

Answer : Do you really need to drive ? Why?

The shariah (Islamic laws) concerns the general public and the whole Muslim Ummah not individuals, so that it prevents us from those habits which could, at some time, lead to any wrong doing

In the time of our Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) some free minded women (non Muslims) were in the habit learning to ride horses. The Mercy of both worlds, the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) said, "Allah's curse be on those women who learn horse riding."

This same curse applies to those women who drive. Such an act upon which the curse of Allah descends should be prohibited.

Apart from this curse, many harmful effects and irreligious practices will arise from Islamically legalizing women drivers.

It will open the doors of sin and evil including disregard for purdah as can be witnessed amongst women who drive.

Furthermore women will begin to wander outdoors unnecessarily which is also prohibited in Islam.

Even if she drives with Purdah she still remains a great danger to herself and others, because she may not be able to see properly and cause an accident, and also other drivers can get shocked seeing her suddenly (in purdah) and cause an accident which can create big problems. What would happen if she was alone on the motorway and had a tyre puncture?

May Allah Ta-ala give us taufeeq to fulfill his commands and avoid his prohibitions.

Question: Can a husband look at his wives breasts?

Answer: Yes Islam permits the husband to look at any part of his wife's body so that he can satisfy his desires and refrain from unlawful gazing.

Question : Is it permissible for a women to wear skirt and blouse?

Answer : It is permissible for her to wear such clothing under purdah and in the case of her husband and her mahram (those close relations before whom it is permissible for her to appear without purdah e.g. brother, father, uncle - e.t.c) She may dress in this manner without purdah.

Nonetheless to Avoid it and to wear clothing according to Shariah is better.

CHILDREN AND MASJIDS

The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said, "Save your masjids from children, insane people, trading, loud voice quarreling and the drawing of the sword." (Ibn Maja)

Children who do not know the masjid etiquette and have no idea of ritual cleanliness and uncleanness should not be allowed in the masjid.

The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) says, "When the child is seven years old order him to perform prayer and when he is ten punish him for not praying."

It does not mean that when the child is seven years old he can pay due respect to the masjid. If he cannot do so he should not be brought to the masjid. The instructions and training for prayer can be given at home. If a child is seven years old and can show respect to the masjid and understands ritual cleanliness and uncleanness then he is allowed to come to the masjid.

ENTERING THE MASJID AFTER EATING ONIONS, GARLIC (OR SMOKING)

Házrat Muawia (R.A) narrates from his father that the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) forbid from two plants which are onions and garlic and said, "Whosoever eats them should not come near our masjid but if he is going to eat them then he should get rid of the smell by cooking them before hand." (Abu Dawud)

It is known from this hadith that one is not allowed to enter the masjid after eating something which creates an odour in the mouth.

When someone comes to masjid with an odour in the mouth he will trouble and distract the attention of the person standing next to him in the prayer which will result in him being sinful instead of receiving merits (Thawab). Further to this, Allah's angels who are in the masjids are troubled from people with odours in their mouths, clothes or body.

QUESTION & ANSWERS

The following questions and answers are taken from 'Fatawa Mahmoodia'. The answers were given by Mufti Mahmoodul Hasan Gangohi, who is a great Caliph of Hazrat Shiekhul-Hadith Moulanna Zakaria (R.A.)

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