


The Ruling of Wearing Revealing Clothing in front of the Children

The Permanent Committee for Knowledge Based Research and Islamic Verdicts under the Presidency of al-‘Allaamah Ibn Baz  was asked the following Question¹:

Q. I am a married woman, sometimes in my house I wear revealing clothing which depicts the body or short (clothing) that shows - when I sit down – what is above the knee. And this is to assist in (my) movement when performing the chores of the house and to alleviate the extreme heat, as well as to beautify myself in front of my husband. However, my husband has advised me not to wear this clothing because of the presence of (our) children who are of the ages 3 to 9 years, added to the fear that these scenes that they now witness may not disappear from their memories when they grow up. But I have not accepted his advice on the basis that our children are still young, and it is not feared that they become trialed (by way of this). And seeing as this matter has occupied my mind and I desire to please Allaah and not to anger Him - I have written to you seeking a clarification as to the legislated ruling of this (matter), and your advice as to what you see (correct).

A. You must obey your husband in goodness. And from this (goodness), is that which he has ordered you with from covering up and having modesty in the presence of your children, so they do not become accustom to seeing the private parts and the beauties of women. And what is permissible to uncover (from the body) in the presence of the children is: that which is commonly revealed; **such as the face and hands, arms, feet,** and so on.

And success is with Allaah, and Allaahs peace and salutation be upon our Prophet Muhammad and his family.

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¹ Fatawa al-Lajneh ad-Daimah (17/297), No. 20576.