

Shaving the beard contradicts the pure fitrah (nature)

Rasulullah ﷺ mentioned ten qualities as indicative of a good, clean nature (Muslim). Two of these qualities are to trim the moustaches and to grow the beard.

The Rasulullah ﷺ also tells that every child is born with a clean, pure fitrah, which later may get deformed by the influence of the environment and the up-bringing. (Bukhari, Muslim)

In the footsteps of the disbelievers, many Muslims' fitrah is now, unfortunately, so much deformed that they seem to find a clean-shaven man more handsome and masculine than one with a beard - exactly the opposite of what the Rasulullah ﷺ declared in the above Hadith.

This fitrah never changes with time: Allah ﷻ said;

﴿فَطَرَتِ اللَّهُ التِّي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ذَٰلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ﴾

"The nature made by Allah, the one on which mankind is created - and the laws of Nature ordained by Allah cannot be changed. That is the standard of true faith," (Qur'an, 30: 30)

For shaving their beards, some men give the strange excuse that their wives prefer them without one! As if their purpose in this life is to follow the deformed inclinations of their wives instead of the clear-cut commands of Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ!

Others claim that growing their beards results in an irritability and scratching. This cannot result from abiding by the pure fitrah, but would result (if true) from neglect of the proper cleaning and washing with Wudhu as instructed in the Sunnah.

What the 'Ulamaa and Imams say

All 'Ulamaa agreed that shaving the beard is Haram (prohibited). They considered shaving it an impermissible mutilation, the person who shaved his beard effeminate. Many of them would not accept his witness or allow him to lead the Prayers.

The size of the beard should be at least a fist length all round. According To the Hazrat Abdullah ibn 'Umar ؓ.

May Allah ﷻ guide us to abide by His Deen, and to adhere to His Messenger's Sunnah, and to be among those whom he blessed in both lives.

We request you to make du'a for the Ummah as much as possible as we all need guidance. We Pray Allah ﷻ increases our patience, taqwa, truthfulness and pure intentions. And we also Pray that Allah ﷻ blesses us with many opportunities to increase our knowledge in everything that is beneficial to us.

O Allah ﷻ! Guard our actions. O Allah ﷻ! Forgive us our sins against You and ease the hearts of those we have harmed so that they too will forgive us. "Aameen"

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The Islamic ruling concerning beards

And changing Allah's creation without permission

Shaving the beard is a disobedience to the Rasulullah ﷺ

In many Hadith, the Rasulullah ﷺ Commanded men to leave alone their beards. These different Hadith have a similar meaning: "Trim the moustache and save the beard." (Bukhari, Muslim)

Obeying the Rasulullah ﷺ in that is equivalent to obeying Allah ﷻ who said (what means):

﴿مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ﴾

"Anyone who obeys the Messenger, in fact, obeys Allah." (Qur'an, 4: 80)

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Growing the beard is a Waajib (Compulsory) for all males who are capable of doing so. This has ample evidence in the Sunnah (as will be shown below) and is the unanimous opinion of the 'Ulamaa of Islam. One should not be misled by the neglect to this Sunnah by a few contemporary Mualana (Shaykh), and by their providing shaky fatwas to support their action. By doing that they make people follow them into the wrong way, when the Rasulallah ﷺ said: He who starts a good Sunnah (way) will be rewarded for it, in addition to receiving rewards equal to the rewards of those who follow him into it. Whereas he who starts a bad Sunnah will be burdened with it, in addition to receiving burdens equal to the burdens of those who follow him into it. (Muslim)

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said; Allah ﷻ does not pull the knowledge abruptly from the hearts of people, but he takes away the knowledge by taking (the lives of) the 'Ulamaa (true scholars). When no 'Ulamaa are left, people will take ignorant persons for leaders. Those will give them fatwa (religious verdicts) without knowledge. By doing this, they will stray and lead others astray as well. (Bukhari)

A Deviation from the appearance and guidance of the Rasulallah ﷺ

Shaving the beard is a deviation from the appearance and guidance of the Rasulallah ﷺ, The Rasulallah ﷺ used to have a large beard. (Muslim)

﴿لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ﴾

"You have indeed, in the Life of Rasulallah the 'Best Model' for you." (Qur'an, 33: 21)

And the Rasulallah ﷺ said: "Verily, the best guidance is Muhammad's guidance." (Muslim)

Deviation from the way of believers

Shaving the beard is a deviation from the way of believers. All the Prophets ﷺ, the Sahaabah (Prophet's companions), the great 'Ulamaa, and the righteous early Muslims of this Ummah (Nation) grew their beards. There is no report of a single one of them ever shaving his beard. Thus, this is their way, and Allah ﷻ says (in the meaning):

﴿وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصَلِّهِ جَهَنَّمَ ۗ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا﴾

"Anyone who is hostile to the Messenger after guidance has been plainly conveyed to him and follows a path other than that of the believers, We shall leave him in the path he has chosen and cast him into Hell; which is an evil refuge." (Qur'an, 4: 115)

An imitation of the disbelievers

Shaving the beard is an imitation of the disbelievers. This has been emphasized in several Hadith of the Prophet ﷺ. For example: "Cut the moustaches and grow your beards. Be different from the Magians (followers of a religion that dominated in Persia)." (Muslim)

"Cut your moustaches and leave your beards alone. Be different from the people of the scripture." (Muslim)

"Be different from the Mushrikin (those who worship other than Allah ﷻ); trim your moustaches and save your beards." (Bukhari, Muslim)

We have been commanded to be different and distinct from the disbelievers, as in Surah-tul-Fatiha. Also, Allah ﷻ said (what means):

﴿وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾

"And Follow not the whims of those who know not. (the truth)." (Qur'an, 45: 18)

Changing Allah's creation without permission

The Prophet ﷺ declared that the women who change what Allah ﷻ has created (such as removing the hair from their faces or filing their teeth or tattooing their bodies) seeking by that to improve their appearance, are accursed by Allah ﷻ. (Bukhari, Muslim)

The Hadith mentioned women in particular because they normally seek to beautify themselves more than men. But the warning surely applies to both Males and Females, because the condition for the curse is declared, and thus the curse applies to anyone who satisfies such condition.

Shaving the beard falls under this warning, as it is much worse than the Nam (removal of facial hair) practiced by some women. It involves obeying Shaitaan who said:

﴿وَلَا مُرْتَهُمْ فَلْيَغَيِّرَنَّ خُلُقَ اللَّهِ ۗ وَمَنْ يَتَّخِذِ الشَّيْطَانَ وَلِيًّا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ خَسِرَ خُسْرًا نَا مُبِينًا﴾

"And surely I will command them and they will change Allah's creation. Whoso chooseth Shaitaan for a patron instead of Allah is verily a loser and his loss is manifest." (Qur'an, 4: 119)

An imitation of women

The beard is a major distinction between men and women. Shaving it removes this distinction, and is thus a means of imitating women. The Rasulallah ﷺ said; "Allah ﷻ curses those men who imitate the women, and He curses those women who imitate the men." (Bukhari)