125951 - Is It Prohibited to Clean Your Eyebrows?

the question

Can a woman clean her eyebrows not reshaping but cleaning them up?

Summary of answer

It is not permissible for Muslim women to remove any hair from the eyebrows, whether it is to make them thinner or to reshape them, or for what is called cleaning, which means removing excess or scattered hairs.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is not permissible to remove any hair from the eyebrows , whether it is to make them thinner or to reshape them, or for what is called cleaning , which means removing excess or scattered hairs, because that comes under the heading of plucking which is prohibited, and concerning which it is narrated that the one who does it is cursed.

Al-Bukhari (4886) and Muslim (2125) narrated that `Abdullah ibn Mas`ud (may Allah be pleased with him) said: May Allah curse the one who does tattoos and the one who has a tattoo done, the one who plucks eyebrows and the one who has her eyebrows plucked , and those who file teeth for the purpose of beautification, changing the creation of Allah. News of that reached a woman of Banu Asad who was called Umm Ya`qub, who used to read the Quran. She came to him and said: What is this that I have heard about you cursing the one who does tattoos and the one who has a tattoo done, the one who has her eyebrows plucked , and those who file teeth for the purpose of beautification, changing the creation of Allah? `Abdullah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: Why should I not curse those whom the Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) cursed, when it is in the Book of Allah? The woman said: I have read the Mus-haf from cover

to cover and I did not find it. He said: If you had read it you would have found it. Allah says (interpretation of the meaning): “And whatsoever the Messenger (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) gives you, take it; and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain (from it).” [Al-Hashr 59:7] The woman said: I think that I would see something of that on your wife now. He (may Allah be pleased with him) said: Go and look. So she entered upon the wife of `Abdullah and did not see anything. She came to him and said: I did not see anything. He (may Allah be pleased with him) said: If that were the case, we would not live with her.

And Allah knows best.