



Men and women were made for each other

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In the Holy Qu'ran we read:

It is made lawful for you to have sexual relations with your wives on the night of the fasts. They are clothing for you and you are clothing for them. Allah knoweth what ye Used to do secretly among yourselves [Qur'an 2:187]

What does the expression: "*they are a clothing for you and you are a clothing for them*" mean or indicate in this quranic verse ? Shayk Salman al-Qadah writes in his commentary on the verse in question:

Allah chose to use the word "clothing" rather than any other word to describe the special relationship between a man and his wife. **Allah made the man clothing for the woman and the woman clothing for the man.** The word "clothing" as used in this context is rich with meaning. The word clothing connotes **the idea of equality, complementarity, and support of both a psychological and physical nature.** The man has his role and the woman has hers. The woman cannot be construed as merely a vehicle to fulfill the man's desires. She is a human being, equal to the man. Each of them is as clothing to the other **1**

Clothing also provides pleasure, delight and warmth. In other words the Holy Qu'ran states that men and women were made for the benefit of each other. Men and women were made by Allah in such a way that they complete each other. Abdullah Yusuf Ali also confirms this in his commentary

Men and women are each other's garments i.e. they are for mutual support, mutual comfort, and mutual protection, fitting into each other as a garment fits the body. A garment also is both for show and concealment **2**

The Bible on the other hand states that men were not made for the benefit of women, but women only for the benefit of man. **3** Islam rejects this. If the man was not made for the woman, but the woman only for the man, *than Allah would have never described them both as "clothes" for each other.*

1: Salman al-Qadah, http://islamic-answers.com/they_are_clothing_for_you_and_you_are_clothing_for_them

2: Yusuf Ali, "*The Meaning of The Holy Qur'an*", Eleventh Edition, Aman Publications 2004, note 195, p. 75

3: 1 Corinthians 11:9 : "*Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man*"