

Islam Question & Answer

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1912 - A Muslim woman does not have to wear hijab in front of her non-Muslim mother's husband

the question

What is the ruling regarding wearing hijab in front of my mother's husband? Neither of them are Muslim, although Alhumdulillah, they are accepting of my being Muslim. They have no children together and married after I had already moved out of the house. Would he be considered my mahram or not?

Juzak Allah kheir

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is not obligatory because no report to that effect has been narrated, so we refer to the principle that all things are permitted except those which have been expressly forbidden. As far as a mahram (a relative whom one is permanently forbidden to marry this includes the mothers husband) for travelling is concerned, one of the conditions is that he should be a Muslim. And Allaah knows best.