

In The Name of Allaah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy.

Imaam Abdul Azeez Bin Baaz [may Allaah have mercy upon him] stated:

There is nothing wrong with what women put on the lips (i.e. lipstick). The aim (or intent) is that a woman can adorn and beautify herself on her face, hands, feet and lips with whatever she considers suitable. There is nothing wrong with this in presence of her husband or in the presence of other women. As for in the presence of a strange man, it is not permissible. She must cover up and veil from the one whom Allaah has forbidden to see her, as Allaah said:

وَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُنَّ مَتَاعًا فَاسْأَلُوهُنَّ مِنْ وَرَاءِ حِجَابٍ ذَلِكُمْ أَطْهَرُ لِقُلُوبِكُمْ وَقُلُوبِهِنَّ

And when you ask (his wives) for anything you want, ask them from behind a screen, that is purer for your hearts and for their hearts. [Surah Al-Ahzaab. Verse 53]

Allaah said:

وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا لِبُعُولَتِهِنَّ أَوْ آبَائِهِنَّ أَوْ أَبْنَاءِهِنَّ أَوْ إِخْوَانِهِنَّ أَوْ بَنِي إِخْوَانِهِنَّ

And not to reveal their adornment except to their husbands, their fathers, their husband's fathers, their sons, their husband's sons, their brothers or their brother's sons, or their sister's sons.. [Surah An-Noor. Verse 31]

It is obligated on a believing woman to fear Allaah and to beware of revealing adornment to anyone other than her husband and mahrams. [Mahrams: <https://www.abukhadeejah.com/mind-map-illustration-showing-the-mahrams-male-chaperones-of-a-woman-for-travel-and-sittings/> ]

Also if there is harm in the makeup, it is prohibited; but if it is merely an adornment and does not harm the face, then there is nothing wrong with it, such as soap, sidr and other than that. But I was informed by some experts that some make-up may harm the face, and black dots or things like that may appear because of it. If it is known that some types of makeup are harmful, then it is prohibited; but if it is merely that it illuminates the face and does not cause the face any harm, then there is nothing wrong with that. (1)

**Makeup and Ablution:** If the makeup has a layer that prevents water from reaching the skin, it should be removed. (2)

### Changing One's Complexion

**Question to Imaam Muhammad Ibn Saaleh Al-Uthaymeen [may Allaah have mercy upon him]:** "It has become widespread among the people, especially women, to use some chemicals and natural herbs that change the colour of the skin, so that coloured (brown or non-white skin) becomes white after applying these chemicals and natural herbs, and so on. Is there a Sharee'ah prohibition against this? And bear in mind that some husbands command their wives to use these chemicals and natural herbs whilst citing as proof that it is obligated on a

woman to beautify herself for her husband“.

**Answer:** “If this change is permanent, then it is forbidden; rather it is one of the major sins, because indeed it is worse than tattooing in relation to altering what Allaah has created. Indeed, it has been established (by way authentic narration) from the Prophet (peace and blessing of Allaah be upon him) that he cursed the women who do hair extensions and the woman who does it for others, the woman who does tattoos and the woman who does it for them. In Bukhaari and Muslim, Abdullaah Ibn Mas’ood [may Allaah be pleased with him] said, “May Allaah curse the women who do tattoos and the women who have them done, and the women who pluck eyebrows and the women who have that done, and the women who file their teeth for the purpose of beautification, those who change the creation of Allaah”. And he said, “Why should I not curse those whom the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) cursed?” The one who attaches hair extensions is the one whose hair is short so she adds something to it, whether hair or something similar. The woman who does tattoos is one who puts the tattoo on the skin by inserting a needle and what is similar, then she fills that place with kohl or something similar which alters the colour of the skin. The woman who seeks for tattoos to be done is the one who asks someone else to do a tattoo on her. The woman who plucks eyebrows is the one who plucks hair from the face- from her eyebrows or for others. The woman who seeks for that to be done is the one who asks that her eyebrows are plucked. The woman who files her teeth is the one who asks someone else to file her teeth in order to widen the gaps between them. All of these deeds are tantamount to changing what Allaah has created and what has been stated in the question is more severe – with regards to changing what Allaah has created – than what has been stated in the hadeeth. But if the change is not permanent, such as henna and the like, then there is nothing wrong with it because it will disappear, such as kohl, using red cosmetic on the cheeks and lips. Therefore, it is obligatory to be careful, warn against altering what Allaah has created and spread the warning among the Ummah lest evil spread, become widespread and thus becomes difficult to reverse it”. (3)

### **Believing Women Warned Regarding Trials**

The Messenger [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] said:

Verily the worldly life is sweet and green, and verily Allaah is going to place you as successors upon it in and will see how you act. So, be mindful of the dunyaah and be mindful of women; verily the first trial for the Children of Israa’eel was caused by women.” [Saheeh Muslim: No 2742]

“Verily the worldly life is sweet and green”: Imaam Muhammad Ibn Saaleh Al-Uthaymeen [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, “Sweet in taste and green in its image. And when something is green and sweet, the eye seeks it first and then the Nafs; and when the eye and the nafs come together in seeking after something, the human being is drawn close to falling into it. The worldly life is sweet in its taste and green in its image, so the human being is

deceived by it and preoccupied with it-places greater importance on it than what is due to it (of importance). However, the Prophet made it known that Allaah is going to place us as successors upon (the earth) in order to see how we act- whether we will be obedient to Him, forbid the nafs from (evil) desires, fulfil what Allaah has enjoined upon us and not allow the worldly life to deceive you, or whether the opposite will take place! This is why he [i.e. the Prophet] said, 'Be mindful of the worldly life"-Meaning, fulfil what you have been commanded and refrain from that which you have been forbidden, and do not let the sweetness and radiance of this worldly life to deceive you, as Allaah said:

فَلَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا يَغُرَّنَّكُم بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ – [Let not then this (worldly) present life deceive you, nor let the chief deceiver (Satan) deceive you about Allaah]. [Surah Luqman. Verse 33]

Then he [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] stated, 'So be mindful of the worldly life and be mindful of women"- Meaning, be mindful of them. This includes a warning to the woman with regards to her plotting against her husband and also a warning regarding women and the trial that can occur through them. And because of this, he [i.e. the Prophet] said, 'Verily the first trial for the Children of Israa'eel was caused by women'. They were put to trial through women, thus they went astray and led others astray, and Allaah refuge is sought!

And for this reason, we find that at present our enemies are focused on women issues. (They focus) on adorning women, intermingling them and make them share the same occupations with men, until it becomes as if the people are donkeys having no other concern except for their stomachs and canal desires, and Allaah's Refuge is sought! Women are portrayed as if they are mere images- pictures (which) people attached no importance to except that which is connected to the woman's figure (outward appearance). See how they have decorated and beautified her! See how they have brought about beautifications for her and presented her in a desirable condition, in relation to (her) hair, skin, legs, arms, face and everything else, until they make it the most important issue for the woman, like a picture made out of plastic. They neither present to her the importance of establishing worship nor bearing children". (4)

### **Unveiling Is Haraam**

Abu Salih [may Allaah have mercy upon him] reported that Abu Hurairah [may Allah be pleased with him] said, "Some women are clothed but naked, inclining to evil and seducing with it. They will not enter Paradise, nor smell its fragrance, even though it can be found from a distance of five hundred years of travel". (5)

Imaam Muhammad Ibn Saaleh Al-Uthaymeen [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "This has been explained to mean that they will wear short clothing that does not cover the parts of the body one is obligated to cover [i.e. the entire body of a woman is to be covered besides the face and hands]. It has been explained to mean that they will wear revealing clothing that does not prevent one from seeing the woman's skin. And it has been explained to mean that they will wear tight clothing which covers the body, but reveals that which leads to trial

through a woman. (6)

NB: Regarding the statement "They will not enter Paradise, nor smell its fragrance, even though it can be found from a distance of five hundred years of travel", Imaam Abdul Azeez Bin Baaz [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "The sinners [i.e. those who die whilst committing sins lesser than Shirk] are under the will of Allaah- if Allaah wishes, He will either punish or forgive them straight away, or He enters them into hell for some time and paradise thereafter, just as Allaah said: **إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ** – Verily, Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with him in worship, but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He pleases]. [Surah An-Nisaa' Aayah 48] (7)

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[Ref 2: <https://binbaz.org.sa/fatwas/13153/%D8%AD%D9%83%D9%85-%D8%A7%D8%B2%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%83%D9%8A%D8%A7%D8%AC-%D8%A7%D8%AB%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%A1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%88%D8%B6%D9%88%D8%A1> paraphrased]

[Ref 3: Majmoo Al-Fataawaa 17/20-21]

[Ref 4: An Excerpt from this lecture: [https://safeshare.tv/x/fKxP\\_Mt7o9w#](https://safeshare.tv/x/fKxP_Mt7o9w#) ]

[Ref 5: Al-Muwaṭṭa 1694]

[Ref 6: Fataawaa Shaikh Muhammad Bin Utrhaymeen. 2/825]

[Ref 7: <https://www.binbaz.org.sa/noor/2527>]