6906 - Children wearing short clothes

the question

Some women – may Allah guide them – dress their young daughters in short clothes which show the calves. When we advise these mothers, they say, “We used to dress like this and it did not affect us when we grew up.” What do you think about this?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

I think that a person should not let his or her daughter wear such clothes when she is little, because if she gets used to wearing such clothes when she is little, she will continue to do so when she gets older, and it will not be such a big issue for her. But if she gets used to dressing modestly from a young age, she will continue to dress modestly when she gets older. What I advise our Muslim sisters to do is to shun the clothing of foreigners who are the enemies of our religion and to get their daughters used to wearing covering clothes and to the idea that modesty is part of religion.