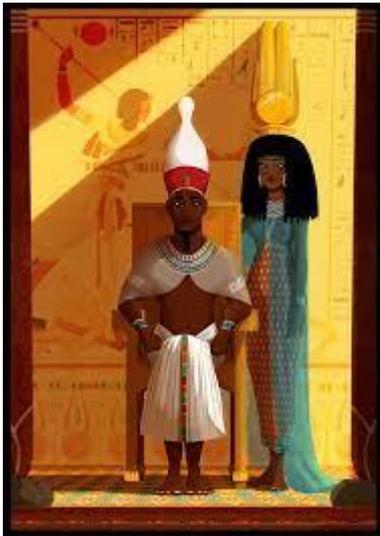


# Man and Woman





Too much argument persists on the equality of man and woman and how such equality defines, or should redefine, the roles of each. The fault of this growing confusion on the roles of each sex is partly on the Abrahamic religions that placed woman far below the man with no intention to elevate her to equality since the Holy Books, within which this inequality is stated, is the word of God, bearing the stamp of God's approval that woman should stay below the man. This tradition has been upheld for centuries and

it now is the time to save heartaches to both the women who seek redress and the men who think the women are only acting rebellious.

Too many truths are obvious in life but many people are looking but not seeing them. The natural roles of man and woman are there for all to see. These natural roles are so inherent to each sex because they stem from the fundamental nature of both. Their performance of these roles cannot be perfectly emulated by the other if their places are swapped. Because the man can change the diaper of the infant doesn't mean he connects on a soul level as the mother during such caring moments. Because a

woman can paint her apartment all by herself does not mean she is fitted to build the same building housing her.

Rebellion is at the heart of the conflict between the man and woman – rebellion over the roles both are designed for. It started with the man limiting the expression of the woman through the power of religion and the state. The women are rebelling against their natural roles with the guise of seeking to level up with the man and to perform his roles or have him performing hers.

At the heart of the rebellion of woman, or, to use a more politically correct term, at the heart of feminism is the disgust of women at the centuries-old portrayal of them, especially in the Holy Books of Abrahamic religions, and then, consequently, by society. Since these religions are founded on patriarchy, women hold men as the object of their struggle. If the fire of this struggle is not extinguished sooner, a level of disorder will mar the face of the Earth.

Reeducate yourselves now on the roles of man and woman. Too much of the health of society depends on the harmony of the sexes. *Harmony, not competition.*

Consider these natural roles and the spiritual roles will be understood. Three natural roles of woman are here outlined along with three natural roles of man. These shall suffice to show that both sexes are meant to harmonise while separately performing their roles.

The woman is a Nurturer, the Homemaker, and the Healer. As a nurturer, the health of her family is her sweetest occupation. It is by Design that her soul is configured to birth, nurse, tender, and nurture her offspring into optimum health. She has this role because she is best fitted for it. It is so natural to her that the man appears to be *playing a woman* stepping into this role. Even the child knows who to turn attention to when it seeks to be tendered.



The woman is the Homemaker. This role is beyond setting furniture in their right places and ensuring that meals arrive on the dining table at the usual times. The homemaker's role is the power to create homeliness within the home, a home in a shelter, with a bond of family love and security which the members of the family are not supposed to find anywhere else except they are recreating homes for their families with the wisdom of *home*. The home is never the walls of the shelter, it is the mother's wings. The woman demonstrates leadership in this particular role because the foundation of her offspring is configured within her wings. The healthier those wings are, the healthier her offsprings stands ready for the latter part of their education.

The woman is the Healer, when emotions flare within the home when souls are hurt, the mother's touch is the Midas touch – it heals. Her voice and her being conduct calm within the hearts of her man and children and reinstates love and peace that discord had dismantled.

The man's role is an extension of the woman's. Where she is the nurturer, he is the Trainer, the Teacher of his offspring. He prepares them to confront the forces of society from his understanding and wisdom which he earned from his frequent interaction with the world. He harmonises the role of the woman by solidifying the delicate nature which she nurtured into their offspring. Where she forms her offspring with the innocence of the dove, he strengthens them with the wisdom of the serpent. He contributes to her nurturing so that their offspring grow into maturity to wisely hold their grounds amidst the forces of society while knowing how to create home wherever they find shelter. Through his teaching, their offspring receive validation concerning the education of their mother.

The man is the natural Provider for the home. The misunderstanding of this role is at the heart of man lording themselves on the woman because his breadwinning role seems to give him the power to dictate all family affairs including the personal aspiration of his woman. Blunt as it may sound, the fact is that *the provider role of the man is a servant role*. It is how he leads, by example. He sacrifices his mental and physical strength for his family. If men were to rebel against the weight of this role,

it would shatter a lot of families, on the one hand, and justify the need for women to earn, on the other hand. It is wise that the man performs this role without rebellion because his dignity depends a lot on it. Will the life of a man be less dignifying if he decides not to be a breadwinner to the family? Yes, and against that he should not start a family with a woman. Even at that, he would have to be a breadwinner to his desires.

The man is a hunter; if he were not to play such a dominant role against natural forces, he may have been a woman to handle the delicate roles of the home. He builds a shelter so that the woman makes a home of it. He gathers food for the family so that the woman makes meals out of them.

A woman earning as much as, or more than, her man should not cast off the harmony that should exist between them. Nobody determined that the man should earn more than the woman. It is only consequent upon his frequent interaction with the world while his woman supports the home that both are responsible for. Women can work themselves to great wealth as the men do. But, both err if in pursuing wealth they abandon their natural roles to their homes, their offspring, and to each other.

The man is the Protector of the family. While the woman heals the hurt within the home, he ensures that his household is protected from the hurts waiting outside. He is a shield to the family and the natural fact here is that his strength is fueled by his love for his woman, their offspring, and their home.



These roles can be volunteered by one for the other. But, in the total absence of the man or the women, playing both roles at the same time can wear out the man or the woman, and this may affect the full maturity of the child they produced. Single parenthood demands extra mental strength and wisdom in raising a child and where there are more children such parent

deserves a medal.

The cry of some women is that their men are not helping them in the home. It is true in many cases of marriages where the woman bears the label of housemaid being both a housewife and mother. This problem stems from men misunderstanding marriage and their unconscious acting out of the programmed husband-father authority roles. Helping women handle the home, make food in the kitchen, and even serve her on the bed is no big deal. However, he cannot serve her at the expense of himself. It can only work on a give and take basis, on the principle of reciprocity. She gives him, he gives her. Conscience, if both listen to it, will always inspire how both should serve the other.

The harmony between man and woman demands that the woman supports the man in his breadwinning role too. Doesn't it? If she has the mental resources to be a co-breadwinner, let her employ it. Their home deserves all the goodness that both their earnings can make happen. But if the home is the woman's only occupation, she should gladly perform all her roles within it and the man should see to it, as a matter of responsibility, that her personal needs are met and not overshadowed by the needs of the home.

If love for each other is allowed to thrive, the man and the women will care for each other and support the other from wearing out in the performance of their roles.

Men should know this. His woman has the natural capacity to be wife, mother, and to earn. She has the potential to be creative, to hold offices, to lead institutions, and to build wealth from all of these. Being capable of this, the woman will not reduce her man even if she earns more than him. His egotistic thinking makes it look so. Her high earning potential should be a support for him to fuel his work and that is why the man must support the personal aspiration of the woman if she can handle it aside from being wife and mother.

On being the head of the house, man, you are, but with your woman beside you. She shares the headship with you. Beside every strong woman is her man. You are not your woman's



disciplinarian. Your brawls are to build a kingdom for you and your queen and not to beat a slave out of a wife.

From these natural roles of man and woman, it is clear what their fundamental roles then are. The man conceives the forms of the family and society and the woman manifests these forms. The man protects what is manifested and the woman channels her support to him. They are partners in the conservation of their production. The harmony or disharmony of both determines the health or decay of both family and society.

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