

the moustache and save the beard." [Bukhaari and Muslim]

Obeying Rasool-Allah (SAAWS) in that is equivalent to obeying Allah (SWT) who said:

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ  
فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ

"The one who obeys the Rasool has actually obeyed Allah" [An-Nisaa:80]

c. Shaving the beard involves stepping away from the appearance and guidance of Rasool-Allah (SAAWS):

It has been reported authentically that Rasool-Allah (SAAWS) used to have a thick beard [Sahih Muslim]. Allah (SWT) said:

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ  
أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ

"In Rasool-Allah is a good example for you to follow" [Al-Ahzaab:21]

And Rasool-Allah (SAAWS) said: "Verily, the best guidance is Muhammad's guidance." [Muslim]

d. Shaving the beard involves turning away from the way of the believers:

It is well known that all the prophets (SAAWS) and the

Sahaabah (Prophet's companions) and the good people of this Islamic Ummah (Nation) grew their beards. It is not reported to us that even one of them shaved his beard. Thus, this is their way, and Allah (SWT) says:

وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا  
تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ  
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصَلِّهِ  
جَهَنَّمَ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا

"Whoever disobeys the Rasool (SAAWS), after guidance has been clarified to him, and follows other than the path of the believers, We shall give to him what he deserves and broil him in hell, which is the worst abode." [An-Nisaa:115]

e. Shaving the beards involves imitating the disbelievers:

This has been shown in several Hadeeths of Rasool-Allah (SAAWS) for example:

"Cut the moustaches and let your beard grow. Be different from the Magians." [Muslim]

"Cut your moustaches and leave your beards alone. Be different from the people of the scripture." [Muslim]

"Be different from the Mushrikeen (idolators); trim your moustaches and leave your beards alone." [Bukhaari and Muslim]

We are ordered to be different and distinguishable from the disbelievers as much as possible. Allah (SWT) said:

وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

"Follow not the whims of those who have no knowledge (of Islam)." [Al-Jaathiyah:18]

And Rasool-Allah (SAAWS) said:

"Whoever imitates a people is but one of them." [Abu Daawood]

f. Shaving the beards involves changing what Allah (SWT) has created without his permission:

In the Hadeeth [Bukhaari and Muslim], Rasool-Allah (SAAWS) declared that the women who change what Allah (SWT) has created, like removing the hair from their faces or filing their teeth or tattooing their bodies, seeking by such means to improve their appearance, are accursed by Allah (SWT).

The Hadeeth mentioned women in particular because they seek to beautify themselves much more than men do. But it applies to both sexes because the reason for the prohibition is important, as has been pointed out by many 'Ulamaa (scholars). Shaving the beard thus falls under this warning as it is much worse