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A Reminder to Our Sisters Concerning Fashion Shows

From Our Noble *Shaykh* ‘Ubayd al-Jābirī (حفظه الله)

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Questioner: “O *Shaykh*, some of the *Salafī* sisters here have put on a fashion show and organized it in the same manner of the fashion shows put on by the disbelievers, having “cat walks,” the wearing of high heels, and other than this. Some of these sisters have claimed that these shows are permissible because they are from worldly affairs, and the origin of worldly affairs is permissibility. They went on to say that the students of knowledge did not present any strong evidence that would prevent them from putting on such shows. So what is the ruling concerning these types of events, according to the Book and the *Sunnah*?”

الحمد لله! صح عن النبي النهي عن التشبه بالكفار. قال أهل العلم: المراد به ما تميز به الكفار و يكون شعارا لهم. فهذا الذي ذكر في السؤال هو ما تميز به الكفار. الواجب على هذه النسوة المسلمات أن يتقوا الله سبحانه و تعالى و الغاء هذه العروض بالشكل الذي ذكر في السؤال.

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Shaykh ‘Ubayd al-Jābirī: “All praise is due to Allāh. The prohibition of imitating the disbelievers has been authentically established on the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم). The scholars of the Religion have stated, ‘That what is intended by [imitation of the *Kuffār*] is what distinguishes the disbelievers and is from their distinctive features and characteristics.’ So that which is mentioned in the question is a distinguishing mark of the disbelieving people; [therefore] what is obligatory upon these Muslim women is to have fear of Allāh and abandon the likes of these shows mentioned in the question.”

This was dictated by al-Shaykh ‘Ubayd al-Jābirī, Zuhr, Monday, the 3^d of Muḥarram 1433 H., corresponding with the 27th of November 2011

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