

7844 - Ruling Concerning Ridiculing a Woman who Wears the Proper Hijab and Covers Her Face

the question

What is the ruling concerning one who
ridicules those who wear the proper hijab and cover their faces and hands?

Detailed answer

Whoever ridicules a Muslim woman or man for sticking to and applying the teachings of Islam
is a

disbeliever. This is regardless of whether it is concerning woman's hijab or any other matter of
the Shariah. This is based

on the following narration from ibn Umar: At a gathering during the Battle of Tabuk, one man
said, "I have not seen

anyone like our Quranic readers who is more desirous of food, more lying in speech and more
cowardly when meeting

the enemy." A man said, "You have lied and you are a liar. I shall definitely tell the Messenger of
Allah (peace be upon

him) about that." That news was conveyed to the Messenger of Allah and the Quran was
revealed. Abdullah ibn Umar

added, "I saw the man holding on to the bag of the camel of the Messenger of Allah and the dust
was striking him while he

was saying, 'O Messenger of Allah, we were just joking and playing. The Messenger of Allah
(peace be upon him) was

simply saying the verse of the Quran],

"Was it Allah, and His Signs and His Messenger you were mocking? Make no excuse, you have disbelieved after you had

believed. If We pardon some of you, We will punish others among you because they were sinners" (al-Tauba 65-66).

So ridiculing believers has been equated with ridiculing Allah, His Signs and His Messenger.