

Hijab: Spotlighting Servitude to God	
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Un-Islamic cultural oppressive practices	Denying women their God-given right to education, their own wealth and property, or their own voices
Reason for wearing hijab	As a religious act of compliance to God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The primary objective of servitude is the answer to every why and serves as the timeless basis and motivation for every believer to inculcate modesty (ḥayā')</li> </ul>
Worship/servitude to God	<p>“And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me”</p> <p>Ibn Taymiyyah: Worship “comprises everything that Allah loves and approves of from the apparent and hidden sayings and deeds”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Nothing deserves complete love and submission except Allah”</li> </ul> <p>الْعِبَادَةُ هِيَ اسْمُ جَامِعٍ لِكُلِّ مَا يُحِبُّهُ اللَّهُ وَيَرْضَاهُ مِنَ الْأَقْوَالِ وَالْأَعْمَالِ الْبَاطِنَةِ وَالظَّاهِرَةِ</p> <p>The Prophet ﷺ is referred to by Allah with this most honorable title of ‘abd</p> <p>سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ</p> <p>The servant of Allah (‘abd) is not enslaved to any other, nor to their ideologies, standards, and values, nor to his or her own whims and desires</p>
Nurturing conviction	<p>The earliest verses of the Qur’an revealed focused heavily on tawḥīd, on knowing Allah, and strengthening one’s faith and servitude, before the majority of legislation was revealed years later</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This inculcates confidence and strength to overcome the challenges of any personal or societal pressure</li> <li>- One can successfully navigate through the false propaganda, misconceptions, hardship, and fleeting societal standards and values in regard to the role of women, beauty, and self-image, by staying true to one’s purpose as an ‘abd of Allah</li> </ul>
Struggle	<p>It is important to acknowledge those who struggle with being made to feel like the “other,” with negative self-image and a lack of self-confidence at a time when increasingly unregulated freedom of self-expression deems it liberating and even celebrated to remove it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- These women are dismissed, stereotyped, and misjudged as lacking sincerity, faith, and the fortitude to rise above it all</li> </ul>
Reward	No challenge is without its due reward from the Lord of the Worlds
Trust	We rely with utmost faith that His guidance and commands are by design good for us though we are not always able to perceive them as

Ibn al-Qayyim	<p>such at all times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “The Islamic law is all about wisdom and achieving people’s welfare in this life and the afterlife”</li> </ul> <p>فَإِنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ مَبْنَاهَا وَأَسَاسُهَا عَلَى الْحِكْمِ وَمَصَالِحِ الْعِبَادِ فِي الْمَعَاشِ وَالْمَعَادِ</p>
It’s not all or nothing	<p>One may struggle to pray every daily obligatory prayer with consistency and focus, but one doesn’t give up praying altogether</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “If I order you to do something, then do as much of it as you can”</li> </ul> <p>وَإِذَا أَمَرْتُكُمْ بِأَمْرٍ فَأَتُوا مِنْهُ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ</p>
Benefit of hijab	<p>Hijab allows women their own unique space in society, free from objectification and the burdensome expectations of societal standards of worth and beauty</p>