

# Misconception: Muslim men have to grow a beard



**Background:** Some think that all Muslim men must have a beard, mainly due to the many images seen in the media of Muslim clerics having a beard.

There is only one mentioning of a person having a beard in The Quran, that of Aaron in 20:94, but it is not stated as a command or requirement.

Muslim men having a beard is a tradition associated with the reported sayings/practices of prophet Muhammad, as recorded by others.

*Growing a beard or not is a personal choice.*

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