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36891 - Men's dress code

the question

In Qur'an, it has clearly mentioned, how Women should be dressed at any country or environment whether in a Islamic country or Non-Islamic country. I want to know, how should Men be dressed at any country or environment whether in a Islamic country or in a Non-Islamic country?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

There follows a summary of the rulings on dress for men. We ask Allaah to make it sufficient and beneficial.

1.The basic principle concerning everything that is worn is that it is halaal and permissible, except for that concerning which there is a text to state that it is haraam, such as silk for males, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "These two [gold and silk] are forbidden for the males of my ummah and permissible for the females." Narrated by Ibn Maajah, 3640; classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh Ibn Maajah. Similarly it is not permissible to wear the skin of a dead animal (one that has died of natural causes) unless it has been tanned. With regard to wearing clothes made of wool, goat hair and camel hair, these are pure and permissible. For more information on the use of the skin of dead animals after tanning, please see question no. [1695](#) and [9022](#).

2.It is not permissible to wear thin or see-through clothing that does not conceal the 'awrah.

3.It is haraam to imitate the mushrikeen and kuffaar in their manner of dress, so it is not

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permissible to wear clothing that is unique to the kuffaar.

It was narrated that 'Abd-Allaah ibn 'Amr ibn al-'Aas said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) saw 'Ali wearing two garments dyed with safflower and said: "These are garments of the kuffaar; do not wear them."

Narrated by Muslim, 2077.

4.It is haraam for women to imitate men and men to imitate women in the way they dress, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) cursed the men who imitate women and the women who imitate men." Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 5546.

5.It is Sunnah for a Muslim to start with the right when dressing, and to say, Bismillaah (In the name of Allaah), and to start with the left when taking clothes off.

It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "When you get dressed and when you do wudoo', start on the right." Narrated by Abu Dawood, 4141; classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Jaami', 787.

6.It is Sunnah for the one who is putting on a new garment to thank Allaah and make du'aa'.

It was narrated that Abu Sa'eed said: When the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) put on a new garment, he would call it by its name, whether it was a turban, a shirt or a cloak, then he would say: "Allaahumma laka al-hamd anta kasawtanihi as'aluka khayrahu wa khayri ma suni'a lah wa a'oodhu bika min sharrihi wa sharri ma suni'a lah (O Allaah, to You be all praise. You have clothed me with it. I ask You for the good of it and the good for which it was made, and I seek refuge with You from the evil of it and the evil for which it was made)."

Narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 1767; Abu Dawood, 4020; classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Jaami', 4664.

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7. It is Sunnah to pay attention to keeping one's clothes clean, without feeling arrogant or exaggerating about that.

It was narrated from 'Abd-Allaah ibn Mas'ood that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "No one will enter Paradise in whose heart is a mustard-seed of arrogance." A man said: "What if a man likes his clothes to look nice and his shoes to look nice?" He said: "Allaah is Beautiful and loves beauty; arrogance means rejecting the truth and looking down on people."

Narrated by Muslim, 91.

8. It is mustahabb to wear white clothes

It was narrated that Ibn 'Abbaas said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Wear white clothes, for they are the best of your clothes, and shroud your dead in them."

Narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 994, hasan saheeh. This is what the scholars regarded as mustahabb. Also narrated by Abu Dawood, 4061; Ibn Maajah, 1472.

9. It is haraam for the Muslim man to let any garment he wears hang down beneath his ankles (an action known as isbaal); the limit for any garment is the ankles.

It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said; "Whatever of the lower garment is beneath the ankles is in the Fire."

Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 5450.

It was narrated from Abu Dharr that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "There are three to whom Allaah will not speak on the Day of Resurrection and will not look at them or praise them, and theirs will be a painful torment." The Messenger of Allaah (peace and

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blessings of Allaah be upon him) repeated it three times. Abu Dharr said: “May they be doomed and lost; who are they, O Messenger of Allaah?” He said: “The one who lets his garment hang beneath his ankles, the one who reminds others of favours he has done, and the one who sells his product by means of false oaths.”

Narrated by Muslim, 106.

10. It is haraam to wear garments of fame and vanity, which means a garment that stands out from others so that people will look at the wearer and he will become known for it.

It was narrated that Ibn ‘Umar said: The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever wears a garment of fame and vanity, Allaah will dress him in a garment like it on the Day of Resurrection.”

According to another version, “...then set it ablaze.” And according to a third version, “will dress him in a garment of humiliation.”

Narrated by Abu Dawood, 4029; Ibn Maajah, 3606 and 3607; classed as hasan by Shaykh al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Targheeb, 2089.

The brother may also refer to the section on [Dress](#) in this website, where there is more information.

And Allaah knows best.