



5481 - Should he shave his beard so that he can become a pilot?

the question

I would like to become a pilot and I almost starting my training but there is a big problem for me and I would like to know what scholar like Cheikh El 'Uthaymin or Cheikh Bin Baz (rahimahoullah) and others say about this issue. hair defeats the purpose of the seal around the pilot's oxygen mask. The pilot just cannot depend on getting an adequate flow of oxygen or on keeping smoke or fumes out in a situation requiring the mask's use." I have flown many times Saudia Airline or other muslim companies and any pilots had a beard even a small one (I mean trim). What is the position of the scholars about beard and pilots because if it's not muslim who flight their plane do we have to call kouffar for that.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is not permissible to shave the beard or to remove any part of it, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said according to al-Sihaah: "Let your beards grow." And there are other ahaadeeth; for more information see Question #[1189](#).

There are pilots who have beards; having a beard does not prevent one from flying planes, whether they are civil or military. You should remember that a person will be resurrected as he died, so when you are resurrected in sha Allaah with the Messenger of Allaah and his Sahaabah and the believers, would you like to be beardless when they all have beards? May Allaah help you to do that which He loves and which pleases Him.