

CLOAKS, MODESTY OR FASHION?

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We have to try and achieve Taqwa, simplicity, modesty and shame in every aspect of our life. Hayaa in dressing is something that can never be over emphasised, especially in the times that we are living in. Is the type of clothing we wear, something that Nabi Alayhis Salaam will be happy about? Will the pure wives of Nabi Alayhis Salaam be happy about our dressing?

Unfortunately nowadays the fashion and immoral dressing has engulfed every facet of a Muslim woman's way of dressing, to the extent that even the cloak hasn't been spared. The cloak has become a fashion item. Even the cloak has become problematic. Obviously not everyone, but many are buying and asking for such cloaks that are body-fitting, which totally defeats the very purpose of the cloak. The cloak was meant to be a loose outer garment which will completely cover the shape of the body. If it is not completely covering the shape of the body and it is not a loose outer garment, then it should not be called a cloak. Then call it a fashion item or anything else, but it is not the jilbaab or the garment that Shariat has asked a woman to wear when she leaves the home. This so-called cloak will then become an indoor garment and no longer an outdoor garment. It has totally defeated the purpose of an outdoor garment. It is instead a means of going head long into fitna, where the cloak has become a means of attracting attention whereas it was meant to be distracting attention! Can we imagine that what was meant to cover has become an item that now uncovers (the shape)!!! There are now necklines in cloaks !!! - لأحول ولا قوة الا بالله. What is the purpose of wearing such cloaks? If its totally defeating the purpose, then we rather change its name as well.