

The Beard & The Moustache

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The beard is the Sunnah of Ambiya, the sign of Islam, the recognition of a Muslim and the beauty to the face of a man. The keeping of the beard keeps one away from various sins. To keep the beard one fist length is Sunnah and to trim it less than this or remove it completely is Haraam and a sin. To allow a person, whose beard is trimmed shorter than the prescribed length, or one who shaves of his beard, to be an Imaam is not allowed and a sin. Hufaaaz, especially those who keep the beard in Ramadaan and shave it off afterwards, should ponder over this. Namaaz of any type behind such a person is not allowed.

To mock the beard can also lead to Kuffar. To shave off the beard and lengthen the moustache is the way of the Kuffaar, Mushrikeen, Majoosi and Christians. It is for the reason that the Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) commanded us to act against this by lengthening our beards and trimming our moustache. The moustache gives off a certain secretion which is not healthy, and if it were to go into food and water, then it would be unhealthy. Therefore, we should trim the moustache and not shave it off completely. To shave the beard weakens the manhood. To dye the beard and hair with black dye for man is prohibited by authentic Ahadith. Some ladies also get beards or moustache. They are allowed to remove this.

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