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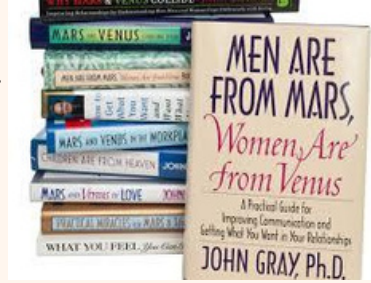


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# Relationships and the Challenges



Have you ever read a book written by Dr. John Gray, an American author and relationship counsellor entitled, “**Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus**”. It was released in 1992 and became a bestseller. As the title indicates – are men and women species from different planets? Nope! We are all from the planet Earth for sure, but **BOTH** are distinct from each other emotionally, culturally and in terms of personal values which affect relationships.

Take an instance of the dialogues below.

## DIALOGUE 1

**Woman:** How was the wedding reception dear?

**Man:** It was ok.

**Woman:** What do you mean by ok?

**Man:** Ok meaning it went on fine.

**Woman:** How did the bride and groom look?

**Man:** Good.

**Woman:** Hmm...what about the wedding decoration? Do you have any pictures to show?

**Man:** The decorations were great.

**Woman:** Were there many people at the reception?

**Man:** Yesss. Maria, why the many questions? Stop questioning me like a policewoman. I have already told you that everything was good. So, please stop asking me too many questions.

**Woman:** What do you mean by me questioning you like a policewoman! I just wanted to know more about the reception.

## DIALOGUE 2

**Man:** Darling, I am sorry for what I said. Let's forget it and move on. I love you.

**Woman:** Huh! Forget it? I can't. It is still so fresh in my mind. I love you too, but I am still hurt. You said I never get anything right. I am the one who gets all the work done in this house. How could you say such a thing to me? Now you want to just sweep everything under the carpet and move on. I can't.

**Man:** There she goes again (whispers).

Do the dialogues sound familiar? Do they ring a bell?

Generally, men and women under no circumstances can be the same physically of course and emotionally too. God created us differently. Understanding that men's and women's brains are wired differently plays an important role in successful relationships. Women's brains are said to be wired for empathy and intuition, whereas male brains are supposed to be optimized for reason and action. According to Dr John Gray, when men and women are able to respect and accept their differences, then love has a chance to blossom. Nevertheless, it should not be one-sided. As the saying goes – it takes two to tango!

