

The Companions on the face of a woman

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Question no.6: [Continuing a discussion about the woman covering her face]

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ answers:

“Ibn ‘Abbaas and Ibn ‘Umar, from the foremost of the Companions (رضي الله عنهم)², explained the Aayah ‘**except only that which is apparent**’³ to be the face and the two hands. And **they** (those who claim that a woman must veil her face) **did not find a single authentic narration from the Companions** (رضي الله عنهم) with which they can support their opinion that it is obligatory to cover the face of a woman.”⁴

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¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (رضي الله عنهم) (rad iyallahu 'anhum) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with them

³ سورة النور - Soorah an-Noor [24:31]: “And tell the believing women to lower their gaze (from looking at forbidden things), and protect their private parts (from illegal sexual acts) and not to show off their adornment except only that which is apparent...”

⁴ For a detailed explanation of this issue, refer to the Shaykh’s book: *The Jilbaab of the Muslim Woman as in the Qur’aan and Sunnah*. Please also refer to the abridged version named *Recommendation of the niqaab* [translated by our noble brother Aboo Talhah (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) available on the albaanee.com website.

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