



A Poem on the Importance of the Beard

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Oh my brother! Stop shaving the beard!

Have God's shame! Stop shaving the beard!

It's just hair from the outward but it's the light of Islam!

Make your face enlightened! Stop shaving the beard!

With your looks are displeased Allah and al-Mustafa

Seek their pleasure! Stop shaving the beard!

The Satan rejoices after looking at your face!

And he is your staunch enemy! Stop shaving the beard!

Has any Hindu ever cut off his braid¹? Tell me!

Why have you done this!? Stop shaving the beard!

¹ Referring to the braid sported by the Hindu Brahmins of India.

Has anyone from the Household², Companions³ or Prophets done this?

Why are you distinct from them!? Stop shaving the beard!

It's strange that even the women are influenced by this!

Thus shaving their heads! Stop shaving the beard!

You were born a man but you have become effeminate now!

Why have you sought this wrath? Stop shaving the beard!

Stop shaving the beard and even trimming it, for all this is prohibited!

Obey the order of al-Mustafa! Stop shaving the beard!

Let the plea of Jamil al-Qadiri be accepted Oh Lord!

Let the Nation⁴ of Best of Abstemious Ones⁵ stop shaving the beard!

Translated from the original Urdu.

² The Ahl al-Bayt, the Noble Family of the Prophet salAllahu alayhi wa sallam.

³ Sahaba, the Blessed Companions of the Prophet salAllahu alayhi wa sallam.

⁴ Arabic = Ummah

⁵ Arabic = Khayr al-Wara