

Dressing a Muslim woman's hair

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: What is the ruling regarding calling for a hairdresser, that is to say a woman who has a hairdressing salon, to one's home in order to comb the bride's hair in return for a wage? And May Allaah bless you.

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Ferkous al-Qoobee: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

There is no harm if a straight (in the right way) Muslim woman combs her sister's hair, because it is permissible in principle, since it is included in people's usages not in acts of worship. Besides, the woman's adornment for her husband is recommended, provided that she does not imitate the appearance of disbelievers or the coiffure of the prostitutes and dissolute women, as it is not permissible to imitate them in their particularities, in accordance with the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying, "**He who imitates a people becomes one of them**"¹.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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¹ Reported by Aboo Daawood, chapter of "Dress", concerning the celebrity dress (hadeeth 4033), by Ahmad (hadeeth 5114), by At-Tahaawee in Mushkil Al-Aathaar (hadeeth 198) and by Ibn Abbee Shayba in Al-Musannaf (hadeeth 33016) on the authority of Ibn `Umar رضي الله عنهما. This hadeeth is judged Hassan (good) by Ibn Hajar in Fath Al-Baaree (10/282) and judged authentic by Al-`Iraaqi in Takhreej Al-Ihya' (1/359) and by Al-Albaanee in Irwaa' Al-Ghaleel (hadeeth 1269) ; See, Nasb Ar-Raaya by Az-Zayla'ee (4/347).