

Question:

AsSalaamu Alaykum,

I was reading a book for Shaykh Taqi of Hizb-ut-Tahreer "Social System" I was a surprise to read that a Muslim woman is not obliged to cover her head, arms and legs in front of a male servant who is serving at her home!!

**Questions:**

Can a Muslim or non-Muslim (male/female) work as a servant in a private house?

Am I obliged to cover my head, arms or legs in front of a mature, male servant?

Is it permissible to be with a male servant alone in my home? or to mix with a male servant or to be with him in Khalwa? and vice-versa for my husband if the servant is woman?

Answer:

Assalamu Aleikum,

It is permissible for a Muslim man/woman to work as a servant, cleaner or cook in public or private residence providing he/she fulfills all the Islamic conditions such as: The permit for woman to work, and that it is not allowed to free mix or to be in Khallwah with the opposite gender, neither to be present on any places of Aworat-ul-Makaan (e.g bedrooms) nor to be exposed to aworat-ul-Malaabis (e.g. Underwear) etc..

Your Question: [Am I obliged to cover my head, arms or legs in front of a mature, male servant?]

Yes, you are obliged to cover all your body (except your face and hands) in front of non-Mahrams (include servants: whether in the public life e.g. market or private life e.g. home.

Further it is prohibited for you to free mix with any foreign man in any private/public places until a divine permit has been decreed. Therefore it is Haram for you to free mix with a male servant at your home whether he is a servant or cook etc.

Question: Is it permissible to be with a male servant alone in my home? or to mix with a male servant or to be with him in Khalwa? and vice-versa for my husband if the servant is woman?

The above answer should suffice and that is applicable to you and to your husband.

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