

AURAH(nakedness) IN SOCIETY

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ

سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. May our sins be forgiven and may we achieve happiness in this world and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters

Indeed, among the much emphasized responsibility of muslims is related to aurah. Good and righteous husbands will ensure that their wives, children, and they themselves preserve their aurah. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 24 (surah al-Nur) verse 31:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَقُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَغْضُضْنَ مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِنَّ وَيَحْفَظْنَ فُرُوجَهُنَّ وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا
وَلْيَضْرِبْنَ بِخُمُرِهِنَّ عَلَى جُيُوبِهِنَّ ...

Which means: *And tell the believing women to reduce [some] of their vision and guard their private parts and not expose their adornment except that which [necessarily] appears thereof and to wrap [a portion of] their headcovers over their chests and not expose their adornment*

Dear brothers and sisters

This verse clearly depicts that Allah the Almighty has ordered us to cover up our aurahs. Be reminded! The dignity of muslim women will be tarnished if they exhibit their aurah to men who are not mahram just to attract attention. Likewise, it is the same for muslim men too for example wearing shorts that expose their knees do not show the qualities as required in islamic dressing. There are some who pray but their nakedness/ aurah are exposed. Where is the dignity of those who should be honored by islamic law but who couldn't care less about the commands of Allah the Almighty?

Indeed, Islamic laws place women at the highest level in the history of human civilization. Women are beautiful creation and they should be treated with dignity and respect. Thus, muslim women are regarded as very precious and should behave in a manner as expected by islam.

Dear brothers and sisters

Covering the aurah is a religious obligation of every muslim man and woman. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim:

وَنِسَاءٌ كَاسِيَاتٌ عَارِيَّاتٌ مُمِيلَاتٌ مَائِلَاتٌ رُءُوسُهُنَّ كَأَسْنِمَةِ الْبُخْتِ الْمَائِلَةِ لَا يَدْخُلْنَ
الْجَنَّةَ وَلَا يَجِدْنَ رِيحَهَا وَإِنَّ رِيحَهَا لِيُوجَدُ مِنْ مَسِيرَةٍ كَذَا وَكَذَا

Which means: *Women who are dressed but appear to be naked; their heads appear like the humps of the Bactrian camel will not enter Jannah and they will not smell its fragrance which is perceptible from such and such a distance.*

This hadith clearly shows what we are seeing today i.e. women who wear tight and transparent clothings that exhibit their bodies as if they did not wear anything. The same goes for women who wear head cover but their arms are exposed and the trousers they wear are tight. These kind of women will not get to smell the fragrance of paradise if they do not repent.

Another example is we hear some of today's society saying that not wearing head cover is acceptable as long as the heart is sincere as opposed to wearing the head cover but possessing evil hearts. Some even argue that to wear or not to wear the head cover is an individual's right. Indeed, these are precisely the words that cause women not to go to heaven because they justify what has been forbidden by Allah the Almighty. They must repent and cover their aurahs as required by the islamic law.

Let us take care of our family members instead of being ignorant of the command of Allah the Almighty especially in matters regarding covering aurah. Hopefully by covering the aurah our families will be protected from all disturbance and protect the society from acts that can violate the honor of women such as sexual harassment, adultery, rape and etc

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 33 (surah al-Ahzab) verse 59:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِأَزْوَاجِكَ وَبَنَاتِكَ وَنِسَاءِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدْنِينَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ

جَلْبَابِهِنَّ ذَلِكَ أَدْنَىٰ أَنْ يُعْرَفْنَ فَلَا يُؤْذَيْنَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٥٩﴾

Which means: *O Prophet, tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to bring down over themselves [part] of their outer garments. That is more suitable that they will be known and not be abused. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful.*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا
وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.