119359 - Is Makeup Haram?

the question

There is something that is sold in the pharmacy in the form of drops, and it is called collagen. It is a substance that is used to cleanse and nourish the skin, and it is used as a face cream, and with continued use it can lead to swelling of the face. What is your opinion on using it?

Summary of answer

Makeup is not haram for Muslim women if these conditions are met: If it is not applied for non-mahram men, the materials used for cosmetic purposes should be permissible, the materials used for cosmetic purposes should not be harmful to her body and the cosmetic effect on the body should be temporary.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

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In principle it is permissible for women to use cosmetics, but when saying it is permissible it is essential to pay attention to a number of things, such as:

1- This beautification should not be for non-mahram men. The one for whom a Muslim woman should beautify herself first and foremost is her husband. If she uses cosmetics so that her husband will see her in the best shape, or she appears thus beautified before other women or her mahrams, that is permissible for her. This is because the basic principle is that she should cover all of her body in front of non-mahram men, so how can it be permissible for her to beautify herself for them in addition to that?

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2- The materials used for cosmetic purposes should be permissible, such as henna and kohl. It is not permissible for her to use fat from dead meat (i.e., from animals that have not been slaughtered in accordance with Shari'ah) or impure (najis) substances, because Islam forbids using impure and haram things.

3- The materials used for cosmetic purposes should not be harmful to her body. It is not permissible for her to use harmful chemical substances, whether the harmful effect will occur immediately or in the future, because Islam forbids harming oneself, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "There should be neither causing harm nor reciprocating harm."

For more information on the ruling on powders and some of their harmful effects, please see the answers to questions no. 26861 , 26799 , 20226 and 22917 .

4- The cosmetic effect on the body should be temporary. It is not permissible for her to use those substances that change the creation of Allah, as some women do by having lip treatments, face peeling and tattoos which change the colour of the skin permanently.

In the answer to question 34215 we have stated that face peeling is haram, and that it is changing the creation of Allah.

In the answer to question no. 47694 , we discussed the ruling on cosmetic surgery, and we stated that some of it may be essential, so it is permissible, and some of it is merely for the purpose of beautification, and it is haram, because it comes under the heading of changing the creation of Allah. One of the examples we mentioned was face lifts.

If the conditions and guidelines mentioned above are met, then using collagen is permissible.

And Allah knows best.