

## Hijaab in America

Bismillah.

Allah says: “O Prophet! Tell your wives to and daughters and the women of the of the believers to draw their cloaks (veils) all over their bodies (ie: screen themselves completely except the eyes or one eye to see the way) That will be better, that they should be known as (as free respectable women) So as not to be annoyed”. And Allah is oft forgiving most merciful. [1]

It is very important to follow what Allah says. We are believing muslimah’s in Islam. How much better could it be to follow Allah’s command then to cover our beauty and show modesty.

Allah also says: “And say the believing women to lower their gaze (from looking at forbidden things), and protect their private parts (from illegal sexual acts) and not to show off their adornment except only that which is apparent (like both eyes for necessity to see the way, or outer palms of the hands, or one eye or dress like veils, gloves, head cover, apron), and to draw their veils all over Juyybihinna (i.e. their bodies, faces, necks, and bosoms)”. [2]

This is clear evidence to us that the believing Muslim women should cover their bodies and protect their beauty. Some men don’t have as much restraint as others, and when women show off their bodies it can only cause problems. Women can even get hurt if they are not careful. I believe we as Muslim women, that we demand respect and show modesty to the fullest. I am proud of my hijaab!

There are seven conditions of hijaab. The garments should be large enough to cover the entire body and loose fitting. It should also be plain to see and not have any decoration. The hijaab should not be bright in color or that could make you stand out. The garment must also be un-perfumed and not have a strong scent. When a woman wears hijaab it should not resemble men clothing in any way and it also should not imitate the dress of the disbelievers. Lastly, the hijaab should not be something that is extremely expensive or something you wear for popularity and attention. [3]

My point of view since wearing hijab has been a real transformation in my life. When my mother gave me my first khimar and abaya, I was a bit heartbroken thinking this is it for me. No more freedom, but this was because I didn't understand at first. I thought people would stare and make fun of me. I didn't want to be different. My mother explained to me the importance of hijab, and how I should protect my beauty. I didn't understand still, until something happened one day. I was with my cousin, and she was wearing really tight clothes. An older man made a comment about what she was wearing and how much he liked it. My cousin was disgusted and did not like the attention her clothing brought her. This was the day I truly understood the command from Allah, for us to protect our beauty and the responsibility of wearing hijab. As a Muslimah in America, I have found it to be easy for me and knowing I am obeying my Lord makes me even feel better about it. I am a believer in Islam and know ALLAH has made this religion easy for me. ALLAHU AKBAR!

Resources:

[1] Surah Al-Ahzaab, Verse #59

[2] Surah An-Nur, Verses #30 and 31

[3] Book "Islamic Dress Code for Women" Compiled by Research Division, Darrusalam  
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