

Ruling of wearing the Burnous that is worn by bride

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

Question: Does the "Burnous"¹ (برنوس) worn by the bride -on the day of her marriage- entail imitating men or not? May Allaah reward you with good.

Answer: 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.

Apparently, it entails imitating men, because the Burnous is not conventionally worn by the woman, but it is among the particularities of men as far as I know. Certainly, it is not permissible for women to share with men what is peculiar to them, and by the same token, men are not allowed to share with women what is peculiar to them.

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 A burnous is a long cloak of coarse woollen fabric with a pointed hood, often white in colour, traditionally worn by Arab and Berber men in North Africa. Historically, the white burnous was worn during important events by men of high positions.