

The Dress of Taqwa

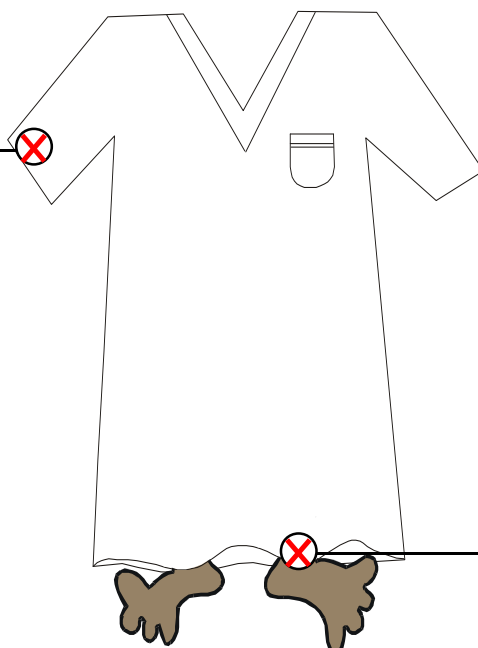
“O Children of Adam! We have bestowed upon you garments to cover yourselves and as an adornment, and the garment of righteousness is best.” (A’raaf 7:26)

There are basically two types of clothing, viz. merely covering the body and the other for beauty. And yet there is one dress which is most excellent. That is the clothes of Taqwa as mentioned in the above verse. Two explanations may be understood by the clothes of Taqwa:

1. **It is related to good deeds**: as a person wears clothes to hide the apparent nudity, similarly the clothes of inner nudity are good deeds.
2. **It is related to simple dressing**: simplicity, humility and not clothes worn for show.

The clothes worn by Muslims should not fail to satisfy the requirement of adequate concealment of the body. Hence an important point to remember is clothing worn when performing Salaat. There are some who are totally unmindful of the dress code when standing before Allah. Recently, many people have adopted the fashion of the loose fitting Kurta shown below.

Short-sleeve shirts or kurtas exposing the hand from the elbow down is highly undesirable while performing salaat.



No clothing should flow below the ankles—the trouser nor the long kurta. As the Hadith clearly states, “*That which flows below the ankle will be in the fire.*”