

WHY I WEAR THE NIQAB

Many people have asked me what made me wear the Niqab. To be honest, there was nothing in particular that made me wear the Niqab. My mother and older sisters were already wearing the Niqab, and I felt it was only right that I did the same. I've always have an incredible awe for the Niqab, and even before I started wearing it, I used to put my mother's Niqab, just to see if it would look good on me. Alhamdulillah, Allah blessed me with the opportunity of wearing the Niqab. Everyday since then, has been a tremendous journey towards being prouder of my identity as a Muslim and a prouder slave of Allah. I've never looked back since! Thankfully, my family never objected to my choice of wearing the Niqab. In fact, they only encouraged it, so my Niqab journey has been very smooth, Alhamdulillah, apart from a few relatives who thought that I was too young for the Niqab and that it wasn't necessary, and of course, a few insults I get from non-Muslims. Although I live in a Muslim minority country, the non-Muslims have never done anything more than laugh, snigger or call me a 'ninja' for wearing the Niqab. So a huge Alhamdulillah for that!

What inspired me to wear the Niqab? For one thing, I stick to the opinion that Wearing the Niqab is compulsory. The other thing is that the wives and daughters of Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alaihi wassalam) all wore the Niqab, as did the other Sahaba women. These are the women we should be following, and to be among those who follow in their footsteps... I feel so privileged, Alhamdulillah!

Even if the Niqab isn't obligatory, there is no doubt that it's highly recommended in Islam, and Wallahi, I fear the Day of Judgement when I'll be standing before Allah and He'll question me for not wearing the Niqab when I knew that it was either Fardh or highly recommended in Islam. What would I ever answer to Him?

The other reason, which is probably my strongest and proudest reason for wearing the Niqab, is that I know deep down (as I'm sure all other Muslimahs do as well), that the more you sacrifice for the sake of Allah, the more you'll be rewarded and the more Allah will love you. And of course, the Niqab comes with a lot of sacrifices, so I know that if I'm prepared to take that step, Allah will reward me for it and He'll love me for it (hopefully), and this reason in itself is a more than sufficient reason for me to wear the Niqab.

The Niqab acts like a huge shield for me. No, it doesn't cut me away from the world or the society. It's just that when there is so much of corruption in the world now, I feel so very protected with my Niqab on. It's tough to explain how it feels. It's just the sort of thing that can only be felt, not said. If there are thousands of Niqabis out there who say that the Niqab has liberated them, it's because it really has. Wallahi is does. And I can walk freely knowing that I'm covered and I'm protected- just as Islam wants me to be.