

**THE GAZE: THE MALE NEED TO LOOK
VS THE FEMALE NEED TO BE SEEN, AN
EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVE (CHAPTER 13)**

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A FOCUS ON ONE IMPORTANT THING LEAVES OUT OTHER THINGS

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

- It is about 200 years since the pioneers of feminism, such as Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797, England) and Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1986, France) began suggesting that society was dictating female roles in a “men’s world”.

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR MEN?

- Today in the West, the idea of “Patriarchy” being a toxic concept has gained so much ground that many have not considered how our fathers, husbands/partners, brothers and sons are feeling.

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- Advances in technology mean that we respond to the visual in particular ways that are ever more specific and defined. **However, men and women “search” and “find” different things because they are “wired” to have different priorities.**
- Put simply, the hunter’s gaze in the field is very different from the close-up “looking for a credit card in your wallet” gaze. As an example, this has given rise to expressions like “it’s a man look” when a man can’t find an object in a kitchen cupboard. Many women on the other hand, have poor navigational skills when driving...(?)

THE NEW PALGRAVE
HANDBOOK OF MALE
PSYCHOLOGY (2019)

<https://www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9783030043834#aboutBook> explores 32 aspects of men's issues using world wide research expertise and the most up to date statistics.

- My chapter, “The Gaze” examines the positive aspects of male and female difference via the complementary opposites of “seeing and being seen”.
- See also my blog here:
- <https://malepsychology.org.uk/2019/01/09/the-yin-of-being-looked-at-and-the-yang-of-looking/>
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- Single e-chapter £23.94

THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD

- God's revelation of Himself to Abraham was in connection with the blessings of Fatherhood, if Abraham would trust in Him (Genesis 17).
- Abraham modelled the first Patriarch for us and demonstrated strength, protection, care and sensitivity.
- Jesus says, "When you pray, say, "Our Father, who art in Heaven..."(Matthew 6, Luke 11)
- How can we reclaim Patriarchy as a positive thing for our times?