with the tools that they have access to, has robbed them of their innocence. Children are no longer children.





## Natural Disposition of Islam

Today, this valuable asset is disappearing from our society, even though the Prophet ﷺ defined it as the natural disposition of Islam. The Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ لِكُلِّ دِينٍ خُلُقًا وَخُلُقُ الْإِسْلَامِ الْحَيَاءُ

"Every religion has its distinct characteristic, and the distinct characteristic of Islam is modesty." (Sunan Ibn Majah)

Similarly, on another occasion the Prophet ﷺ explained the importance of haya by saying:

الْحَيَاءُ لَا يَأْتِي إِلَّا بِخَيْرٍ

"Haya does not bring anything except good." (Sahih al-Bukhari)

On another occasion, our beloved Prophet ﷺ said:

الْحَيَاءُ خَيْرٌ كُلُّهُ

"Modesty is altogether good" (Sunan Abi Dawood)

This means where there is modesty, there will be morality and good fortune. Because modesty always brings forth honor and fortune. Modesty is an extremely valuable asset, and it's essential to protect it so that it stays in our homes. Muslims today devoutly pray five times a day, perform the annual pilgrimage to Kaaba, but are not worried about lack of modesty in their own homes. Remember, without modesty it's not possible for a prosperous society to thrive, nor is it possible for a home to be peaceful. A beautiful,





trustworthy relationship between a husband and wife is not possible. Children can't bring peace to their parents' life. Respect for parents can't be developed in the eyes of their children. Once modesty is lost, all is lost. Today, the entire focus of *Shaytaan* (the devil) is to make Muslim societies immodest. Sadly, our education system and business models (under the directive of multinational companies) are all working towards this goal.

## **An Immodest Person isn't Brave**

Hazrat Thanvi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ wrote about an incident: When Muhammad Bin Qasim رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was 17 years old, he came to know that a non-Muslim ruler in Sindh had pulled the scarf (*dupatta*) off of a Muslim girl and had tried to ruin her virtue. Muhammad Bin Qasim, a young honorable Muslim living in Baghdad, said that he was going to teach Raja Dahir a lesson that a Muslim woman is never alone - her honourable brothers are alive. While he was preparing his army for departure, he looked a little worried. His companions asked him the reason for worrying. He replied that it was a long journey, both the journey and the destination were unfamiliar, details of enemy forces were unknown - he was worried that his companions might face some serious losses. Hazrat Thanvi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ further wrote that a few days later Muhammad Bin Qasim's companions saw that he looked extremely content. When they asked him the reason, he replied that he had come to know that Raja Dahir had





married his own sister, which meant that he had neither modesty, nor honor. And someone who has no honor or modesty can never be brave, so he was content that Raja Dahir would not be able to stand against them.

This philosophy should've been woven into our very existence. Alas, we chose to forget it, while the infidels understood the significance of it. They realized that in order to enslave Muslims and turn them into cowards, it's integral to make their women and young immodest. This way, the Muslims will forever remain enslaved, they will never be able to raise their heads, they will stay miserable and backwards.

My dear readers, honorable mothers raise honorable sons, modest sisters become supporting hands for their brothers, and virtuous wives create humble and peaceful homes. And this is exactly why the infidels have snatched modesty away from our society - leaving us with nothing, and keeping them satisfied that Muslims will not stand against them. The infidels are confident that they won't even need to build an army to protect themselves because they have exposed Muslims to so much filth in their films that Muslims are no longer capable of fighting them.

## **“Special Days” - A Non-Muslim Tradition**

My dear readers, it's part of non-Muslim culture to celebrate special days like Mother's day, Father's day, Valentine's day, etc. But these traditions can never be





in accordance with our own traditions. Alas, this filth is spreading into all parts of our society. Mainly because the fathers today don't realize the direction their children are heading towards. When the son goes to a party at school, the father is ignorant of the going-ons that take place in the school in order to lose his son of his most valuable asset - his virtue. The father, instead, argues that it's all part of his son's education.

## There is Nothing Without Modesty

My dear readers, modesty is the foundation of an Islamic society. Therefore, the rise and success of our society is dependent on modesty. Without modesty, there is nothing. One day, the Prophet ﷺ walked by one of his Ansar companions, who was preaching his brother about modesty, on this the Prophet ﷺ said:

دَعُهُ فَإِنَّ الْحَيَاءَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ

"Leave him, because Haya is a part of faith." (Sahih Al Bukhari)

Meaning that modesty is from the religion. In fact he said that the entire religion is modesty - because when there is no modesty, there is no religion. When this gem is protected, the entire society is protected, and if modesty is not protected then the honour and respect are no longer protected either. Homes, children, parents - nothing remains safe. Such a society becomes an animalistic society.





## The Story of Prophet Musa ﷺ

When Prophet Musa ﷺ travelled from Egypt to Madyan, he saw something strange - he saw a large number of people drawing water from a well and feeding their animals while some distance away two girls were standing alone, shrouded in modesty. He approached them and asked them what the matter was. They said that they too had come so that their goats could drink from the well, but as there were men about they always waited for them to leave first. Their father (Prophet Shoaib ﷺ) was old and there were no other men in their home. Historians write that nearby there was another well but it was covered by a heavy boulder and no one had the strength to move it. Prophet Musa ﷺ, who had the strength of a prophet, moved the boulder and led the girls' goats to drink water from it. The girls returned home. When their father saw them return earlier than usual, he asked them the reason. They told him the entire story and said that he had two unusual qualities, one of the girls said:

"إِنَّ خَيْرَ مَنْ اسْتَأْجَرْتَ الْقَوِيُّ الْأَمِينُ"

"The best man you can hire is someone who is a Strong Trustworthy."

(Surah Al-Qasas, verse 26)

One quality was his skill and the other was his honesty. They advised their father that if he wanted to hire someone, it should be this man.





Scholars write that Allah ﷻ had blessed these girls with a unique insight that enabled them to recognize, with just one action, the value of a man. They said that he had two great qualities; one, he was highly skilled and two, he was trustworthy - not once did he raise his eyes to look at them.

Scholars advice that while hiring a supervisor, look for two qualities. One, make sure that he has the required knowledge and skill. And two, he should be trustworthy. Only such a person should be eligible for employment and responsibility who is not only adept and knowledgeable, but is also honest and trustworthy.

Upon listening to his daughters, Prophet Shoaib ﷺ told them to go and bring the man to him. This is how the Quran describes the departure of the girl:

فَجَاءَتْهُ إِحْدَاهُمَا تَمْشِي عَلَى اسْتِحْيَاءٍ

"Then one of the two women came to him, walking bashfully" (Surah Al-Qasas, verse 25)

My dear readers, the Quran is extraordinary! Every single word holds infinite wisdom. It says "فَجَاءَتْهُ إِحْدَاهُمَا تَمْشِي عَلَى اسْتِحْيَاءٍ" which means she arrived on the chariot of modesty, it doesn't say "تَمْشِي بِالْحَيَاءِ" that she came with modesty or that modesty was within her. Instead, the Quran says "تَمْشِي عَلَى اسْتِحْيَاءٍ" that the woman came on the chariot of modesty, which means that from head to toe her entire demeanor was shrouded in modesty - she was the epitome of modesty. This portrays







for us the qualities of the women beloved to Allah ﷺ. Their dress, their speech, their walking, talking, eating, drinking - everything was the embodiment of modesty.

## Plight of Noble Families

Alas, even the girls from noble families are dressed in a manner that “الأمان والحفيظ”. The situation is so dire that it’s not even considered wrong anymore, it has become acceptable in the name of fashion. Things are only getting worse. Immodesty is so commonplace that the dress covering the body barely covers the body - and is still worn with pride. Therefore, the one who covers herself considers herself pious, the one who also wears a scarf thinks she is a wali-ullah, and the one who, off and on observes purdah, is considered leader of auliah. This happens because these poor girls see around themselves dresses that barely cover anything.

## Reason for deprivation of the fragrance of Jannah

The Prophet ﷺ used to say that there will come a time, when:

صِنْفَانِ مِنْ أَهْلِ النَّارِ لَمْ أَرَهُمَا قَوْمٌ مَعَهُمْ سِيَاطٌ كَأَذْنَابِ الْبَقَرِ  
يَضْرِبُونَ بِهَا النَّاسَ وَنِسَاءٌ كَاسِيَاتٌ عَارِيَاتٌ مُمِيلَاتٌ مَائِلَاتٌ  
رُءُوسُهُنَّ كَأَسْنِمَةِ الْبُخْتِ الْمَائِلَةِ لَا يَدْخُلْنَ الْجَنَّةَ وَلَا يَجِدْنَ  
رِيحَهَا وَإِنَّ رِيحَهَا لِيُوجَدُ مِنْ مَسِيرَةِ كَذَا وَكَذَا





"The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "There are two types of people who will be punished in Hell and whom I have not seen: men having whips like the tails of cows and they will be beating people with them, and, women who will be dressed but appear to be naked, inviting to evil; and they themselves will be inclined to it. Their heads will appear like the humps of the Bactrian camel inclined to one side. They will not enter Jannah and they will not smell its fragrance which is perceptible from such and such a distance."

(Sahih Muslim, The Book of Clothes and Adornment, Chapter: Women Who Are Clothed Yet Naked)

Which means that there will be women, even in the Muslim societies, who will be clothed, yet they will be naked. They will be immoral, and will invite the society towards immorality, towards themselves. The Prophet ﷺ also said that their hair will be like the hump of a camel (just like nowadays women tie their hair into a bun on the top of their heads). He then proceeded to say that such women will not enter Paradise, they won't even be able to smell the fragrance of Paradise - even though it spreads over miles and miles.

My dear friends, at the time when the Prophet ﷺ was saying this, such women didn't exist, in fact the very idea that Muslim women would incite and spread immodesty and immorality was inconceivable. Despite this, the companions of the Prophet ﷺ trusted him and knew that this would happen.





## The Curse of Immodesty

Dear readers, today such people are found in every party, every gathering, every market, every office, every industry - even in, may Allah ﷻ protect us, every house. People who wear clothes through which their body is clearly visible, or wear such tight clothes that the shape of their body is apparent. Then why does it come as a surprise that they are accursed? When the most valuable asset of faith - modesty, is absent then how will they be able to focus on their *salat*? Why would they desire to go for *Hajj* and *Umrah*? How will the *salat* and *Umrah* be of any worth? How will there be any *barakat* in their charity? How will any of these acts of worship be accepted, when the most essential asset of faith is missing. Clothes due to which a modest person lowers his head in shame.

If someone finds five amulets (*taweez*) in their home, they will be horrified and will rush to an *amil* even though people living in that very home do not offer *salat*, *purdah* is not observed, music is loudly played all day long - but, instead of worrying about this, they worry about the amulets (*taweez*) found. When they see such amulets (*taweez*), they rush towards an *amil*, but they do not rush towards Allah ﷻ and towards true repentance when they sin. Even though neither Allah ﷻ, nor the Prophet ﷺ has said that any calamity will befall if such amulets (*taweez*) are found. However, both Allah ﷻ and the Prophet ﷺ have mentioned the curse of immodesty, the curse of the one who doesn't pray and the curse of music. Today's Muslim finds these amulets (*taweez*) vexing, but does not see the curse of his sins.





## Save Your Home

My dear readers, without modesty there is nothing. We have been inundated by a storm of immodesty, save your kids, your homes, your peace of mind. Probably one out of a thousand events are graced with modesty - where women and girls are properly attired, shrouded in modesty. In reality, most of our gatherings are cursed by Allah ﷻ (because cursed is an event where women display their hair). Therefore, is it a wonder that our weddings are no longer blessed? How would a joyful ceremony be fortuitous when it's cursed by Allah ﷻ? Sadly, these gatherings have become so commonplace that they are no longer considered sinful. Men and women hug in greeting - this includes men who are otherwise steadfast in their worship to Allah ﷻ. We are being carried away in this flood of indecency, and we don't even realize it.

## Essence of True Worship

My dear readers, *salat* of such people is not worship, it's habit. Their fasts are not worship, it's a habit. Their pilgrimage and sacrifices are not worship, they are habits - everyone is doing it, so they also did it. Had they been doing it for Allah ﷻ, then they would've followed the commandment of protecting themselves against immodesty too. But, the reality is that people protect their modesty only when others in their surrounding





are protecting it too, otherwise not. And this is why their supplications no longer have the strength that they should, because had they been performed with the intention of following Allah ﷻ's commandment, then these people would've followed the commandments on modesty as well.

Allah ﷻ has clearly stated that *salat* and immodesty can not co-exist, just like oil and water can not. These people are only performing *salat* out of habit, because a person who performs *salat* with the right intention, can not be immodest.

The true essence of worship is that when it's done with the right intention, then there is no sin, no immodesty. But, when worship becomes routine, then it loses its essence, just like when ice is placed in warm water, the ice is lost. Or when spice is admixed, it loses its heat. Similarly, when supplication is done only out of habit, then it loses its essence and no longer brings benedictions.

## Don't Give Up!

What should've happened was that Muslims should've taken a stand and boycotted the business that promote immodesty to show that an Islamic society would not let indecency prevail. Alas, Muslims only say that this isn't right, things need to change, but in truth everyone has given into this filth and to some extent or the other has accepted and adopted this culture.





My dear readers, there is no religion without modesty. No faith without modesty. An Islamic society can not exist without modesty. Married life can not exist. Children do not respect their parents. Families break apart. Nothing survives because modesty is the valuable asset which is the base of an Islamic society. If we want to protect our society, then we need to protect modesty. There is still time, it's not too late. But once it is, we will not be able to do anything except shed tears of blood. So make use of this time and protect your homes, your families, your gatherings from indecency. Conduct yourselves in the manner befitting a modest Muslim. Don't give up in the face of indecency. We hope that Allah ﷻ will help us protect this asset, and help us protect our faith.

May Allah ﷻ make us doers more than listeners and talkers. (Ameen)







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