

NO DRESS COMPULSION FOR WOMEN IN ISLAM

1. **Sheikh Muhammad Abduh** (Egypt 1849-1905) , Head of Islamic verdict in Egypt & most Islamic countries in his time clearly issued a verdict that women face cover is contrary to Islam & that there is no dress compulsion or specific dress for women in Islam except the covering of women breast slots & to observe general moderation & decency guidelines as per the society & time & place & lowering eye gazing for both men & women. Tackling the same issue several decades later ,the Islamic Egyptian famous thinker **Gamal al-Banna**, (died 2013) author of “The Muslim women between the Quran liberty and the restriction of scholars” wherein he stated that women bosom (breast slot) alone is required to be covered in Islam & that the **moderate clothes is a discretionary** issue that the muslim woman decides about what she deems to be moderate within the society & time she lives in. & that there is no religious necessity or requirement for women to wear the veil or hijab or other repressive clothes & there is **no dress compulsion** of any kind for women in any Quran verse

2. **The** so-called Islamic **veil or hijab or chador requirement known today are not from Islam in anything but only an innovation** that resulted from ignorance of the teachings of the Quran and the fundamentals of religion. The veil or hijab or any enforcement of repressive clothes on women was never imposed by Quran or Sunnah & any hadith about these repressive clothes is fake, & historically this hijab & veil was claimed to be a religious must since half a century by political Islam groups to identify some of the women and girls under their banner and make a slogan for them and tagged it a religious character

3. **Quran** calls for **lowering the gaze** for both men & women & maintaining their genital parts for legal partners only. Quran enacted a penalty for adultery but no punishment for sins which are below adultery based on the rule that good deeds wash out bad deeds

Q 53;32

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translation “Those who avoid the major sins and immoralities, only [committing] slight ones. Indeed, your Lord is vast in forgiveness”——

Q 11;114

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translation “Indeed, good deeds do away with misdeeds”——

4. . **The** entire **dress issue is not at all an issue of belief** in Islam that cannot be discussed or changed but merely a matter of general decency subject to social traditions & developments & this issue should not be so much overestimated as what is happening nowadays by many muslims & Islamic institutions . Historically , at the time of Jahiliya in the Arab peninsula , many

