

Lady Covering Face

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Q: Is covering the face obligatory in Islam upon a baaligh Muslim woman?

A: It is obligatory on a baaligh female to cover her face if she is appearing in front of men. In the Holy Quran, surah 33, verse 53 Allah Ta'ala commands the women to "draw over themselves their jilbaabs (cloaks) when going out' In explaining this verse, Ibni Abbas (radhiyallahu anhu) states that this means even the face should be covered.

And Allah knows best

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