

Emulators of kuffaar are kuffaar

TASHABBUH BIL KUFFAAR (EMULATING THE KUFFAAR)

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: *"Whoever emulates a nation is of them."*

A CONCERNED BROTHER OFFERS THE NASEEHAT WHICH APPEARS IN THE ENSUING PAGES.

MUSLIMS HAVE BECOME INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE WESTERN KUFFAAR

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Glory to Allah and Salutations on the Muhammad, Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam).

Two young men, man 'A' and man 'B' are walking along a road. One of them, we are told, is a Muslim. Below are their descriptions. Please read them carefully and pick the Muslim if you can:
MAN 'A': He is bareheaded and his clean-shaven face is emitting the fragrance of a popular aftershave. He is clad in a close fitting, short-sleeved T-shirt and a very tight pair of jeans that are accentuating his lower body contours and are also way below his ankles.

MAN 'B': He is bareheaded and his clean-shaven face is emitting the fragrance of a popular aftershave. He is clad in a close fitting, short-sleeved T-shirt and a very tight pair of jeans that are accentuating his lower body contours and are also way below his ankles.

Have you found out who the Muslim is between the two? Well, if you were not able to do so then do not panic. From their descriptions, they both look alike.

This is not some kind of a riddle or a puzzle but a very serious matter. It has indeed become very difficult to pick Muslims from among a group of men and even women of these days because outwardly they all have become mirror images of one another. No one can deny the fact that, going by their looks, there isn't an iota of difference between today's so-called 'Progressive Muslim' and a ghair-Muslim. In other words, the libās (dress styles) of the Muslims and the non-Muslims have become interchangeable.

One of the major crimes the present-day Muslim has committed against his nafs (self) is that he has ceased to look like a Muslim. The consequences of this gross misconduct are very far-reaching. They could be figured out from a hadith from Sunan-Dawud's Book 27 Chapter 1506 (WEARING CLOTHES FOR GAINING FAME)

Hadith number 4020, which states that: "AbdAllāh ibn 'Umar (RadhiAllāhu 'anhuma) narrated that the Prophet (Sallallāhu `alayhi wa sallam) said: He who copies any people is one of them", or words to that effect.

While most of the ghair-Muslims believe in the adage 'when in Rome, do as Romans do', we Muslims should stick to one course of action only: When in Rome, or for that matter, in any part of the world, do as our beloved Prophet (Sallallāhu `alayhi wa sallam) did or asked us to do. But how sad it is that we turn a blind eye towards the Sunnah of our beloved Prophet (Sallallāhu `alayhi wa sallam) and VOLUNTARILY let the West set our standards as far as our 'looks' and our dressing styles are concerned. Today's Muslim vocally claims to be an ardent admirer of Rasool (Sallallāhu `alayhi wa sallam) but this is not manifest in the way he or she dresses up. Supporting him, protecting his Sunnah, imitating him and being fearful of contradicting his Sunnah, are the conditions of true love for the Prophet (Sallallāhu `alayhi wa sallam).

When, in light of some ahadith*, we were told to put on the trousers in the manner that they would come above our ankles, we found it below our dignity to do so. But when the ghair-Muslims came up with the trend 'Three Quarter Pants' we readily accepted it so that we could remain above others in the world of fashion.

Our sisters are even a step ahead than our brothers in aping the west it seems. Instead of donning either a niqāb or at least a hijāb, it is indeed shocking to see that a Muslim woman prefers to dress in such a manner that part of her awrah is accentuated and at times even exposed. Muslim sisters should not wear clothes that are transparent or tight fitting wherein the outlines of their figures are visible. They should also avoid putting on sarees, mini-skirts, tights, backless dresses (worn especially by brides in the western countries but now adopted by brides from Muslim countries too!) etc. Some modern girls have even adopted the three-quarter pants in their system of dressing, thus exposing major part of their calves while others go to the extent of frequenting the public swimming pools and beaches clad unashamedly in swimsuits only (may Allāh save us from His wrath).

The worst part is that some of us are dressed in the same Kuffār attire even at the time of Salaah when we are standing in front of our Creator! Unfortunately things do not stop here. Besides our dressing style we have also adopted the Western ways in every respect. Our lifestyle, our weddings, our education systems, our leisure activities - the list is endless - they all reflect the Western culture and ideology.

In conclusion it is indeed very difficult to resist the temptation to relate a very awe-inspiring pearl from the life of Hadhrat 'Umar ibn Khattāb (RadhiAllāhu 'anhu), taken from the fascinating book 'Pearls from the Path', Volume 1, compiled by Moulana Afzal Ismail.

Here it is:

'Umar ibn al-Khattāb (RadhiAllāhu 'anhu) was on his way to Syria. While walking, he came to a shallow stream. He was dressed in a shawl, a pair of leather socks and turban. He jumped off his camel, removed his leather socks and placed them on his shoulder. He proceeded to wade through the water by leading his camel by its reins.

When Abū 'Ubaidah (RadhiAllāhu 'anhu), who had come to meet him, saw this, he remarked, "O Amīr al-Muminīn, how can you do this? You have placed your leather socks on your shoulder and you wade through the water, leading your camel by its reins! It will displease me if the inhabitants of the city see you like this."

'Umar (RadhiAllāhu 'anhu) rebuked him saying, "If anybody other than you had made this statement, I would have given him such a punishment that would have served as a lesson for the rest of the Ummah (Muslim community). We were the most disgraced of the nations and Allāh Subhānahu wa Ta'ala granted us honour through Islām. When we seek honour in any other way, Allāh Subhānahu wa Ta'ala will disgrace us."

Today this is the case. We have now been relegated to the lowliness that Allāh has promised. For proof, one only has to look around: Muslims are being humiliated, subjugated and oppressed by the very system and people whose ways they seek to emulate, in preference to the Sunnah of their Prophet (Sallallāhu `alayhi wa sallam), and the examples of those who Allāh was pleased with.

May Allāh Subhānahu wa Ta'ala guide us on Swirat al Mustaqeem, Ameen.

*Two ahadith among others are given below:

Narrated Abu Huraira (RadhiAllāhu 'anhu): The Prophet (Sallallāhu `alayhi wa sallam) said

"Whatever is below the ankles of the izār is in the fire."

Narrated ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar (RadhiAllāhu ‘anhuma), the Prophet (Sallallāhu `alayhi wa sallam) said

“Whoever trails his garment out of pride, Allāh will not look at him on the Day of Judgment.” (Sahih al-Bukhari.)

AND ALLĀH TA’ALA KNOWS BEST

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