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In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful



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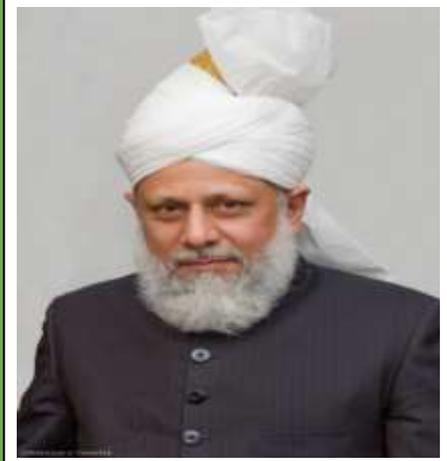
“Pure hearted people are slowly and gradually entering the fold of Ahmadiyya”

Khalifatul Masih V, Friday Sermon 20th April 2018

Pearls of Wisdom

“...Promised Messiah (Peace be on Him) expected from every Ahmadi to self-evaluate themselves every day, every week, every month and every year. Thus, if we spend the last night of the previous year and the new day of the New Year pondering over our spiritual conditions and by spending time supplicating towards Allah then we will be the ones who will be working towards a good life hereafter...”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba), Extract of Friday Sermon, December 30th 2016



The National Nau Mubai'at Team wish you a blessed and prosperous new year!

Recurring Virtual Events

NATIONAL TA'LIM DEPARTMENT UK ONLINE LECTURE

Every Monday: Urdu Lecture

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Q & A

Why are tattoos forbidden and not piercing?

The first and most obvious reason is from a health perspective, there are many medical studies which have proven that tattoos can lead to very harmful health effects. Tattoos essentially breach the skin and can lead to skin infections and other complications, including cancer, hepatitis, etc. This is also particularly dangerous in countries where strict hygiene practices are not adhered to.

Thus, as a general principle in Islam, anything that is harmful to the human body is prohibited. For now, we will leave aside the well-known and accepted medical studies which have been linked at the end for further reading and shed ample light on the dangers and complications of tattooing from a health and medical perspective.

Another simple and obvious difference between tattoos and piercing is that tattoos mark a permanent change to the body. Our bodies are the creation of Allah and we are entrusted with it, so to speak, and are its guardians. In the Holy Quran it is stated: 'And assuredly I will lead them astray and assuredly I will excite in them vain desires, and assuredly I will incite them and they will cut the ears of cattle; and assuredly I will incite them and they will alter Allah's creation.' And he who takes Satan for a friend beside Allah has certainly suffered a manifest loss.' [4:120] Here Satan has vowed to lead a portion of men astray and he will do this through different means. The cutting of the cattle's ear in fact refers to the Arab practise whereby as a mark of their devotion to false deities, the Arabs used to cut the ears of dedicated animals in order to distinguish them from other animals. This practice persists even to this day in some countries. However, this verse also contains a prophecy of a time when it would become possible to change certain features of life, such as genetic engineering, cloning etc.

(This subject of genetic engineering and to what degree it is permissible is of course a separate and vast subject in itself (to further read: https://www.alislam.org/library/books/revelation/part_6_section_4.html))

But nevertheless, it lays down a general principle as well that one should not change or alter the creation of Allah. Piercing, applying mehndi on hands, etc. are forms of embellishment which women are permitted, but these do not mark a permanent change to the body. Tattoo, however, is not only major health concern but also marks a permanent change to the body which Allah has forbidden and declared it as a vain desire.

Further reading:

<https://www.health24.com/Medical/Skin/About-skin/5-dangerous-health-risks-of-tattoos-20180504>

<https://www.penmedicine.org/updates/blogs/health-and-wellness/2018/july/tattoo-health-risks>

<https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org/article/tattoos-good-bad-and-bumpy>