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Hijab: A Necessity upon Every Muslima
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Allah (SWT) has commanded His female servants to cover their heads by wearing hijab. Hijab is good for many reasons.

For one thing it is a sort of protection for the female. In the United States alone, 1,871 rapes occur per day, and this number is rising. However, if you look at the Middle East, or any other country where Islam is the dominant religion, you will see a drastic difference. I believe this is so because Muslim women cover themselves and are therefore less susceptible to harassment and abuse, in the public as well as in the workplace. While this point is debatable, the statistics are not. It is very rare and uncommon to hear about a Muslim woman getting raped. Another startling statistic is that 3 out of 5 rapes happen before the age of 18. Young Muslim women should take this into consideration and begin wearing hijab at the necessary age as God has commanded.

While many of my friends who do not wear hijab have been the victims of unwanted advances and harassment, this has never occurred to me. This is so because when men see a woman wearing hijab, they know that she has certain morals that she abides by. Hijab also protects society's sacred bonds of marriage and the family unit as a whole. When a woman is wearing hijab, she is less likely to get involved in an inappropriate relationship with a man who isn't her husband. The hijab is a sort of shield for her; it gives the man the message that she is not interested. Logically speaking, how appealing does a woman who covers her hair and her body look to a man? Thus, it makes adultery less common in society. Hijab is also a symbol of pride and honor. When a Muslim woman walks down the street, everyone immediately knows that she is Muslim. However, it is impossible to distinguish a Jewish woman from a Christian one. While some people may ask what the point is, I believe it is a great sight to see a person proud of his/her identity and not embarrassed to show it. One day, I was at the mall when two teenage boys, who looked about 14 or 15 years old, walked past by me and yelled: "Let's see your hair!!!" in the middle of the food court, in front of many people. While it was a little embarrassing, I didn't let it get to me because I knew that they said those comments out of ignorance. From that day forth, I became even more convinced of wearing hijab. Many times I've gotten encouraging comments from people on the street. For example, one day a man came up to me and told me that I looked "beautiful" with

my hijab on. This comment is not rare. Many other covering girls I know have received this same acceptance from the public. Hijab takes the focus off the outer beauty and puts it on the "inner beauty" instead. It makes people look at the woman as a person, not as an object or a piece of meat. The man can then like the woman for her personality, rather than for shallow reasons such as her looks.

Many young Muslim girls say that they are embarrassed to wear hijab in public because they get negative attention. I believe it is the way they receive this attention is what determines their strength and their will. If a young Muslima really believed in hijab, she would generate the negative energy into positive energy and use the attention as a way to inform others about Islam. This way, she is making Da'wah. Da'wah is educating others about Islam and it is highly regarded. Allah (SWT) gives great rewards to anyone who makes Da'wah and a covering Muslima has a great opportunity to do so.

Finally, hijab shows that a woman has self-respect and it brings her respect from others. I believe males have more respect for females who are covered, than for those who are not. It is a rare sight to see a Muslim women being "hit on" or called names. Just the other day, I was at Footlocker when the worker there asked me why I cover. After giving him several reasons, but mainly emphasizing on modesty, he seemed clearly confused and he let me know it. "It doesn't make sense," he said. "It does, it may not to you, but it does," I said. Because I was in a hurry, I couldn't explain further. However, on my way out, I could see a genuine look of respect for me in his eyes.

Unfortunately, many young Muslimas do not think about these reasons for hijab. It does not cross their minds that it brings protection, pride, honor, modesty, and respect for a woman. Sure, dressing modestly may have a similar effect, but it still isn't the same. They keep making excuses over and over again, but they don't realize that life is too short for excuses. I speak from experience when I say that wearing hijab is one of the best decisions I have made in my life and I encourage all young Muslim females to do the same. Allah (SWT) is the All-Knowing and He tells His Believers:

"And say to the believing women, that they should lower their gaze and guard, their modesty; that they should not display their beauty and ornaments except what (ordinarily) appear thereof; that they should draw veil over their bosoms and not display their beauty except to their husbands.."-(24:31)

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