



Permissibility of adopting from the East or West

things of benefit to Muslims while avoiding what may harm

Q 96: Is it permissible for a woman to adorn herself for her husband by using makeup for coloring her cheeks, lips and eyelids? Could you kindly explain, bearing in mind that this kind of makeup is the adornment of

(Part No. 21; Page No. 223)

the western women?

A: It is prescribed by Islam for the woman to adorn herself for her husband using the means legislated and made permissible by Allah. The wife may adorn herself with beautiful clothes and clean herself with soap and such things. Soap beautifies and cleanses the body. If there are permissible cosmetics that do not contain Haram (prohibited) or Najis (impure) components, or something that may harm the face, or have bad side effects, there is nothing wrong with using them. We can take from the East or West the things that will benefit us, but we must avoid the things that will harm us. Anything useful to us from the East or West, we can adopt and utilize such as cars, ships, planes, weapons etc. We can learn from them medicines, cosmetics and other utilities that are beneficial to us, while avoiding resemblance to non-Muslims. We adopt the things that will be of benefit to us and give up that which may cause us harm. It is required from the wife to beautify herself for her husband, but not outside her house in front of non-Mahram men (not a spouse or unmarriageable male relatives); rather, inside her house and for her husband. Allah is the One sought for help!

Source: Fatwas of Ibn Baz