



## Hijab and Headcovering

### **A Divine Ordinance, Ordained by All Prophets of Allah (SBUT)**

On the one hand ladies are created as soft as flowers ... as precious as gems ... as comforting as peace ... So they are to be attended and protected as they need ... On the other hand ladies are created loving, patient and giving to be mothers and wives ... So they are to be loved and respected as they deserve ... On another hand ladies are created sharp-sightedly intelligent ... So they are to be considered for their intellect and not displayed and used as means of pleasure ... And ladies are to choose Heavenly Flowers as Hadrat Fatimah, Hadrat Zaynab, Hadrat Maryam and ... as their perfect role models ... May Allah hasten the beautiful Appearance of Mahdi the flower of Fatimah and 'Eesa the flower of Maryam (SBUT) ... AAMEEN ...

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## **Hijab: A Divine Ordinance, ordained by all Prophets of Allah (SBUT) Part 1**

It is noteworthy to remind that in this site, using jewish, christian, sunni, ... and Shi'ah documents, one of the very vital issues concentrated upon has been the fact that sadly after the Prophets of Allah, many within the nations of Prophets forsook the Allah-Chosen Successors of Prophets (SBUT) and instead followed usurpers who have either disregarded or distorted the Pure **Divine teachings of the Prophets** (SBUT); as the direct result slowly but surely the Divine commands and teachings- either partly or fully- have been gradually replaced by human desires, myths, philosophies, mysticism, speculations, conjectures and ... . It was always the usurpation of the Allah Bestowed Successorship which **opened the door** for distortions and thenceforth gradually various forms of distortions have been occurring.

Therefore for instance things which are being observed in so called christian societies, are far from what Allah had intended and commanded thru the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) ...

A Truth which is vital to be understood by all is that Allah- and only Allah- was Azali (preexistantly eternal), i.e. so to speak, Allah always was. The Ever-Omniscient and the Ever-Omnipotent Allah has eternally (without beginning) been aware of human changes and so called progress in different human times and human places. Allah does not and needs not to change based on human desires and changes rather it is human who needs to change and conform to Allah's benevolent and perfect Wishes. Allah has prescribed a certain way of life which He Knows to be the best and purest for humankind; a way of life which is not limited in time and place. What we have to realize is that earthly times and places are the dimensions of this planet and world, and only the creations are limited within these boundaries; i.e. the dimensions of time and place only limit created creatures not Allah Himself ... **Allah is the Creator of time and place**. Therefore believing that what Allah said yesterday is no longer valid today is tantamount to not understanding that yesterday, today and tomorrow are only for us as creations, Allah and His Knowledge is absolutely not limited within such dimensions ... the Ever-Omniscient and Ever-Omnipotent Allah has prescribed a "**pure**" way of life for humankind for all human times and human places ...

Thus we must remember that one aspect of Allah's commands thru His Prophets and Messengers (SBUT) has been the "**purification**" of humankind:

*Qur'an 3:164 Certainly Allah conferred a great favor and grace upon the believers when He raised among them a Messenger **from among themselves, reciting** to them His Aayaat (Signs, Communications, Revelations ...) and "**purifying**" them, and **teaching** them **The Book** and **The wisdom**, although before that they were surely in manifest error.*

One of such “purifying” commands of Allah through His Prophets has been the command of Hijab which the nations of previous Prophets gradually- following their desires and satanic temptations ...- have disregarded and the direct results of this disobedience of Allah have been the disintegration of families, propagation of all uncleanness and indecencies, before marriage relationships, illegitimate children, and ... . Sadly some Muslims too are following the same path toward perdition, while the Prophet Mohammad (SBUH & HA) had repeatedly- including in his everlasting Ghadir Sermon- declared that **his stated Halaal (religiously allowed) and Haraam (unallowed) were Halaal and Haraam till the Day of Judgment.**

Let us never forget:

*Qur’an 7:158 Say: O **humankind!** surely I am the Messenger of Allah to you **all**, of Him Whose is the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth, there is no god but He; He brings to life and causes to die, therefore **believe in Allah and His Messenger**, the Ummi Prophet\* who **believes in Allah and His Words**, and **follow** him so that you may be guided to the right way.*

\*We cordially invite our friends to read both parts of the article “Ummi Prophet, illiterate or not!” in this site: [kindfather.com](http://kindfather.com)

In this writing we are going to present the remnant of the command of Hijab within the current bible and also a few samples within jewish and christian documents; it must be kept in mind that due to distortions and omissions not only the full command has not been kept but also distorted versions have remained. In any case the existence of such remnants proves that all Prophets including Hadrat Moosa- Moses- and Hadrat ‘Eesa- Jesus- (SBUT) had also commanded Hijab and it has been humankind who has followed human desires ... thus changed and gradually forsaken this Allah Ordained command too.

Here, we wish to remind a sample verse from the Majestic Qur’an which warns us not to obey and thus take our desires as a god ... let us not forget that taking any thing besides Allah, as a god directs us away from monotheism:

*Qur’an 25:43 Have you seen him who takes his low desires for his god? Will you then be a protector over him?*

## **Hijab: A Divine Ordinance, ordained by all Prophets of Allah (SBUT) Part 2**

Let us now look at a few references to Hijab of ladies which are still remaining in the current so called old testament of the bible:

genesis 20:16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a **covering of the eyes\*** unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved.

\*Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers: The “covering of the eyes” may mean a veil to protect her from the wanton desires of others; Matthew Poole's Commentary: This is to thee ... i.e. this I give to thee to buy thee a veil, wherewith thou mayst cover thy face, as it is fit and usual for married persons to do. Compare Genesis 24:65, 1 Corinthians 11:3,6,7,10; Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible: So in this he tells her that he had given him so much money to buy her a veil with, and to supply her with veils from time to time to cover her eyes, that nobody might be tempted to lust after her, and that it might be known she was a married woman; ...

Genesis 24:65 For she [Rebekah] had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master :therefore **she took a vail, and covered herself.**

In the fifth chapter of the book of Numbers when the priest is charging a woman accused of wrong doing with an oath, the woman's head covering is to be removed for that ceremony; indicating that the head covering was part of the apparel of religious ladies:

Numbers 5:18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and **uncover the woman's head** ...

Deuteronomy 22:5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man ,neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are **abomination unto the LORD** thy God.

In Isaiah 47 when depicting the humiliation and mortification of a falling queen, it states:

1 ... Sit on the ground without a throne ... For you shall no longer be called tender and delicate. 2 ... **Remove your veil** ... 5"Sit silently, and go into darkness ... For you will no longer be called The queen ... (NASB (updated) text)

And here are few samples from jewish writings”

“Although there is no positive command for women to cover their heads in [today's so called] the Old Testament, there are non-canonical rabbinical writings on tzniut, meaning

**"modesty" [referring to the wearing of veil by women ...]** (Shulchan Aruch, Rabbi Jacob ben Asher's Stone of Help 115, 4; Orach Chayim 75,2; Even Ha'ezer 21, 2 4)." (Schiller, Mayer (1995). "The Obligation of Married Women to Cover Their Hair". The Journal of Halacha 30: 81–108. As cited in the English Wikipedia.)

Will Durant in Story of Civilization IV: The Age of Faith, in regard to Jewish law, has written that if a woman who transgresses Mosaic law or Jewish custom, such as going out with her head uncovered, her husband has the right to divorce her without payment of her marriage-contract (kesubah, Ketubah).

It is noteworthy to mention that the law indicated by Will Durant is from the Mishnah (the basic part of the Talmud), Kesubos 7.6, in which the cases when a Jewish man can divorce his wife without paying her that which is set in her marriage-contract, are stated.

The Talmud (the collection of Jewish law and tradition) states that women who are or have been married (widows and divorcees) are required to cover their hair. The Source: The Talmud in Kesuvos 72a states that the source for this prohibition is from BaMidbar (Numbers) 5:18 which deals with the laws of a sotah - a suspected adulteress - and states, "The priest shall stand the woman before God and uncover her hair ...". Rash'i (Rabbi Shlomo Yitchaki, 1040-1105, author of the primary commentary on the Talmud) provides two explanations for the Talmud's conclusion, one, that from the fact that she is punished midah kneged midah (measure for measure) for exposing her hair to her paramour we see that this is prohibited and, two, from the fact that we expose her hair we see that under normal conditions a Jewish woman's hair should be covered.

And so on ...

And in the so called new testament of the bible let us look at 1 Corinthians, which is written by Paul, the usurper of Allah-Ordained Successorship Position:

11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ 11:2 .Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things ,and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you .  
11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ ;and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God 11:5 ...But **every woman** that prayeth or prophesieth with her **head uncovered dishonoureth her head**: for that is even all one as if she were shaven 11:6 .For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, **let her be covered\***. 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man 11:8 .For the man is not of the woman: but the woman of the man 11:9 .Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man 11:10 .For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels 11:13 ...Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman **pray unto God uncovered?**

\*The word covering used in English translations of 1 Corinthians 11:6, in Greek bible = katakalyptō which means veiling and literal cloth covering. (from McGrath, William



(1986). A Biblical and Historical Review of the Christian Woman's Veiling. Amish Mennonite Publications. p. 12. As cited in the English Wikipedia.)

Let us pay attention that as usual Paul has called people to “himself” and to “his” gospel\* and “his” ordinances, according to the specifications which Paul has delivered them, not to Jesus and Jesus’ gospel and ordinances:

“Be ye followers of me ... and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you”

\*bible - Rom. 2:16; 16:26; 1 Cor. 15:1; 1 Thess. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:8.

It is vital to pay attention that the characteristic of all usurpers of Allah-Bestowed Successorship Position has been that they, firstly, have denied the Allah-Bestowed lordship of the true Allah-Chosen Successors and thus deprived their followers of the **Truth of Allah** and **spirit of the Truth**; and secondly they, fully or partly, either have a) disregarded or b) distorted Prophetic Divine ordinances, and thus deprived their followers of the pure **body of the Truth of Allah** too ... Paul after the Prophet ‘Eesa- Isa, Jesus- (SBUH), AbuBakr, ‘Umar and ... after Hadrat Mohammad (SAWA) have done exactly that ... It is also vital not to ever forget that if the teachings of all previous Prophets (SBUT) were not forsaken and distorted, the descendants of the followers of all Prophets (SBUT), as commanded by Allah, would have followed the Last Prophet of Allah, Hadrat Muhammad (SBUH & HA) and his Allah Chosen Successors the twelve Infallible Imams (SBUT), and therefore the world would not have experienced so much pain and suffering in the name of god and religion ... Alas! ...

It is from this very same satanic characteristic that Paul has called to “his” gospel and ordinances while according to this very same bible the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) in regard to observing the law of Torah and ordinances has said:

Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy “the Law [Torah, Law of Moses]”, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:

Paul after the so-called death of Jesus, openly put down and disparaged ordinances of Jesus (SBUH):

Colossians 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances.

And in this manner Paul the usurper actually disregarded most of the ordinances which Jesus (SBUH) had commanded:

Colossians 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

While either fully or partially a) disregarding many ordinances, Paul also b) distorted some Prophetic ordinances and commanded the obedience of his own ordinances, calling them “ordinance of God”:

Romans 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Paul, due to his distorted beliefs regarding women, distorted the true “purifying” Hijab ordinance; he in Corinthians has called for headcovering for women, but this command according to him is to obey her husband, not to obey God and to observe the so called “modesty”. I.e. Paul- believing in inferiority of women- in distorting the pure command of Hijab by the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) has reduced it to a mere submission of women to men.

This is how: “The Reformers understood the head covering mandate for women in public worship to be a sign of her submission to her husband, as the Scriptures declare "Christ is the head of man, man is the head of the woman".” I.e. the christians based on Paul’s doctrine believe that Hijab command for women is only due to man's authority over woman. Ironically the christians claim that a reason they criticize Hijab in Islam is because it is a sign of male authority! While the command of Hijab in Islam and also in undistorted teachings of all prophets (SBUT), has always been a direct purifying command from Allah and thus **submission to Allah**:

*Qur’an 24:30 Say to the believing men that they cast down their looks and guard their private parts; that is purer for them; surely Allah is Aware of what they do.*

*Qur’an 24:31 And say to the believing women that they cast down their looks and guard their private parts and do not display their adorning beauty except what appears thereof, and let them wear their head-coverings over their bosoms, and not display their adornments except to their husbands or their fathers, or the fathers of their husbands, or their sons, or the sons of their husbands, or their brothers, or their brothers' sons, or their sisters' sons, or their women, or those whom their right hands possess, or the male servants not having need (of women), or the children who have not attained knowledge of what is hidden of women; and let them not strike their feet so that what they hide of their ornaments may be known; and turn to Allah all of you [men and women], O believers! so that you may be successful.*

*Qur’an 33:59 O Prophet! say to your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers that they let down upon them their over-garments (cloaks ...); this will be more proper, that they may be known, and thus they will not be given trouble; and Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.*

Paul- who was a self confessed jew (Acts 22:3)- obviously believed in distorted old testament view of women, then he transferred the same distorted belief into the so called new testament- which more than half of its books are from Paul- and therefore also distorted the purifying Hijab command too:



Old testament, Job 14:1 and 4 Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble...Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one.

Old testament, Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

New testament, in 1 Timothy Paul states:

2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection 2:12 .But I (Paul) suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

In new testament Ephesians 5:24 Paul commands:

Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in "every thing".

It was the distorted doctrine of Paul which reflected in the statements of some christian scholars:

"Do you know that each of you is an Eve? The sentence of God on this sex of yours lives in this age; the guilt must necessarily live also. You are the Devil's gateway; you are the unsealer of that tree; you are the first deserter of the Divine Law; you are she who persuaded him when the devil was not valiant enough to attack. You destroyed so easily God's image in man. On account of your deserts (i.e. death), even the Son of God had to die." St. Tertullian - de Coltu Feminarum.

John Knox (1505-1572):

"First, I say, the woman in her greatest perfection was made to serve and obey man, not to rule and command him. As saint Paule doth reason in these wordes: 'Man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man. And man was created for the cause of the woman, but the woman for the cause of man; and therefore ought the woman to have a power upon her head,' (that is, a coverture in signe of subjection)." (John Knox, "The First Blast Of The Trumpet Against The Monstrous Regiment Of Women," Works of John Knox, David Laing, ed. (Edinburgh: Printed For The Bannatyne Club), IV:377. The antiquated spelling of some of the words in this quote is taken directly from the text used.)

Matthew Henry in his Commentary on the Whole Bible, published in 1706 by MacDonald Publishing Co. VI:562 writes:

"She ought to have power on her head, because of the angels [1 Corinthians 11:10]. Power, that is, a veil, the token, not of her having the power or superiority, but being under the power of her husband, subjected to him, and inferior to the other sex."

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## **Hijab: A Divine Ordinance, ordained by all Prophets of Allah (SBUT) Part 3**

Existence of indications to Hijab in the so called old testament And jewish writings, and the biblical reference to the issue that Jesus (SBUH) did not destroy and abrogate the mosaic laws, and references to Hijab in the so called new testament and Christian writings, and Qur'anic confirmation, prove that the command of Hijab existed even though it has been partly or fully disregarded, altered and ... by malevolent usurpers and their followers; here are a few samples from christian-respected scholars and writings indicating Hijab for women:

“Early Church Fathers, such as Hermas, Clement of Alexandria, Jerome, Augustine of Hippo and Tertullian also mentioned **women's headcoverings.**” (“Concerning the Trial and Tribulation that are to Come Upon Men”. Pastor of Hermas. Ante-Nicene Fathers.; “On Clothes”. The Instructor. Ante-Nicene Fathers.; Schaff, Philip (1994). Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers. Hendrickson Publishers.; Augustine. “How Man is the Image of God. Whether the Woman is Not Also the Image of God. How the Saying of the Apostle, that the Man is the Image of God, But the Woman is the Glory of the Man, is to Be Understood Figuratively and Mystically”. On the Trinity. Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers.; Ante-Nicene Fathers, Volume Four, Book One, Part Three—On the Veiling of Virgins. As cited in the English Wikipedia.)

Irenaeus translates 1 Corinthians 11:10 as follows: "A woman ought to have a veil upon her head, because of the angels." (Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book 1, 8:2, cited in The Ante-Nicene Fathers, A. Cleveland Cox, ed., (U.S.A: The Christian Literature Publishing Co., 1885), I:327.)

Clement of Alexandria (153-217 a.d.) considered as improper clothing for women anything that did not **cover the eyes or hide the shape of the body.** He wrote when dean between A.D. 192 and 202 of christianity's foremost institution of learning. He stated it is unseemly for clothes to end above the knee, "nor is it becoming **for any part of a woman to be exposed.**"

A christian woman was to be "**entirely covered,** unless she happens to be at home. For that style of dress is grave, and protects from being gazed at. And she will never fall, who puts before her eyes **modesty,** and her shawl; nor will she invite another to fall into sin by **uncovering her face.**" (Clement of Alexandria, The Instructor, cited in The Ante-Nicene Fathers, A. Cleveland Cox, ed., (U.S.A: The Christian Literature Publishing Co., 1885), II:290.)

Clement also pointed out that "it is prohibited to expose the ankle ... it has also been enjoined that the **head should be veiled and the face covered;** for it is a wicked thing for beauty to be a **snare** to men."

The Didascalia was a comprehensive manual of christian corporate and private life compiled in the early third century. After discountenancing otherwise honorable women adopting the clothing, footwear and hairstyles of **streetwalkers**, it instructed: "Thou therefore that art a Christian, **do not imitate such women**; but if thou wouldst be a faithful woman, **please thy husband only**. And **when thou walkest in the street, cover thy head with thy robe**, that by reason of **thy veil** thy great beauty may be hidden; and [**when thou walkest in the street**] **adorn not** thy natural face; but **walk with downcast looks, being veiled.**"

In reference to the Roman practice of public nude bathing, it asked christian women **how they could appear naked in such circumstances even though they covered their faces and bodies in the street.**

Between the times of Clement and the Didascalia came the church father Tertullian. His treatise "On Prayer" presented a long dissertation on whether women were free to be unveiled in church when **all Christian women wore veils outside** it.

There was a controversy over whether "woman" in 1 Corinthians 11:5-16 applied to (1) every post-pubescent female or (2) only an adult female who was sexually experienced, i.e., not a virgin. He being a Roman lawyer, became champion of the cause that "woman" included sexually inexperienced adult females.

Tertullian spoke of **concealing the face in public** as universal among christian females. He spoke of **outdoor veiling** as a law of nature and called on proto-nuns to be consistent by veiling at public worship as well. He rhetorically queried: "Why do you denude before God what you cover before men? Will you be more **modest** in public than in the church?"

Years later, Tertullian noted that women veiled their heads in public, in the presence of heathen men, with the implication that **all adult christian females wore "burqas" or at least ample veils outside home and church.**

No author in the first two centuries of the christian church whose writings have survived disputed that married women must be veiled in church or that all believing adult females must cover their features when outside it or their home.

And so on ...

And let us keep in mind all older paintings and statues of Hadrat Maryam- Mary- (SBUH) in which she was always depicted fully veiled; one of her more famous attributes is: "White veil".

The following two statements, one from the past and the other present, should be quite thought-provoking and eye-opening:

John Calvin (1509-1564) The theologian of the Reformation preached three sermons from 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 from which the following excerpts are taken:

"So if women are thus permitted to have their heads uncovered and to show their hair, they will eventually be allowed to expose their entire breasts, and they will come to make their exhibitions as if it were a tavern show; they will become so brazen that modesty and shame will be no more; in short they will forget the duty of nature. . . . So, when it is permissible for the women to uncover their heads, one will say, 'Well, what harm in uncovering the stomach also?' And then after that one will plead [for] something else: 'Now if the women go bareheaded, why not also [bare] this and [bare] that?' Then the men, for their part, will break loose too. In short, there will be no decency left, unless people contain themselves and respect what is proper and fitting, so as not to go headlong overboard." (Seth Skolnitsky, trans., *Men, Women and Order in the Church: Three Sermons by John Calvin*, (Dallas, TX: Presbyterian Heritage Publications, 1992), pp. 12,13.)

Bob Schlenker, an American christian *contemporary* author, has said:

"Some time ago, I had been prompted by the spirit of the Lord to ask why the relationship between men and women was such a mess, particularly within the church. The answer that became inescapably apparent is that men and women in the church have rebelled against the Lord by disobeying commands governing their gender roles. Myself included! One example of this rebellion concerns headcovering."

Alas! . . . Hadrat 'Eesa- Eisa, Jesus- (SBUH) never commanded a free interrelationship between men and women, resulting to such a mess that the world is in today:

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 5:29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Let us now look at a few Islamic Hadiths in this regard:

In Tohaf al-'Oqool it is narrated that Hadrat 'Eesa (SBUH) has said that even one look at a person who is not Mahram (for men: wives, daughters, mothers . . . , and for women husbands, sons, fathers . . . are Mahram) should be avoided, for the seed of lust is thus planted in hearts, and one look is enough for corruption of the person who looks.

In the Warraam Hadith collection it is narrated that Hadrat 'Eesa (SBUH) has said that one must not stare at any thing which is not allowed, for as long as one guards his eyes adultery will not be committed; Hadrat (SBUH) continues that if a person is able to even avoid looking at the clothing of a woman who is not Mahram, he should do so.

In Meshkaat al-Anwaar, Nahj al-Fesaahah and ... Hadiths from Hadrat Mohammad (SAWA) and Imam Saadeq (SBUH) and ... have been narrated in which it is stated that no one is safe from adultery, every human part has its own adultery; the adultery of eyes is looking, the adultery of Lips is kissing, the adultery of tongues is talking, the adultery of hands is touching, the adultery of souls is wanting ... a person who is not Mahram ...

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Alas! It is so sad that some muslims have been falling in similar satanic traps ...



## **Hijab: A Divine Ordinance, ordained by all Prophets of Allah (SBUT) Part 4**

It is also important to keep in mind that Shaytaan (satan ...) works step by step, thus headcovering in christianity was not disregarded at once rather it slowly changed form in christian communities ... The following statements are from "Head Covering Through the Centuries" by David Bercot:

"Around the time of the Reformation, the cap form of head covering became popular in northern Europe in place of a hanging veil.

"In the sixteenth century, the cap type of covering replaced the hanging veil in western Europe and in the newly discovered Americas.

"During the 1800's, middle and upper class women generally wore bonnets for head coverings. Sometimes these were more a matter of fashion than of modesty. However, among the common people, caps and veils were still quite common.

"During the nineteenth century in the United States and western Europe, the middle class and wealthy women switched from veils and caps to ornate bonnets. Bonnets became more a matter of fashion than of **modesty** or **obedience**.

"By the turn of the twentieth century, the ornate bonnets of the nineteenth century had given way to ladies' hats. Until the mid-century, women in Europe and America typically wore a hat or scarf in public, but they were simply following tradition and fashion without realizing that there was originally a spiritual reason behind the practice. Similarly, until about 1960, western women wore hats when in church. But the meaning behind the hat was lost.

"Today, Christian women in eastern churches still cover their heads in church. Some of them cover their heads all of the time. In the west, some Plymouth Brethren women still wear the prayer veil in church, as do many black women. But usually these sisters do not wear a head covering at other times.

"Generally speaking, in the west today, only the Mennonite, Amish, Brethren and Hutterite women still practice wearing a head covering at all times. **However, in recent years, they have been joined by thousands of Christian women from house churches and other independent congregations** who have re-discovered this New Testament practice."

It is important to keep in mind that, as mentioned above and confirmed by all christians, most christian women until about 1960, followed some Hijab rules and thus it has only

been about **50 years** since the Hijab issue has been seriously forsaken by most christian women:

“At the start of the 20th century, women in most mainstream Christian denominations wore head coverings during church services. (Kraybill, Donald B. (5 October 2010). Concise Encyclopedia of Amish, Brethren, Hutterites, and Mennonites. JHU Press. p. 103.) These included many Anglican (Muir, Edward (18 August 2005). Ritual in Early Modern Europe. Cambridge University Press. p. 31.) Baptist, (Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches 2012. Abingdon Press. 2012-04-01. p. 131.) Methodist, (Morgan, Sue (2010-06-23). Women, Gender and Religious Cultures in Britain, 1800-1940. Taylor & Francis. p. 102.) Presbyterian (Seth Skolnitsky, trans., Men, Women and Order in the Church: Three Sermons by John Calvin (Dallas, TX: Presbyterian Heritage Publications, 1992), pp. 12,13.) and Roman Catholic Churches. (Henold, Mary J. (2008). Catholic and Feminist: The Surprising History of the American Catholic Feminist Movement. UNC Press Books. p. 126.)

“In fact, until the 20th century no Reformed [protestant] theologian taught against head coverings for women in public worship. While Anabaptists, Amish, and Mennonites advocate the wearing of headcoverings at all times, ... the [later] Reformed teaching is that "praying and prophesying" refers to the activities taking place in public worship, ... Anabaptists disagree and many women in their communities are so concerned with violating what they believe to be a command outside of public worship ... The Reformers understood the head covering mandate for women in public worship to be a sign of her submission to her husband, as the Scriptures declare "Christ is the head of man, man is the head of the woman". Anabaptists have argued, however, that a woman is obligated to rebel against her husband if he forbids her to wear the covering at all times, for it is better to obey God than to obey man. (1st Corinthians 11:3)” (English Wikipedia)

“In Sweden the use of veil was common in older times, but faded away in the early 20th century and when women started going to church without a veil in the mid 1920s it caused little concern and within a decade most agreed that Swedish Christian women **were not veiled, nor ever had been**, nor should be. (As a veil: The Christian veil in a Swedish context, Hallgren Sjöberg, Elisabeth; 2014. As cited in the English Wikipedia.)

This is an obvious example of distorting history, effecting those who ignorantly do **not** know the facts: “within a decade most agreed that Swedish Christian women **were not veiled, nor ever had been**”.

But let us not forget that the issue of headcovering in christianity has not yet totally faded away:

“Some [christians] have argued that it [Hijab] is still obligatory, advancing several grounds for their opinion, including the claim that headcovering for women is a centennial and immemorial custom (cf. canon 5 of the Code of Canon Law).” (Michael, Jacob (August 27, 2010). "Still Binding? The Veiling of Women and Meatless Fridays". As cited in the English Wikipedia.)

Interestingly today some Christians are even advertising and selling head coverings for ladies in the United States, the following is one sample:

“Scroll Publishing now offers head coverings for sale. These are made by a local sister, and she offers them at very reasonable prices. To see the different styles and sizes available, please go to ...”

“In some countries where women no longer as a matter of course wear hats when going outdoors, [some traditionalist] Catholic women do wear headcoverings in church. The forms range from a mantilla to a hat or a simple headscarf. If mantillas are worn, they are usually black (or any color but white) for married and white for unmarried women.”  
(English Wikipedia)

“Headcovering, at least during worship services, is still promoted or required in a few denominations and among the more traditional Catholics. Among these are Catholics who live a plain life and are known as Plain Catholics. Some Anabaptist denominations, including the Amish, Old Order Mennonite and Conservative Mennonites, the Old German Baptist Brethren, (Thompson, Charles (2006). *The Old German Baptist Brethren: Faith, Farming, and Change in the Virginia Blue Ridge*. University of Illinois Press. p. 33.) the Hutterites, (Hostetler, John (1997). *Hutterite Society*. The Johns Hopkins University Press. p. 105.) and the Apostolic Christian Church; Christ's Forgiveness Ministries; some Pentecostal churches, such as the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, The Pentecostal Mission, the Deeper Christian Life Ministry, and the Christian Congregation in the United States, like Congregação Cristã no Brasil; the Laestadian Lutheran Church, the Plymouth Brethren; and the more conservative Scottish and Irish Presbyterian and Dutch Reformed churches.” (As cited in the English Wikipedia.)

“Some Eastern Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches require women to cover their heads while in church; an example of this practice occurs in the Russian Orthodox Church.” (Gdaniec, Cordula (1 May 2010). *Cultural Diversity in Russian Cities: The Urban Landscape in the Post-Soviet Era*. Berghahn Books. p. 161. As cited in the Wikipedia.)

“In Albania, Christian women often wear white veils, although their eyes are visible; moreover, in that nation, in Orthodox Christian church buildings, women are separated from men by latticework partitions during the church service. (Edwin E. Jacques (1995). *The Albanians: An Ethnic History from Prehistoric Times to the Present*. McFarland. p. 221.)

“In nations in regions such as the Indian subcontinent, nearly all women wear head coverings during church services.” (Haji, Nafisa (2011-05-17). *The Sweetness of Tears*. HarperCollins. p. 316.)

It is more than obvious that Allah (SWT)- thru all His Prophets (SBUT)- has ordained the “purifying” command of Hijab and it has been humankind who has followed satanic temptations and has been gradually ignoring this Divine Ordinance and thus experiencing so much personal and social problems ... in spite of this, it is undeniably so beautiful that The “purifying” issue of Hijab is quite in harmony with human Fetrat (Allah-endowed innate Recognition of Allah ...); all Divine Ordinances are such ... . If we cleanse sins, ignorance, arrogance and ... from our souls, hearts, minds, actions ... then the Light of Fetrat shall shine ...

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## **Hijab: A Divine Ordinance, ordained by all Prophets of Allah (SBUT) Last part (5)**

At the end- in order to show that all “purifying” commands of Allah are in perfect harmony with human Fetrat (Allah-endowed innate recognition of Allah ...), in perfect harmony with human heart- we wish to present an open letter written by a christian lady called Joanna Francis who is an American writer and journalist, addressed to Muslim ladies:

“Between the Israeli assault on Lebanon and the Zionist “war on terror,” the Muslim world is now center stage in every American home. I see the carnage, death and destruction that have befallen Lebanon, but I also see something else: I see you.

I can’t help but notice that almost every woman I see is carrying a baby or has children around her. I see that though they are dressed **modestly**, their beauty still shines through. But it’s not just outer beauty that I notice. I also notice that I feel something strange inside me: I feel envy. I feel terrible for the horrible experiences and war crimes that the Lebanese people have suffered, being targeted by our common enemy.

But I can’t help but admire your strength, your beauty, your modesty, and most of all, your happiness. Yes, it’s strange, but it occurred to me that even under constant bombardment, you still seemed happier than we are, because you were still living the **natural lives of women**. The way women have always lived since the beginning of time. **It used to be that way in the West until the 1960s**, when we were bombarded by the same enemy. Only we were not bombarded with actual munitions, but with **subtle trickery and moral corruption**.

### **Through Temptation**

They bombarded us Americans from Hollywood, instead of from fighter jets or with our own American-made tanks. They would like to bomb you in this way too, after they’ve finished bombing the infrastructure of your countries. I do not want this to happen to you. You will feel degraded, just like we do. You can avoid this kind of bombing if you will kindly listen to those of us who have already suffered serious casualties from their evil influence. Because **everything you see coming out of Hollywood is a pack of lies, a distortion of reality, smoke and mirrors**. They present casual sex as harmless recreation because **they aim to destroy the moral fabric of the societies** into which they beam their poisonous programming. I beg you not to drink their poison. There is no antidote for it once you have consumed it. You may recover partially, but you will never be the same. **Better to avoid the poison altogether** than to try to heal from the damage it causes.

**They will try to tempt you** with their titillating movies and music videos, falsely portraying us American women as happy and satisfied, proud of dressing like prostitutes,

and content without families. Most of us are not happy, trust me. Millions of us are on **anti-depressant medication**, hate our jobs, and cry at night over the men who told us they loved us, then **greedily used us and walked away**. They would like **to destroy your families and convince you to have fewer children**. They do this by [usually implicitly] presenting marriage as a form of slavery, motherhood as a curse, and being modest and pure as old-fashioned. **They want you to cheapen yourself and lose your faith**. They are like the Serpent tempting Eve with the apple. Don't bite.

### **Self-Value**

I see you as **precious gems**, pure gold, or the "pearl of great value" spoken of in the Bible (Matthew 13: 45). All women are pearls of great value, but some of us have been deceived into doubting the value of our purity. Jesus said: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you" (Matthew 7: 6). Our pearls are priceless, but they convince us that they're cheap. But trust me; **there is no substitute for being able to look in the mirror and seeing purity, innocence and self-respect staring back at you**.

The fashions coming out of the Western sewer are designed to make you believe that your most valuable asset is your sexuality. But your beautiful dresses and veils are actually sexier than any Western fashion, because they cloak you in mystery and **show self-respect and confidence**. A woman's sexuality should be **guarded from unworthy eyes**, since it should be **your gift to the man who loves and respects you enough to marry you**. And since your men are still manly warriors, they deserve no less than your best. Our men don't even want purity anymore. They don't recognize the pearl of great value, opting for the flashy rhinestone instead. Only to leave her too!

Your most valuable assets are your inner beauty, your innocence, and everything that makes you who you are. But I notice that some Muslim women push the limit and try to be as Western as possible, even while wearing a veil (with some of their hair showing). Why imitate **women who already regret, or will soon regret**, their lost virtue? There is no compensation for that loss. You are **flawless diamonds**. Don't let them trick you into becoming rhinestones.

Because everything you see in the fashion magazines and on Western television is **a lie**. **It is Satan's trap**. It is fool's gold.

### **A Woman's Heart**

I'll let you in on a little secret, just in case you're curious: pre-marital sex is not even that great. We gave our bodies to the men we were in love with, **believing that that was the way to make them love us** and want to marry us, just as we had seen on television growing up. But without the **security of marriage** and the sure knowledge that he will always stay with us, it's not even enjoyable! That's the irony. It was just a waste. **It leaves you in tears**.



Speaking as one woman to another, I believe that you understand that already. Because only a woman can truly understand what's in another woman's heart.

We really are all alike. Our race, religion or nationalities do not matter. A woman's heart is the same everywhere. We love. That's what we do best. We nurture our families and give comfort and strength to the men we love. But we American women have been fooled into believing that we are happiest having careers, our own homes in which to live alone, and freedom to give our love away to whomever we choose.

**That is not freedom. And that is not love.** Only in the safe haven of marriage can a woman's body and heart be safe to love. Don't settle for anything less. It's not worth it. You won't even like it and you'll like yourself even less afterwards. Then he'll leave you.

### **Self-Denial**

Sin never pays. It always cheats you. Even though I have reclaimed my honor, there's still no substitute for having never been dishonored in the first place.

We Western women have been **brainwashed** into thinking that you Muslim women are oppressed. But truly, we are the ones who are oppressed; **slaves** to fashions that degrade us, obsessed with our weight, begging for love from men who do not want to grow up. **Deep down inside, we know that we have been cheated.**

We **secretly** admire and envy you, **although some of us will not admit** it. Please do not look down on us or think that we like things the way they are. It's not our fault. Most of us **did not have fathers** to protect us when we were young because our **families have been destroyed**. You know who is behind this plot.

**Don't be fooled**, my sisters. Don't let them get you too. Stay innocent and pure. We Christian women need to see what life is really supposed to be like for women. We need you to set the example for us, because **we are lost**. Hold onto your purity.

Remember: you can't put the toothpaste back in the tube. So guard your "toothpaste" carefully! I hope you receive this advice in the spirit in which it is intended: the spirit of friendship, respect, and admiration.

*From your Christian sister with love.*

By Joanna Francis - Writer, Journalist – USA”

Phrases such as “Deep down inside, we know”, “the natural lives of women”, “We love. That's what we do best. We nurture our families and give comfort and strength to the men we love”, “Sin never pays”, “It is Satan's trap”, “That is not freedom. And that is not love”, “we are lost” that she has used, are all signs of a Fetrat (Innate Recognition of Allah and His Chosen) trying to shine. And phrases such as “opting for the flashy

rhinestone”, “or will soon regret”, “some of us will not admit it” are all signs of Fetrats still veiled under cloaks of ignorance, sin, arrogance and ....

May Allah bestow upon her beautiful heart the whole Truth ... and may we all realize that the greatest success is the obedience of the one and only Creator ... and may Allah hasten the glorious Appearance of Hadrat Mahdi of Fatimah and Hadrat ‘Eesa of Maryam- Jesus of Mary- (SBUT) ... when the Truth shall prevail ... or as stated in gospel of John 16:13 the time when Jesus (SBUH) yearned for, the time when humankind will be guided into “All Truth” ... (please see the E-book “Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT), the Promise of Bible” in this site [kindfather.com](http://kindfather.com))

*AAMEEN ...*