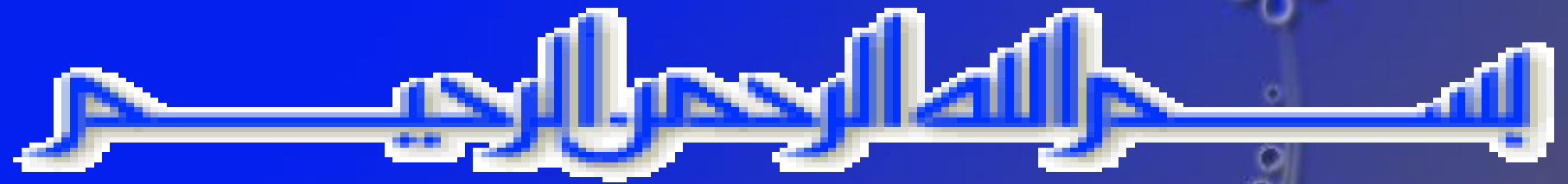




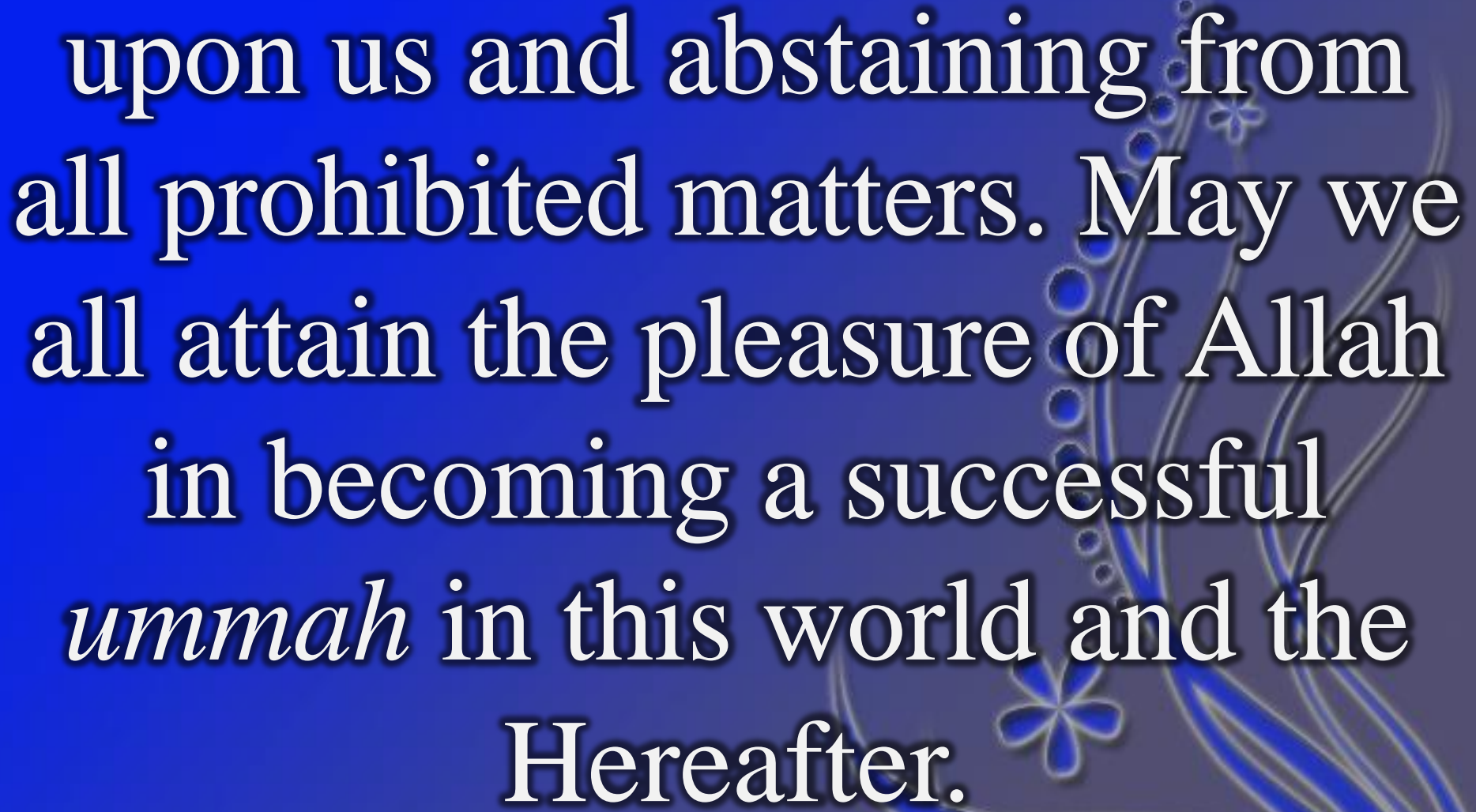
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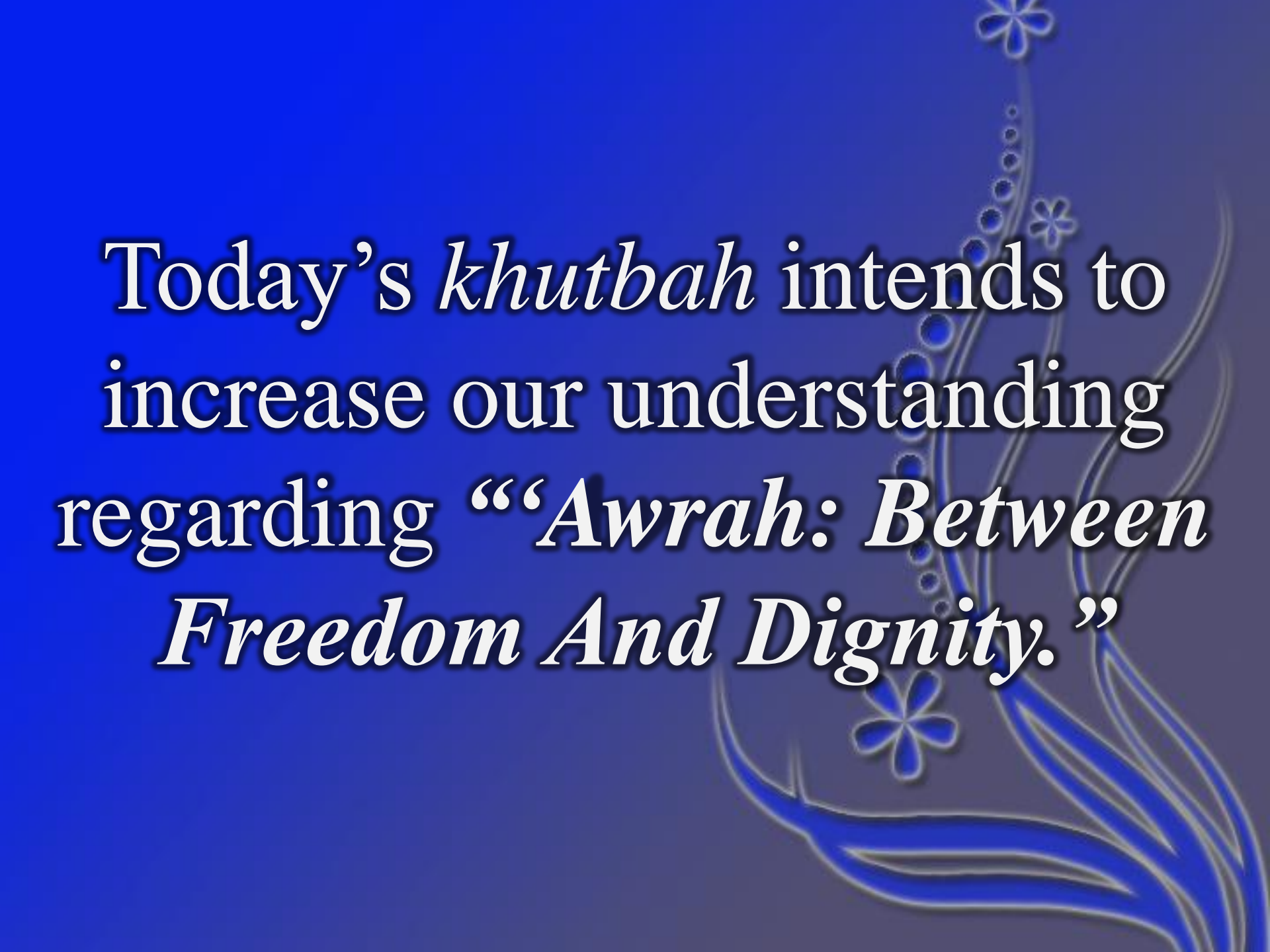
'AWRAH:
BETWEEN
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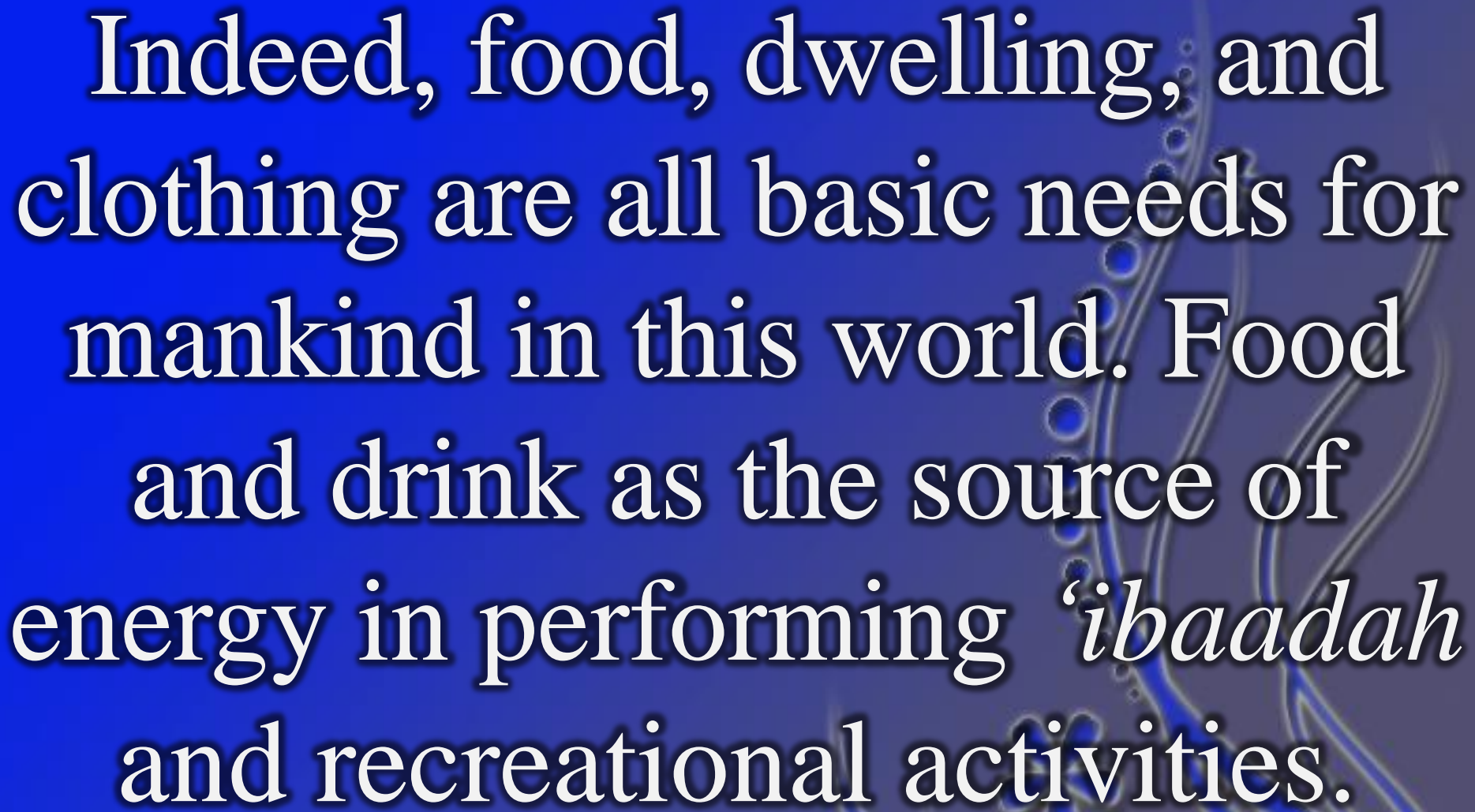
Let us altogether strive in
increasing our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala by
truly pondering and embracing
upon everything commanded

upon us and abstaining from
all prohibited matters. May we
all attain the pleasure of Allah
in becoming a successful
ummah in this world and the
Hereafter.



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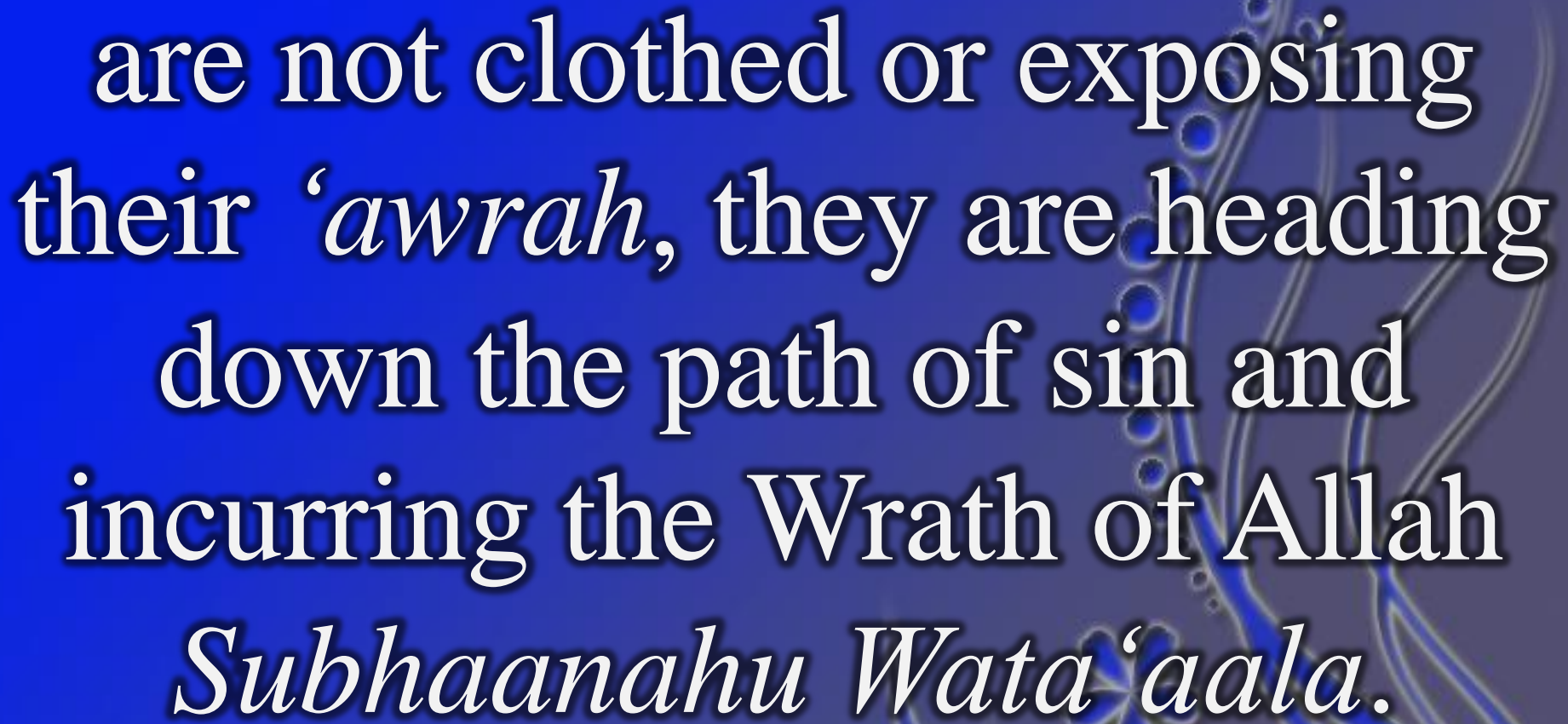
Today's *khutbah* intends to
increase our understanding
regarding “*Awrah: Between
Freedom And Dignity.*”



Indeed, food, dwelling, and clothing are all basic needs for mankind in this world. Food and drink as the source of energy in performing *'ibaadah* and recreational activities.

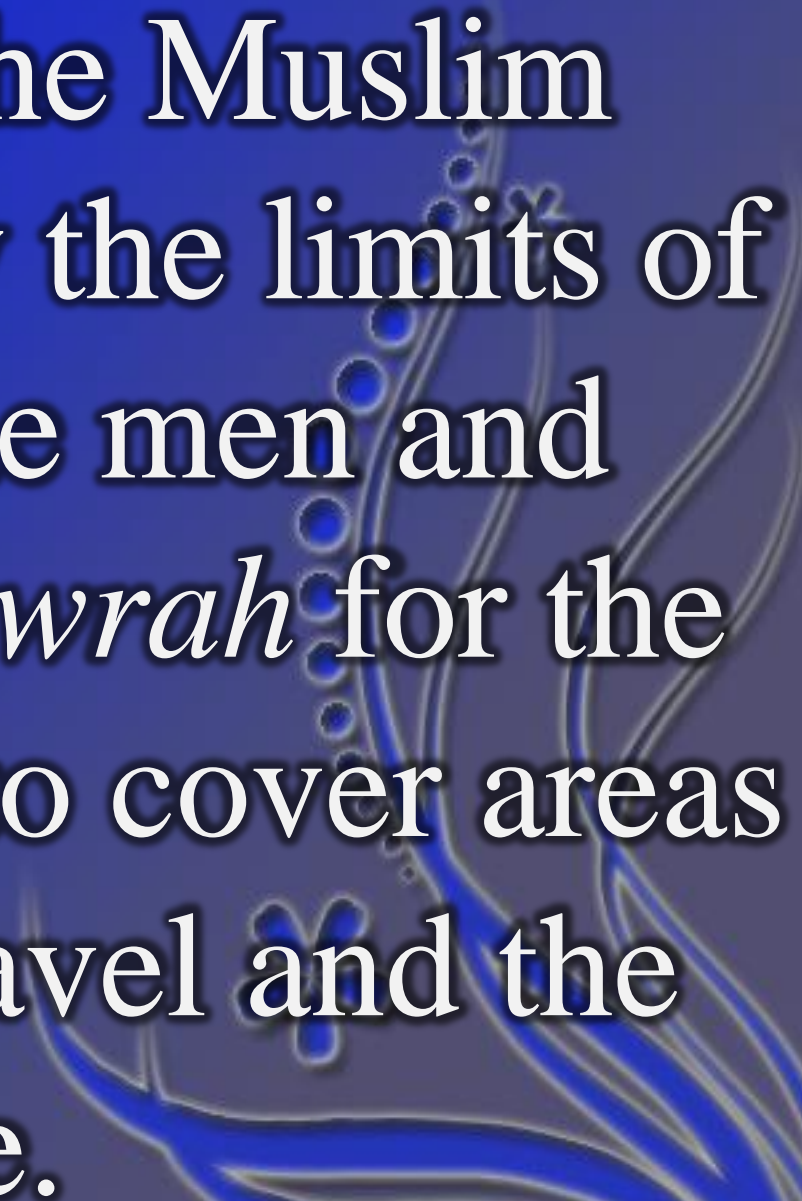
Dwelling is to

provide the physical and mental comfort. While clothing is to complete all of those aspects, manifesting an *ummah* that is faithful, civilized, and dignified. In other words, mankind that



are not clothed or exposing
their *'awrah*, they are heading
down the path of sin and
incurring the Wrath of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

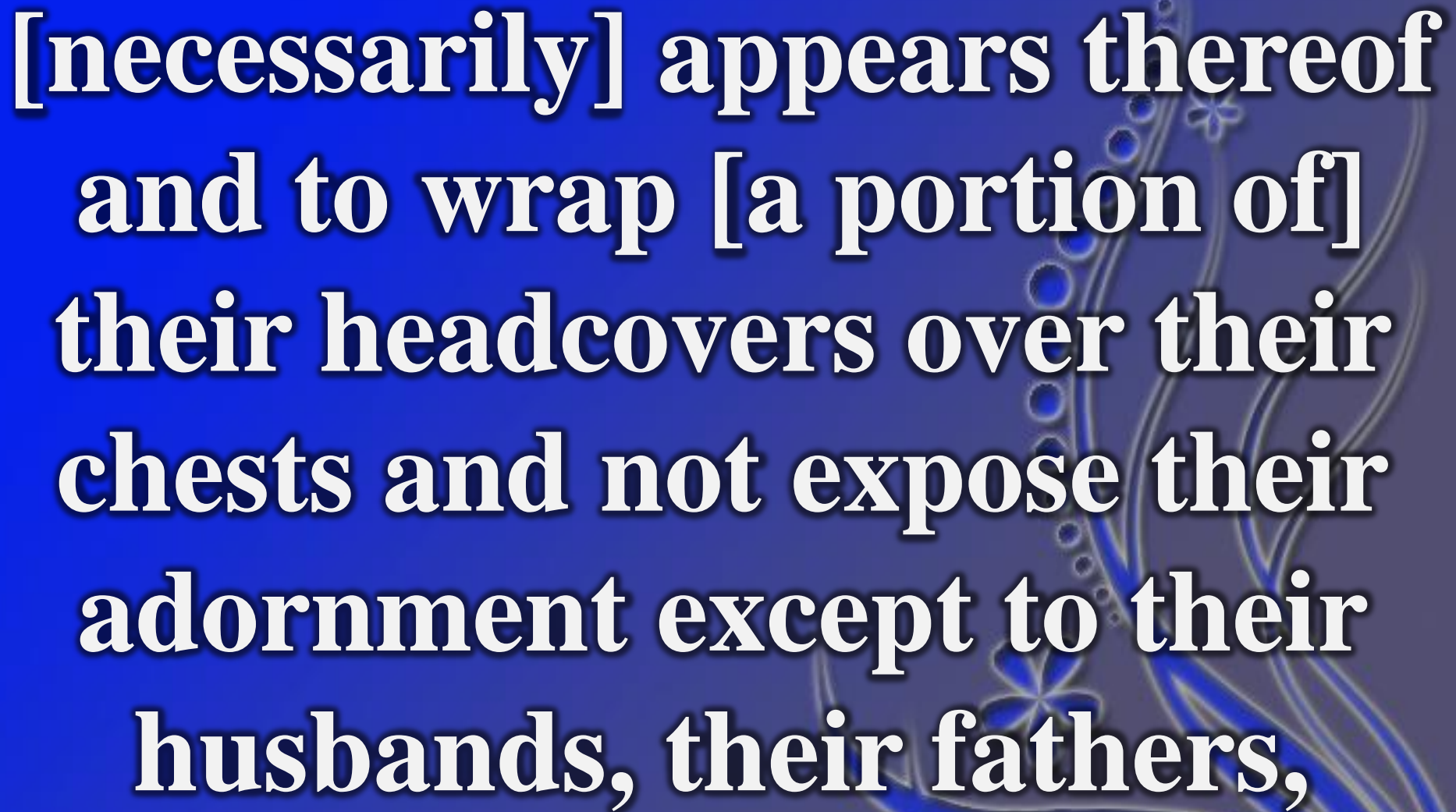
It behooves the Muslim *ummah* to know the limits of *'awrah* for the men and women. The *'awrah* for the Muslim man is to cover areas between the navel and the knee.



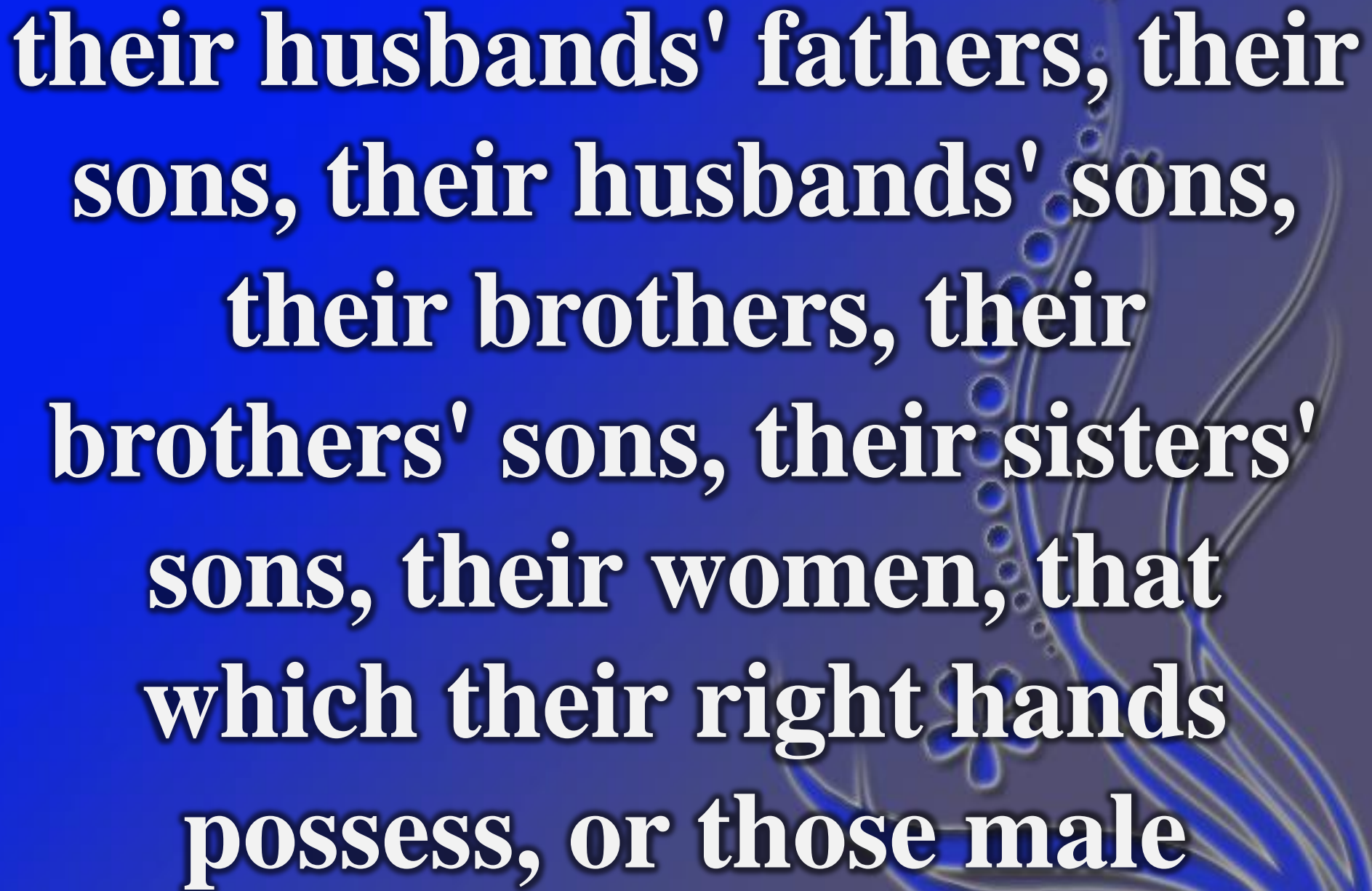
The *'awrah* for the Muslim woman is to cover the entire body except for the face and both palms. An elaborated explanation has been mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* in

al-Qur'an:

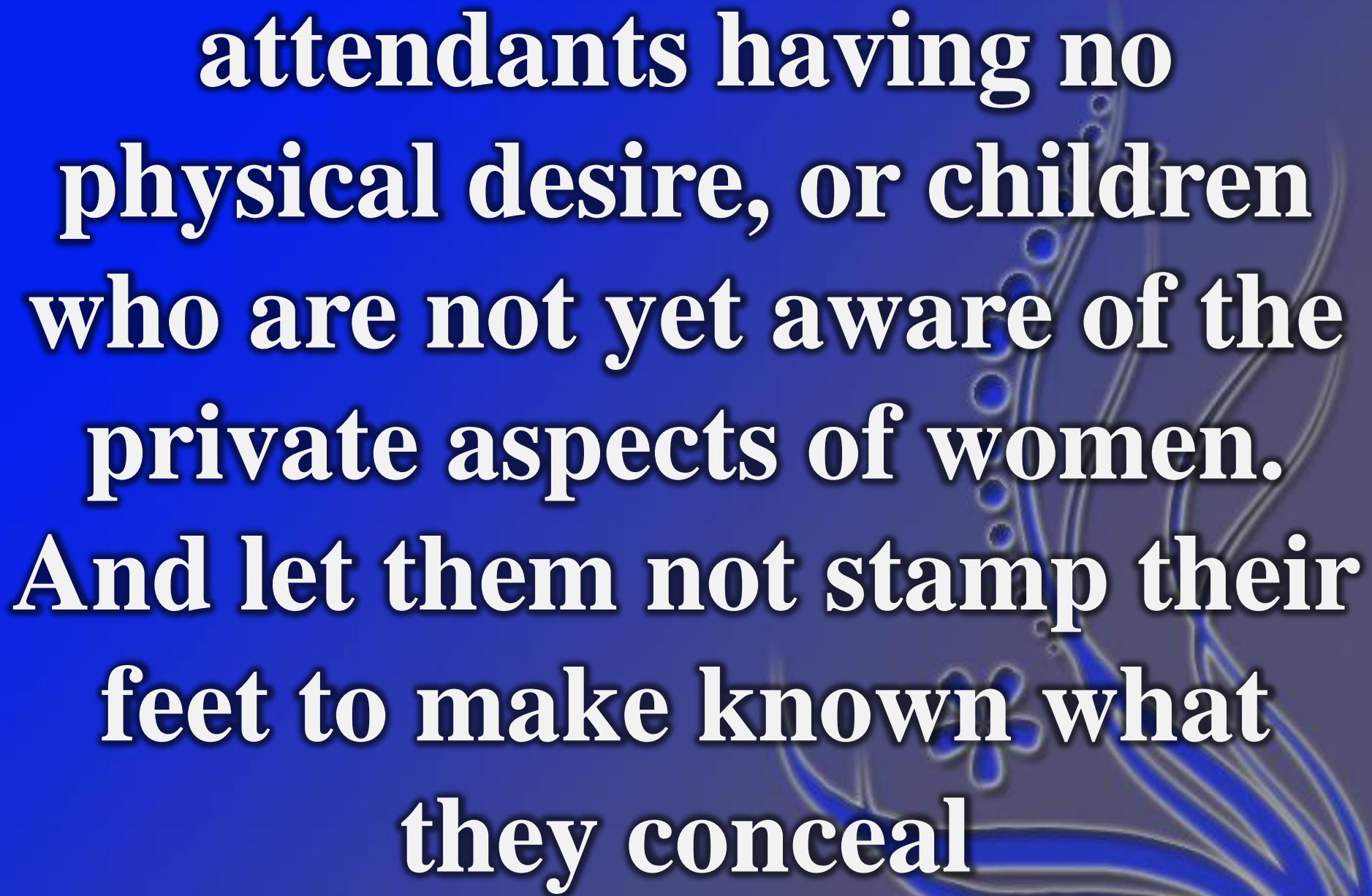
“And tell the believing women to reduce [some] of their vision and guard their private parts and not expose their adornment except that which



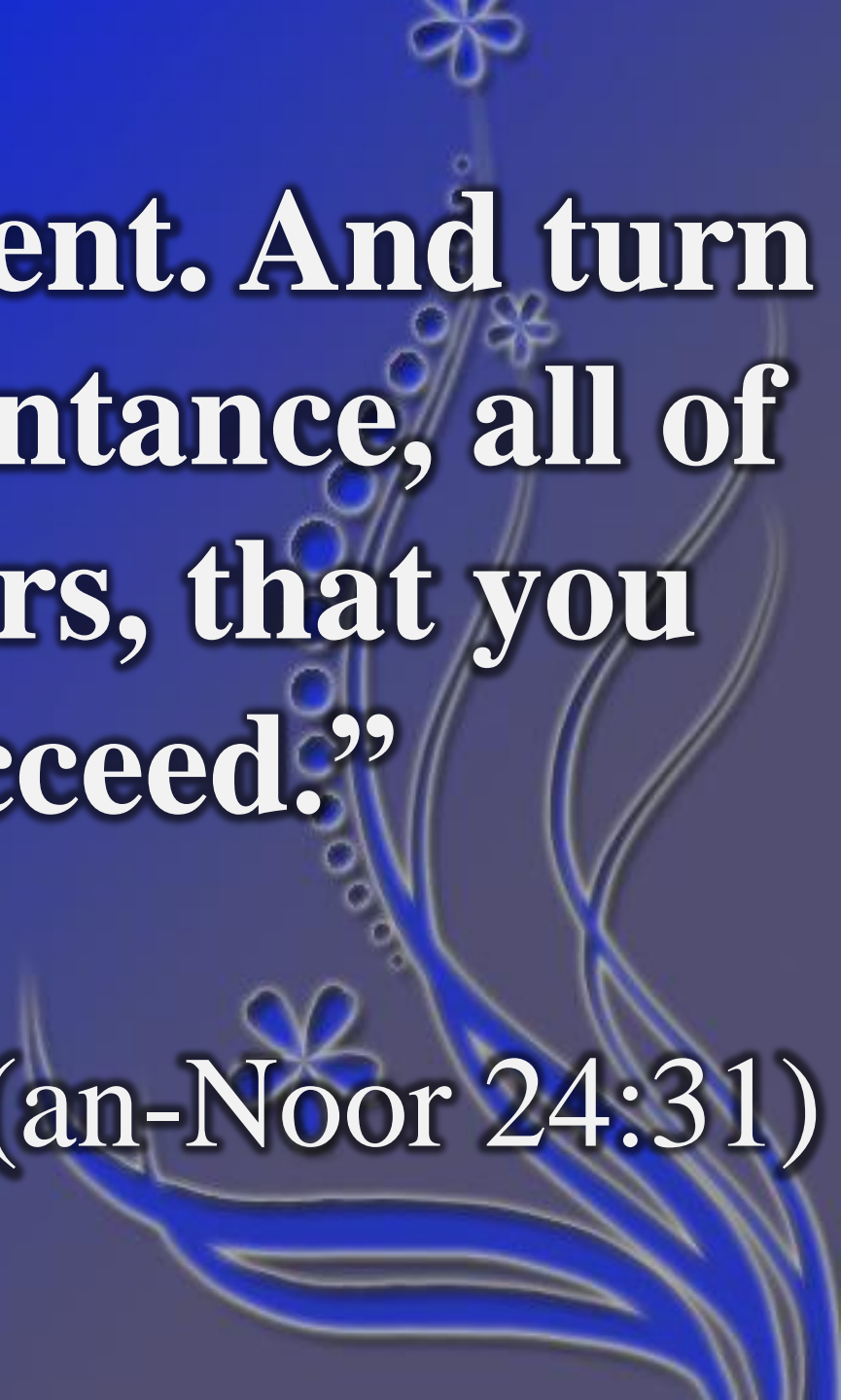
**[necessarily] appears thereof
and to wrap [a portion of]
their headcovers over their
 chests and not expose their
adornment except to their
husbands, their fathers,**



**their husbands' fathers, their
sons, their husbands' sons,
their brothers, their
brothers' sons, their sisters'
sons, their women, that
which their right hands
possess, or those male**



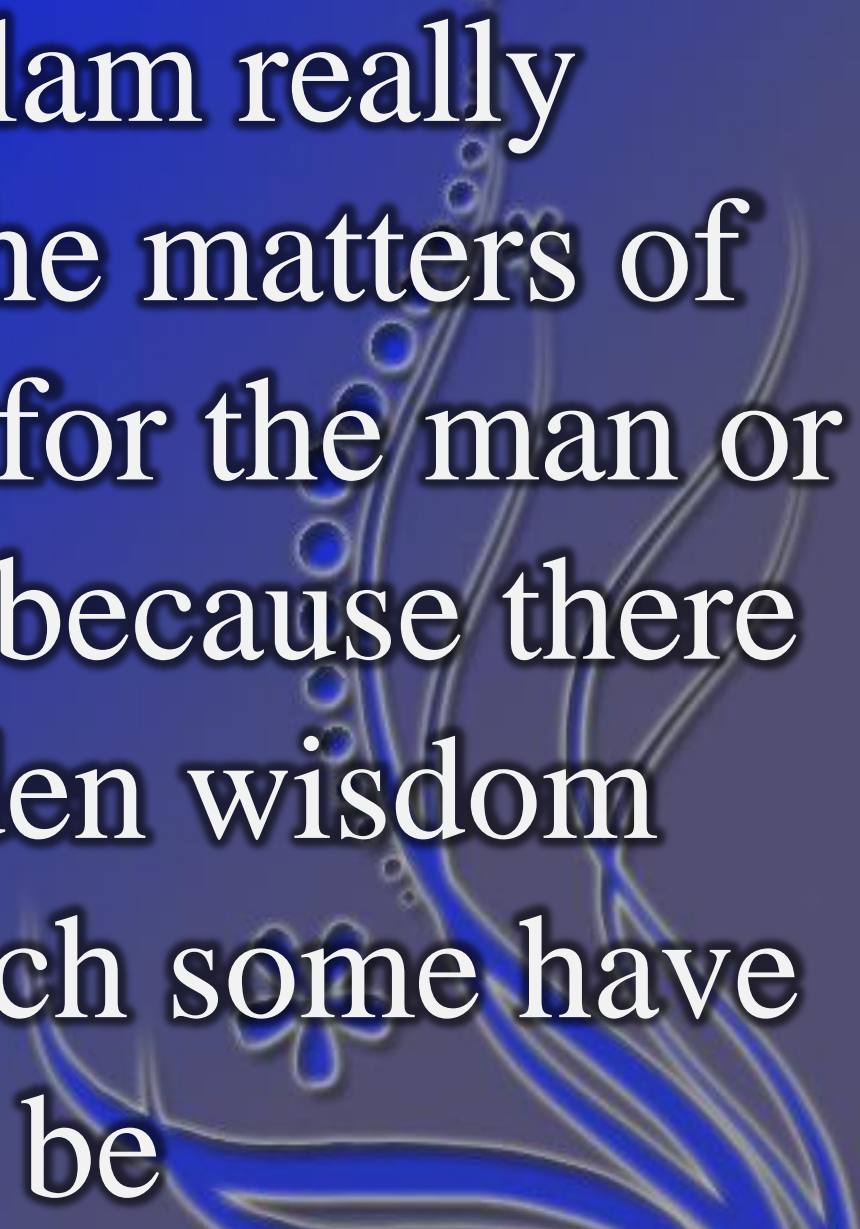
**attendants having no
physical desire, or children
who are not yet aware of the
private aspects of women.
And let them not stamp their
feet to make known what
they conceal**



**of their adornment. And turn
to Allah in repentance, all of
you, O believers, that you
might succeed.”**

(an-Noor 24:31)

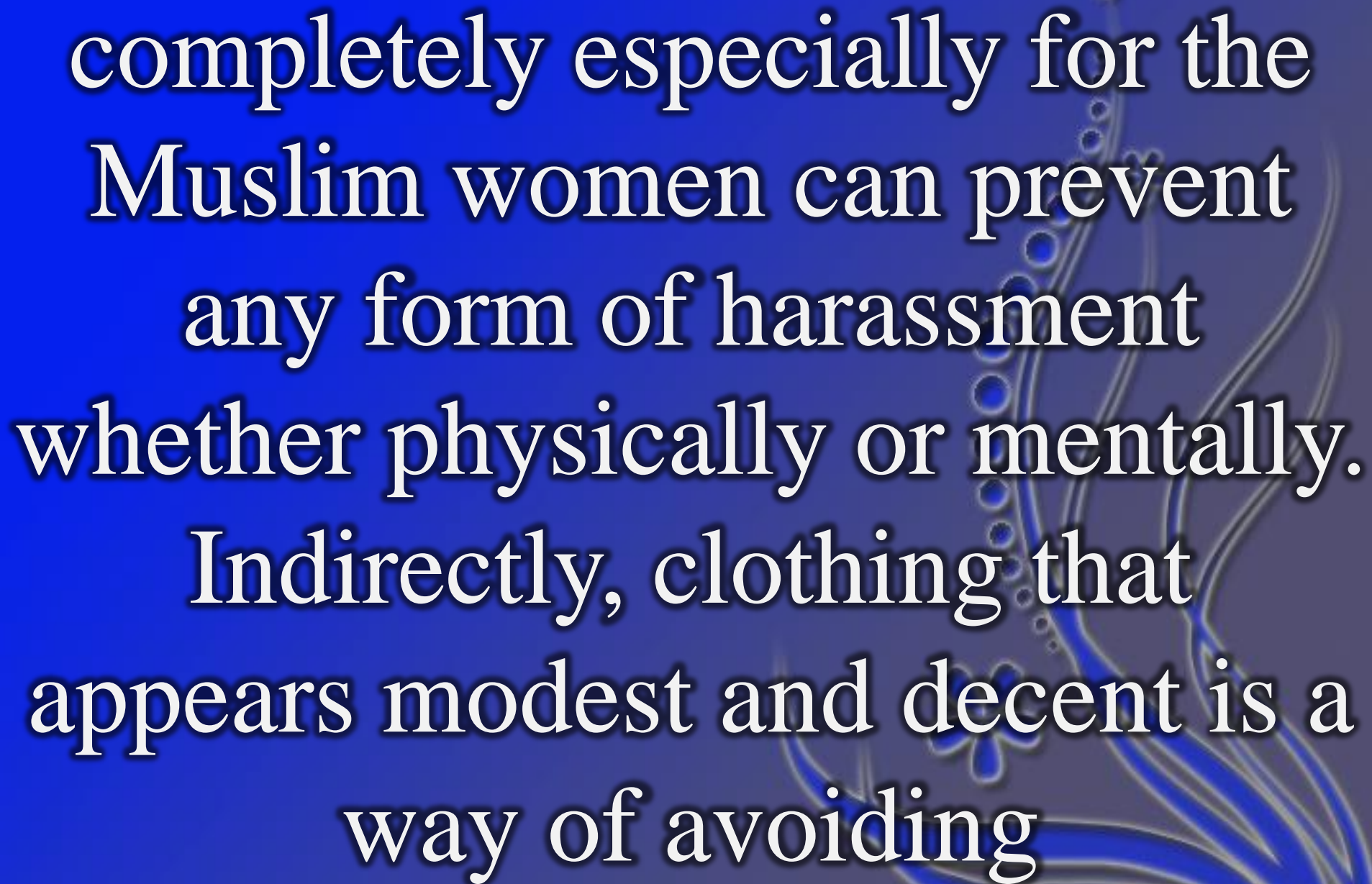
Hence, the Muslim *ummah* must restrain themselves from violating those limits in matters of adornment and clothing, which are important components of 'awrah.



Why does Islam really emphasize on the matters of *'awrah*, whether for the man or woman? This is because there are many hidden wisdom behind it, in which some have yet to be

understood the by the Muslim
ummah today, among them:

1- To protect women from
being harmed whether
physically or mentally;
Covering the *'awrah*



completely especially for the
Muslim women can prevent
any form of harassment
whether physically or mentally.
Indirectly, clothing that
appears modest and decent is a
way of avoiding

fitnah, leering, and helps to avoid immoral incidents.

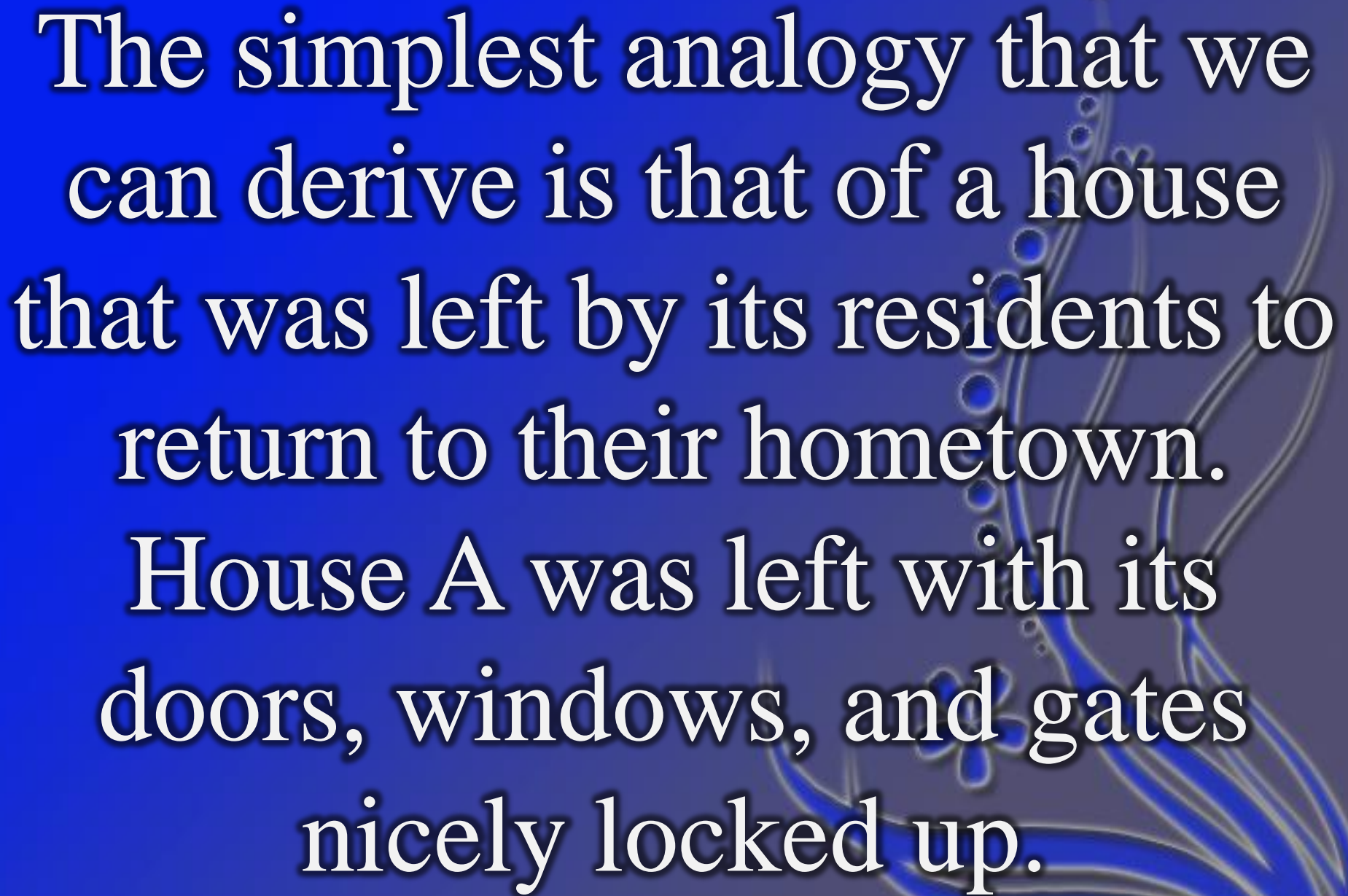
Avenues that lead to wickedness such as rape, fornication, and incest can all be blocked off.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“O Prophet, tell your wives
and your daughters and the
women of the believers to
bring down over**

**themselves [part] of their
outer garments. That is more
suitable that they will be
known and not be abused.
And ever is Allah Forgiving
and Merciful.”**

(al-Ahzaab 33:59)



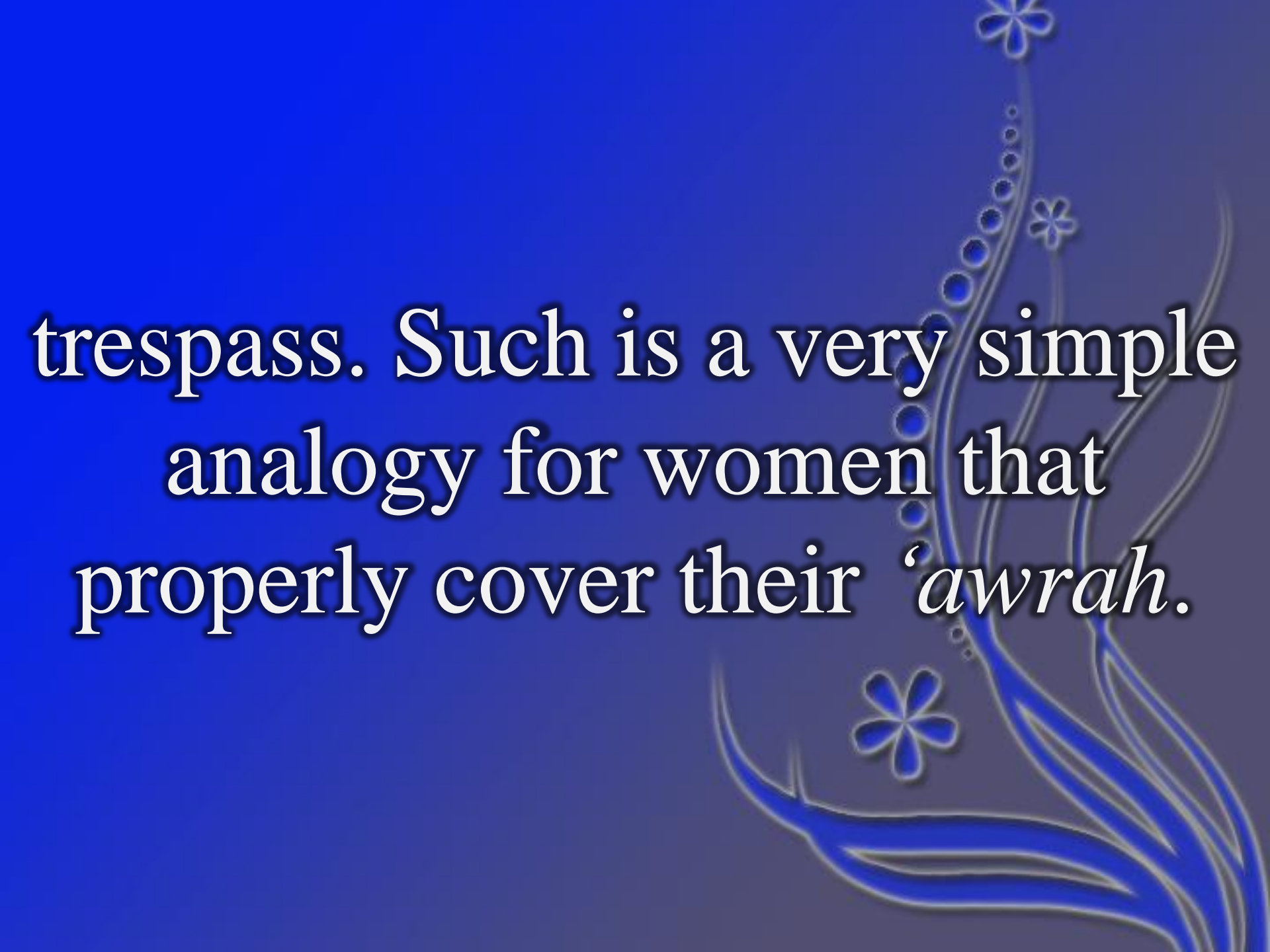
The simplest analogy that we can derive is that of a house that was left by its residents to return to their hometown. House A was left with its doors, windows, and gates nicely locked up.



While House B was left abandoned and unlocked as is.

Which house would be appealing to the thief?

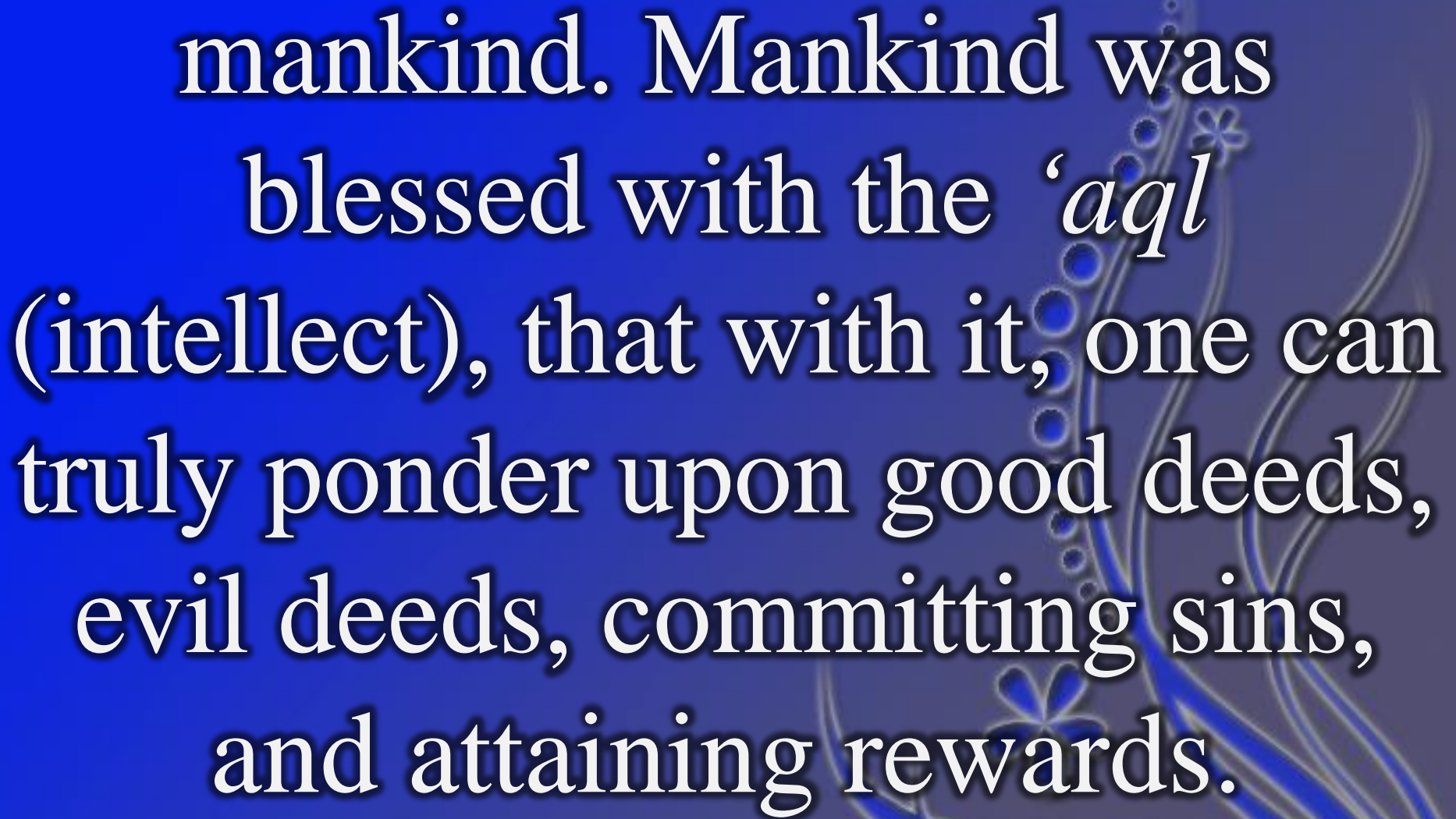
Definitely House B for it is truly exposed and even facilitates for outsiders to



trespass. Such is a very simple
analogy for women that
properly cover their *'awrah*.

2- The second wisdom is to
elevate the stature of mankind
far above other creations
created by Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala.*

This is the superiority that
Allah has granted upon



mankind. Mankind was
blessed with the '*aql*
(intellect), that with it, one can
truly ponder upon good deeds,
evil deeds, committing sins,
and attaining rewards.

Furthermore, the '*aql*' is placed at the highest location on the human body, symbolizing the creation of Allah as the best of creation.

Privileged indeed are the Muslim women for the high

valuation and recognition that
Islam confers upon them. Allah

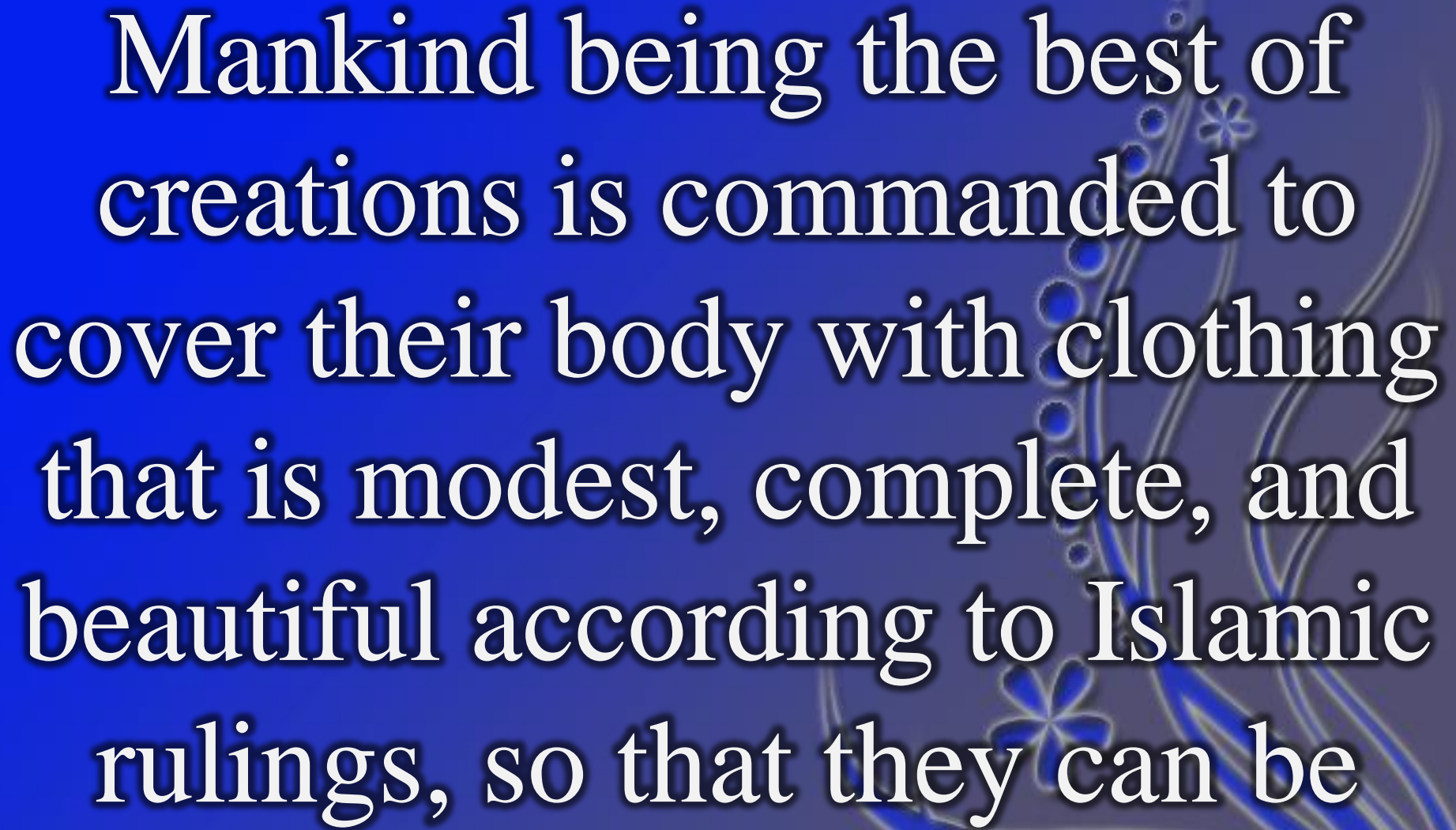
Subhaanahu Wata'aala

mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“We have certainly created
man in the best of stature;**

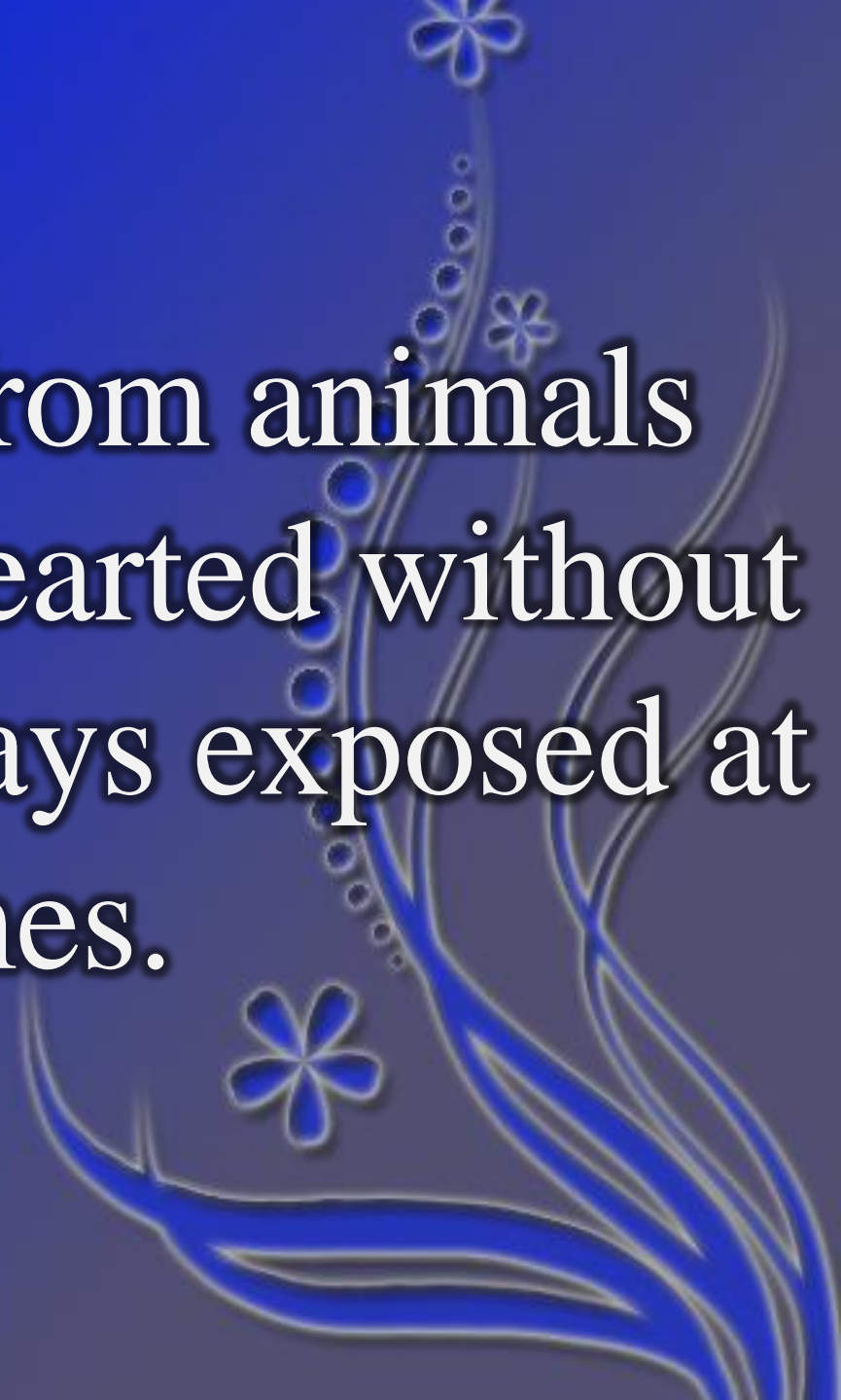
**Then We return him to the
lowest of the low, Except for
those who believe and do
righteous deeds, for they will
have a reward
uninterrupted.”**

(at-Teen 95:4-6)

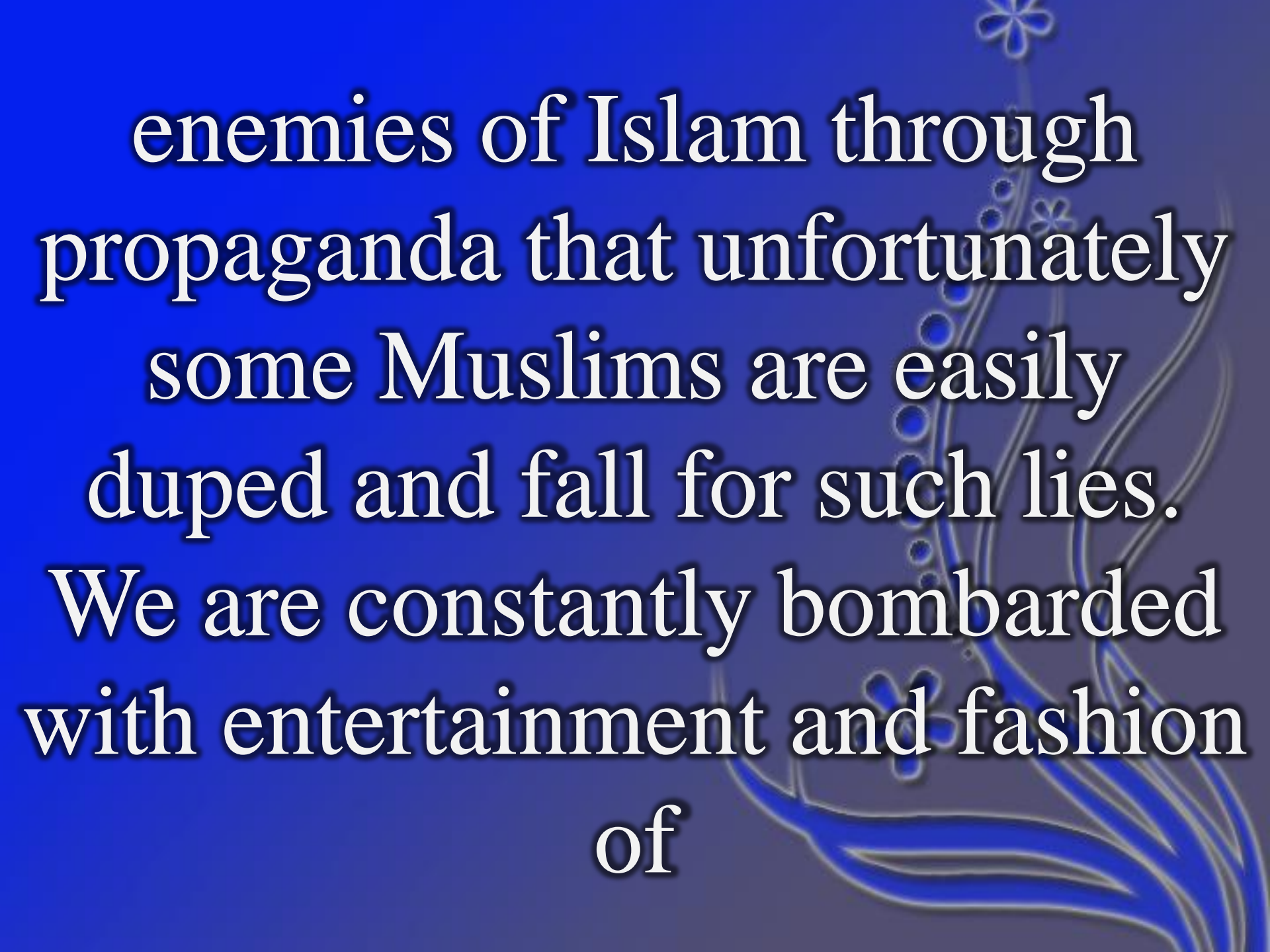


Mankind being the best of creations is commanded to cover their body with clothing that is modest, complete, and beautiful according to Islamic rulings, so that they can be

distinguished from animals
that are empty-hearted without
intellect and always exposed at
all times.



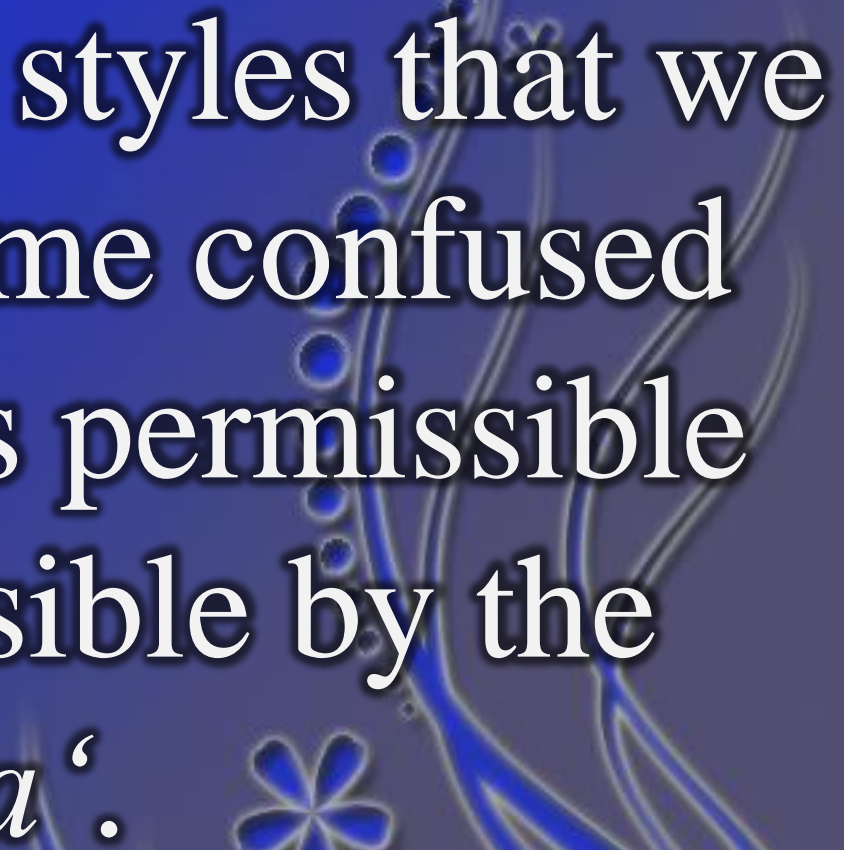
Some society actually deems
the covering of *'awrah*
restricts individual freedom. Is
such allegation true? Such
allegation must be refuted
altogether. It is all
sensationalized by the



enemies of Islam through
propaganda that unfortunately
some Muslims are easily
duped and fall for such lies.

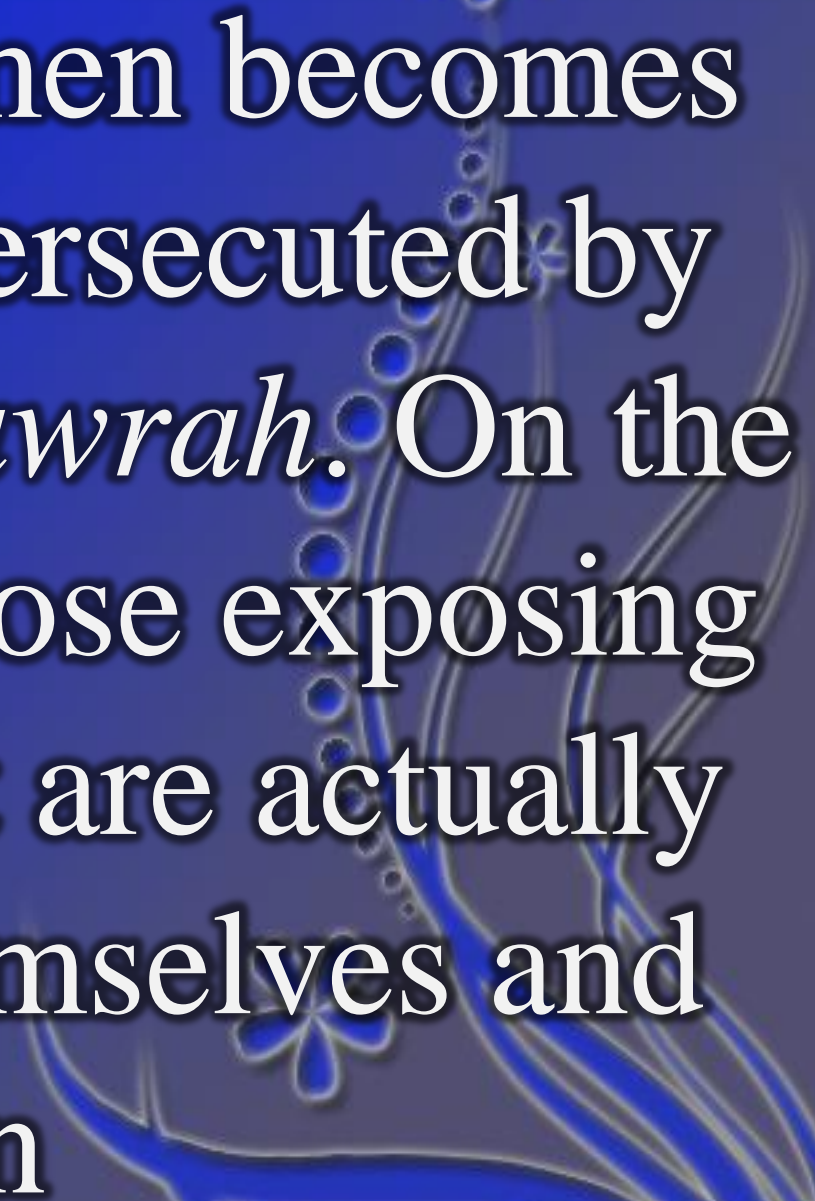
We are constantly bombarded
with entertainment and fashion
of

wide variety and styles that we
have now become confused
between what is permissible
and impermissible by the
Shara'.

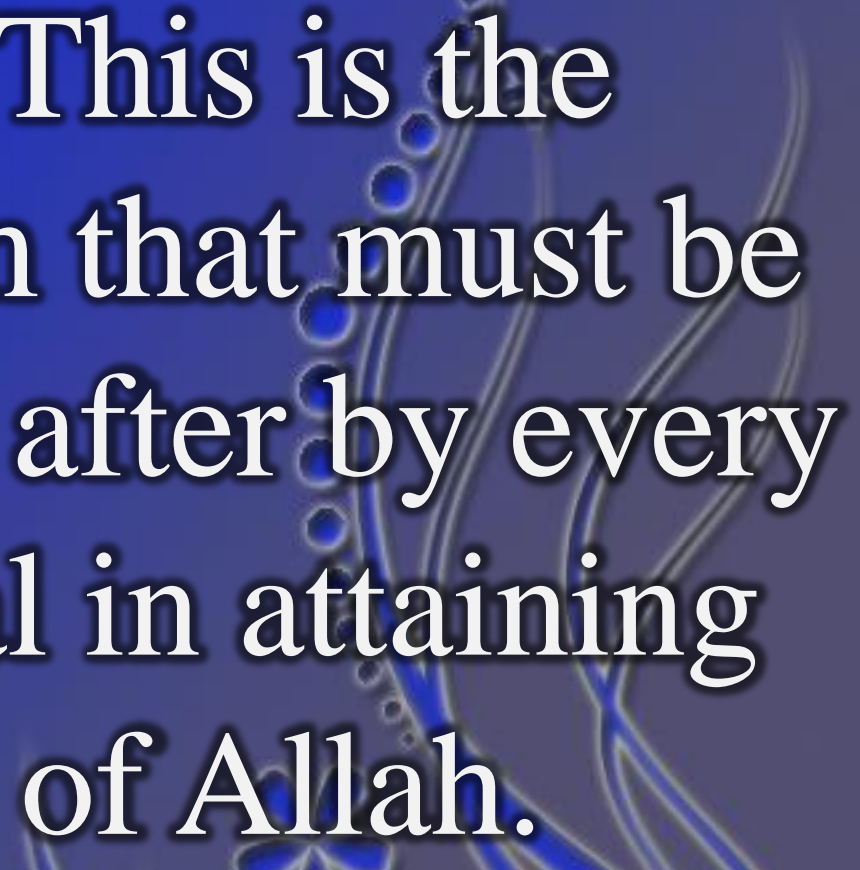


Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
has forbade the Muslim men
and women from exposing
their *'awrah* not to restrict
their freedom but because
Allah actually honors and
recognizes them.

No men or women becomes
oppressed or persecuted by
covering their *'awrah*. On the
contrary, it is those exposing
the *'awrah* that are actually
oppressing themselves and
even



harming others. Truthfully,
Islam guides all of us towards
the path of pleasure and *taqwa*
of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala, by closing up the
paths to disobedience and
increasing



one's *imaan*. This is the absolute freedom that must be diligently sought after by every single individual in attaining the pleasure of Allah.

On this very occasion, I would like to remind all of us to take lessons from these following matters:

1- The Muslim *ummah* must possess sound '*aqeedah* by having full certainty that

covering the *'awrah* is an ordainment within the *Sharee'ah* that is *waaajib* upon every Muslim.

2- Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* has obligated the Muslim men and women to

cover their *'awrah* for the purpose of elevating and honoring the degree of mankind as compared to other creations of Allah.

3- The Muslim women must cover their *'awrah* so as to

avoid sexual harassment and mistreatment by wicked and immoral men.

4- The head of the family, community, society, and leaders must ensure that they and their subjects or

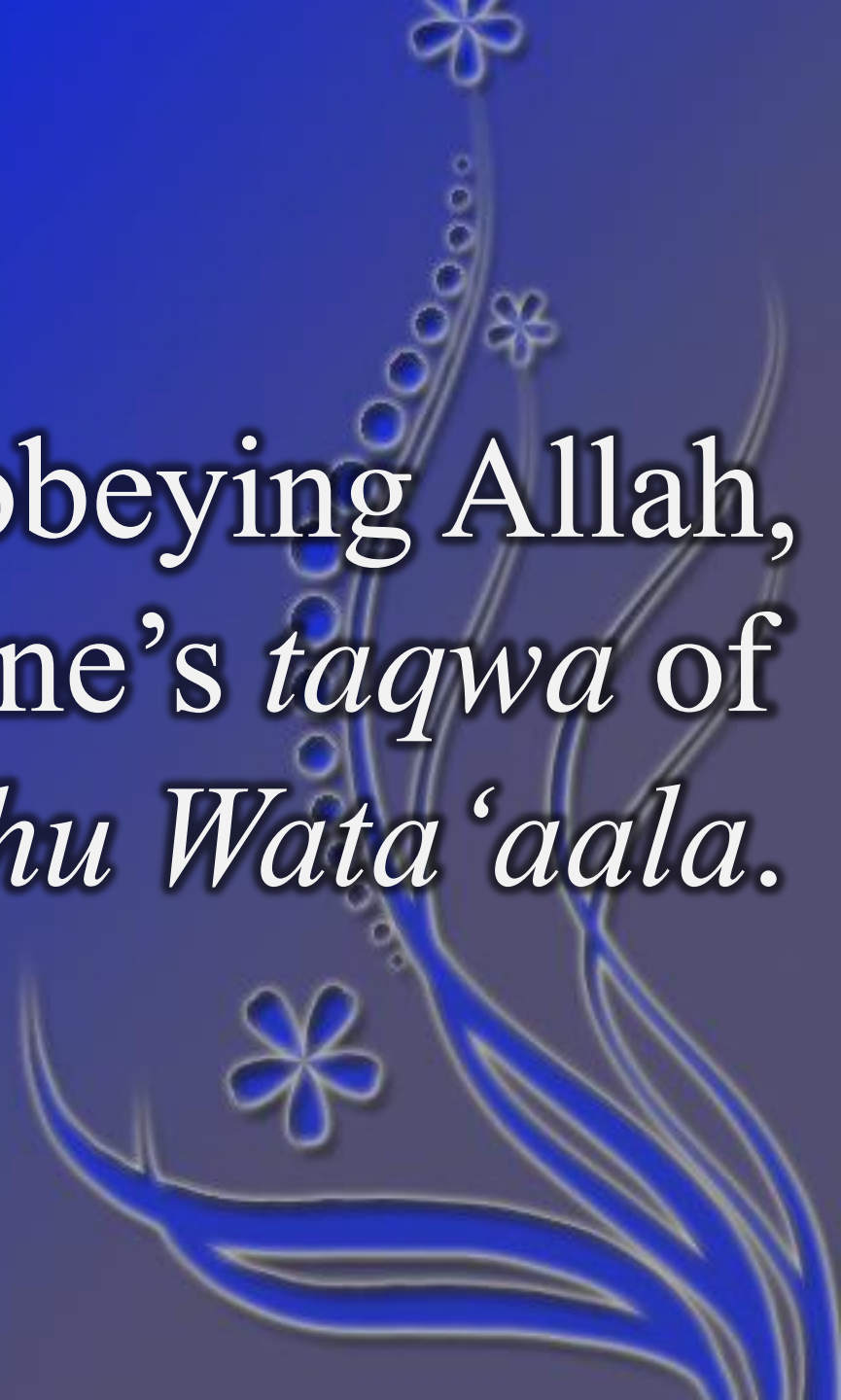
dependents have truly abide by
the *Sharee'ah* of Allah
especially with regard to
covering the *'awrah*.

5- The organizers and sponsors
of fashion clothing must have
the awareness and

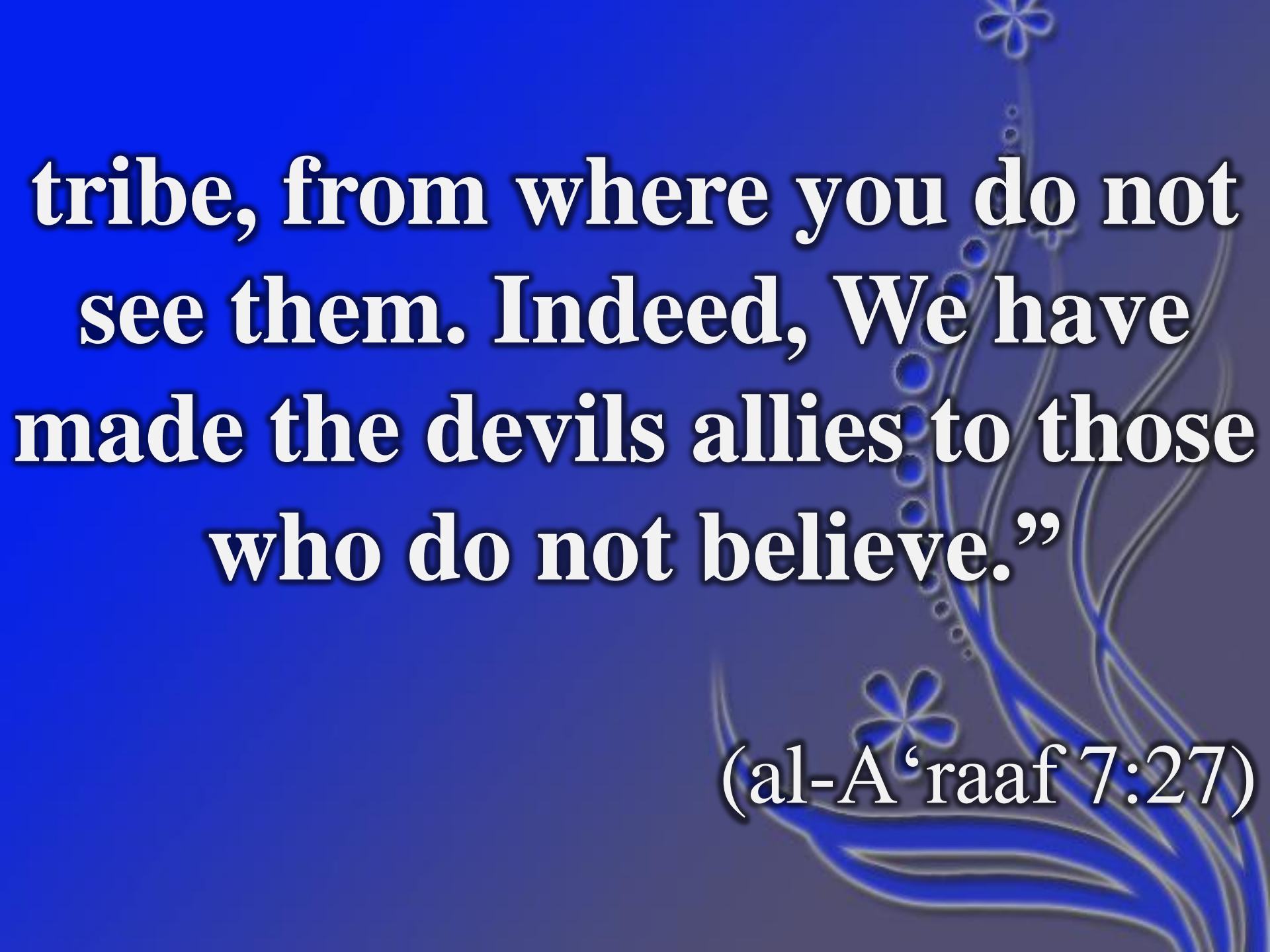
sensitivity with every fashion designed, ensuring that it fully complies with the *Sharee'ah* of Allah.

6- The covering of *'awrah* is not merely covering one's physical body, but includes

one's fear of disobeying Allah,
and increasing one's *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.



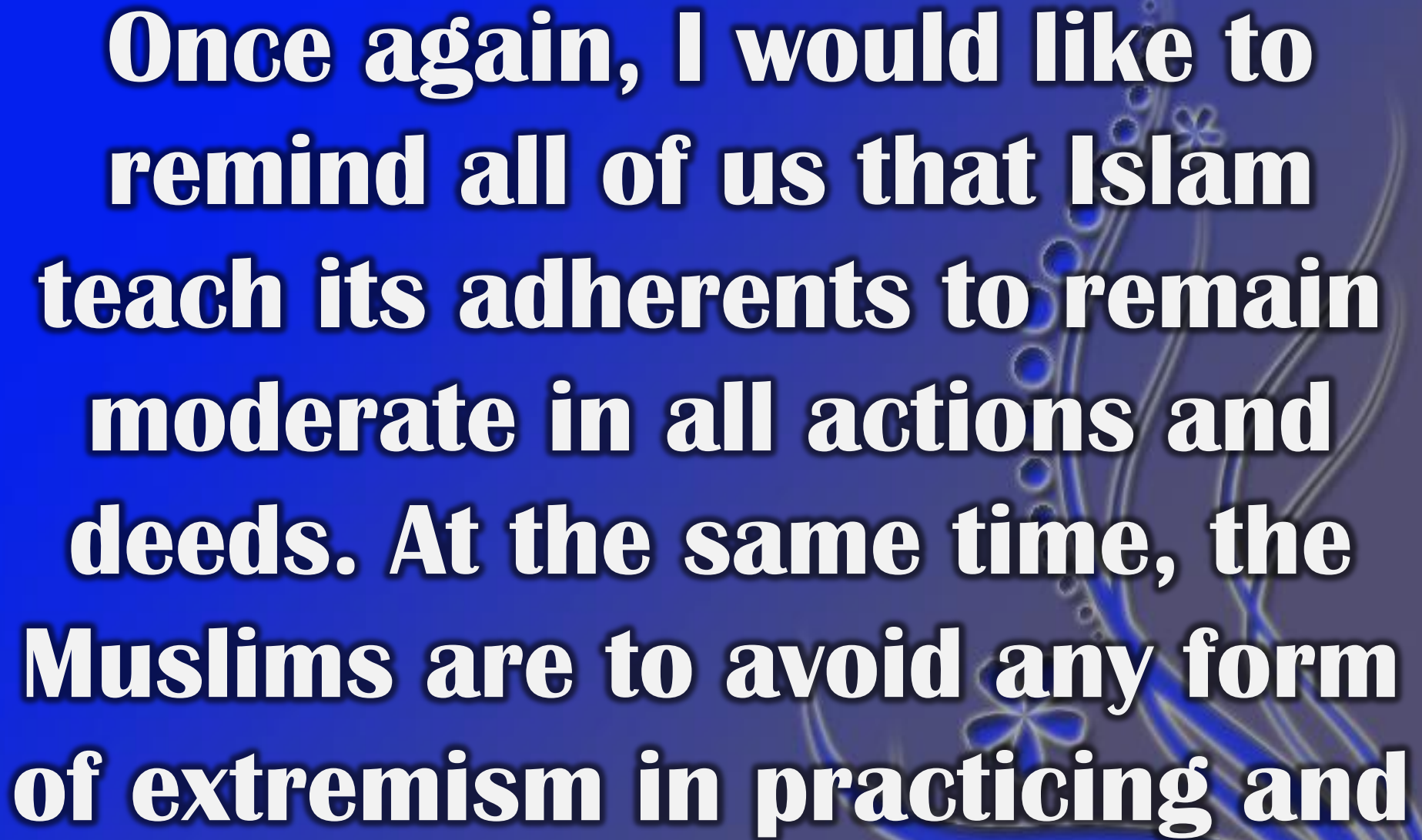
**“O children of Adam, let not
Satan tempt you as he
removed your parents from
Paradise, stripping them of
their clothing to show them
their private parts. Indeed,
he sees you, he and his**



**tribe, from where you do not
see them. Indeed, We have
made the devils allies to those
who do not believe.”**

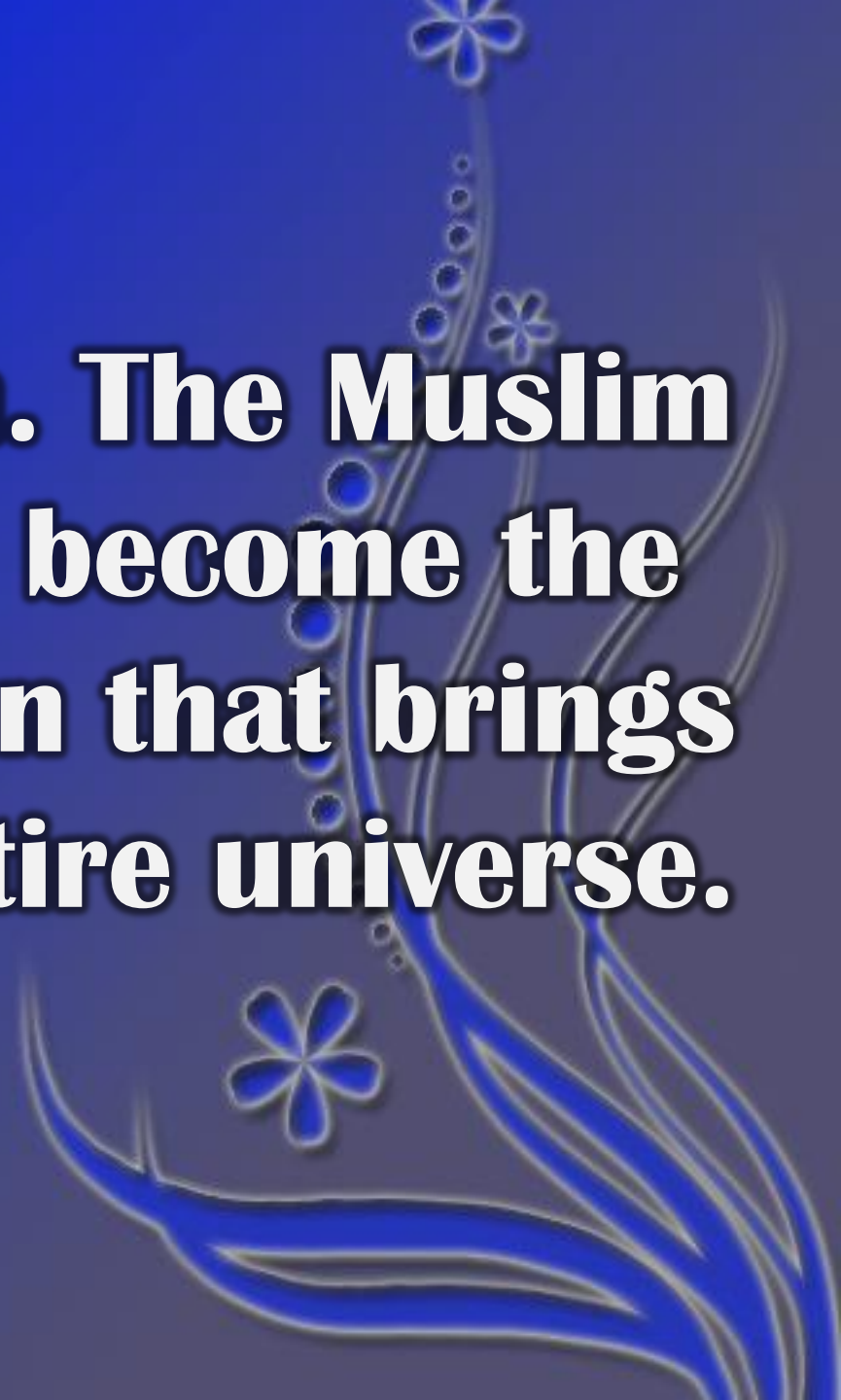
(al-A‘raaf 7:27)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
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إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ



Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in practicing and

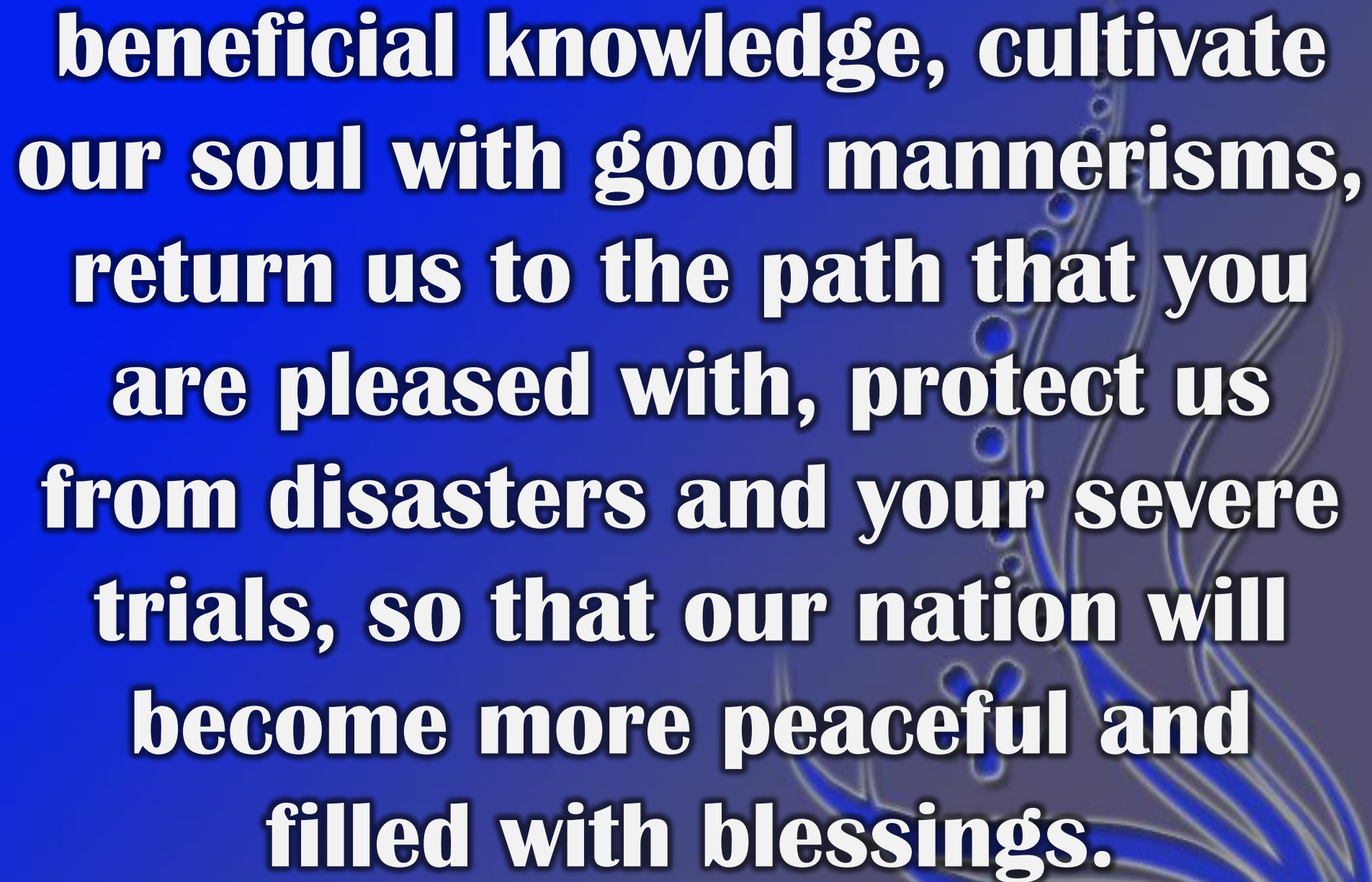
**upholding Islam. The Muslim
ummah should become the
exemplary nation that brings
mercy to the entire universe.**



**O Allah, You are the Lord that
is All Mighty, we are grateful to
You for having bestowed upon
us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we
are able to continue the effort
in empowering the Muslim
ummah especially in Selangor,
as an**

**advanced state, prosperous,
and providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech
you, O Allah, strengthen our
imaan, accept our deeds,
strengthen our unity, increase
our *rizq*, enrich us with**

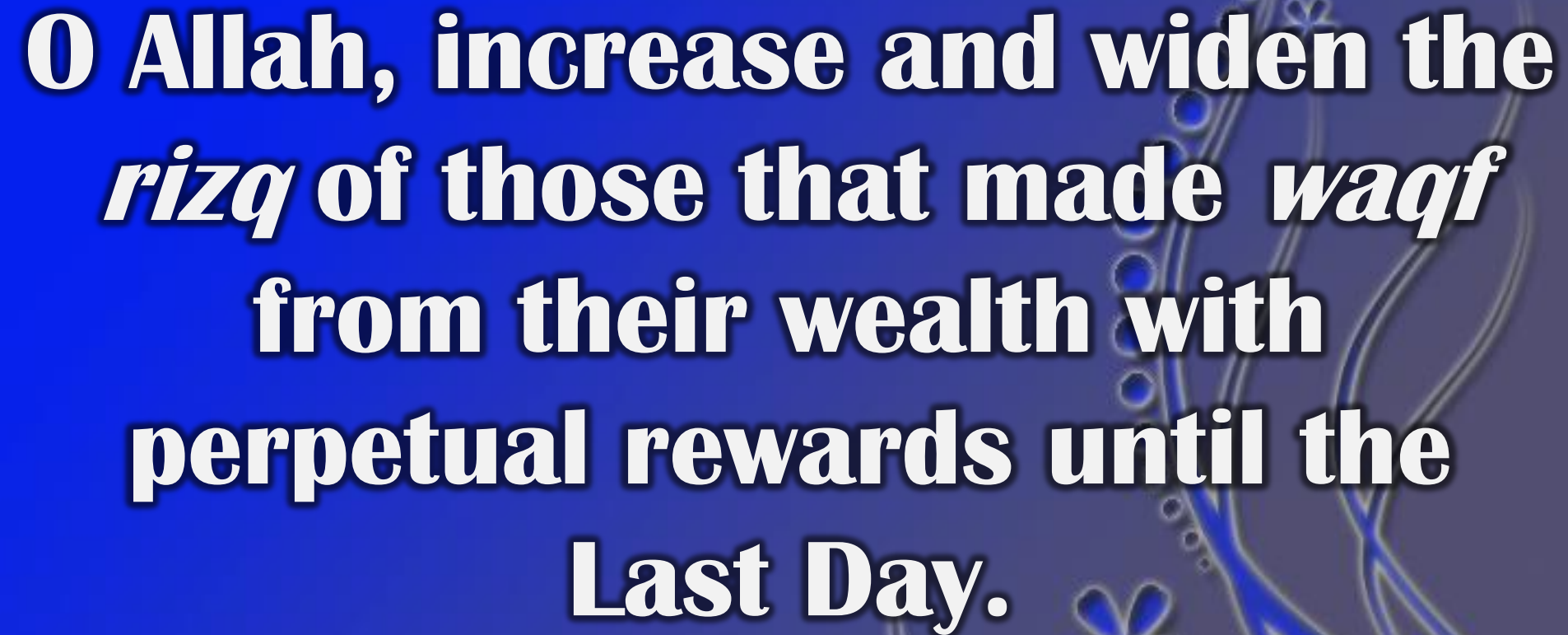


**beneficial knowledge, cultivate
our soul with good mannerisms,
return us to the path that you
are pleased with, protect us
from disasters and your severe
trials, so that our nation will
become more peaceful and
filled with blessings.**

O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of *Ahlu Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from deeds and *'aqeedah* that are astray such as the extreme *Shee'is*, *Qadiyani*, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have

**made *waqf* and gave up their
wealth for *Tabung Amanah
Pembangunan Islam Selangor*
(Islamic Development Trust
Fund of Selangor) with
continuous reward until the
Hereafter.**



**O Allah, increase and widen the
rizq of those that made *waqf*
from their wealth with
perpetual rewards until the
Last Day.**



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