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Clothes - Wearing of Pants - Breeches, Worn by Both Men and Women in the History of Fashion

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Since the Garden of Eden, until this present time, men and women wore "similar designed garments," yet usually there was a slight distinction in the garments to distinguish a man's garment, from a woman's garment. Examples of similar fashion for both men and women throughout the history of fashion, from ancient times, to our present time are:

- 1) Tunics both men and women wore/wear tunics
- 2) <u>Cloaks</u> (coat/cape) both men and women wore/wear cloaks
- 3) <u>Skirts</u> both men and women wore/wear skirts (even today in certain cultures men still wear skirts (which is a similar design to women's skirts)
- 4) Sandals both men and women wore/wear sandals
- 5) Girdles (a type of belt) both men and women wore/wear girdles
- 6) Robes both men and women wore/wear robes
- 7) **Jewelry** both men and women wore/wear jewelry of similar designs

Secondly, there are "historic images of paintings/drawings" of people in the ancient world wearing "similar designed fashion," especially of the tunics, and also of the above various items. I fully encourage everyone to take time and research the "history of fashion" from ancient times to our present time of the different people and nations of this Earth, and be amazed at your discoveries. You will see similar designs in so many fashion items of both men and women.

<u>Pants</u> - It must b known that both men and women wore "pants - breeches" in ancient times, and to our present time in many cultures, especially as "underpants." Sadly to say, in certain cultures, there were men and women who did not wear any type of pants - breeches (underpants), especially in cultures of tropical and hot climates.

Let us read, examine and understand what the Holy Scriptures have to say concerning "breeches," and let us take time, and examine, and understand the issue of the wearing of pants by women, especially because there have been certain religious groups that restrict the wearing of pants by women, and there have been religious individuals and religious leaders who have harassed and criticized women for wearing of pants.

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Commanded of the Great Yehovah Elohim to Wear Breeches / Pants

In Exodus 28:42-43 it is written: "And you shall make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the Holy Place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a Statute forever unto him and his seed after him."

In Exodus 39:27-29 it is written: "And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen <u>breeches</u> of fine twined linen, And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as the Yehovah commanded Moses."

Breeches are no more than underpants that both men and women wore since the time of the ancient world, until our present time. The Great Yehovah Elohim commanded the priests of Israel to wear "breeches," (to wear pants) in order to cover up their nakedness. In ancient Egypt, and in many other cultures, many of the priests worshiped their pagan gods in the nudity, and also many cultures of different people did not wear any type of underpants. The above Holy Scripture concerning the making of "breeches," was to cover up one's "physical nakedness" by the wearing of the underpants - the breeches. As mentioned, in certain cultures (including the Egyptians), men and women did not wear any type of underpants in their worship, nor in daily activities. In ancient Egypt, the Egyptians' priests worshiped in nudity to their false gods.

There is absolutely "NO Sin" in the wearing of pants-breeches by both men and women, especially because throughout history, from ancient times to our present time, both men and women wore pants, especially as underpants. With the inventions of modern technologies, and the inventions of all sorts of sewing machines, fashion designers, seamstresses, and tailors designed all sorts of newer fashions, yet regardless of the newer designs of fashion, there is still similarity of fashion since ancient times of clothes and accessories of both men and women garments. For example, the design of the ancient "tunic" is still in the design of many clothes, yet with various changes. The design of the modern "dress" was adopted from the ancient design of the tunics, yet in our modern time the tunic-dress is made with buttons, and/or zippers, and/or fasteners. Also, how many women of today wear "skirts"? King David wore a "skirt," as well as the priests, and prophets of old. Do a Bible Search of the word "skirt," and see how many men wore "skirts" in ancient time.

The Modern Short Pants - It must be noted that "short pants" that are wore by men, women and children, should be in that the short-pants come to the knees. Over one hundred years ago, neither men, nor women, nor children, wore shorts, nor short pants. Outer pants, skirts and dresses should be at least to the knee length (or longer if so

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desired) in order to "cover the thighs - cover up the nakedness" of both men, women and children. The Holy Scriptures plainly show that the Great Yehovah Elohim wants the breeches - pants to cover up the nakedness, including the "thighs." (Read: Exodus 28:42-43) Even though everyone is not a priest of the Levitical priesthood, yet all of the holy saints of the Great Yehovah Elohim are of the "Kingdom of Priests" of the Great Yehovah Elohim. We are all part of the righteous, Government-Kingdom of the Great Yehovah Elohim.

In Exodus 19:1-6 it is written: "In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the Mount. And Moses went up unto Elohim, and the Yehovah called unto him out of the Mountain, saying, Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my Covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the Earth is mine: And you shall be unto me a Kingdom of Priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak unto the children of Israel."

The Modern Bathing Suits - The modern bathing suits of both men and women should not be wore in public. Years ago the, especially in the "early 1900s," bathing suits for both men and women covered up the body, even to the thighs of both men and women in that the bathing suits reached to the knees. A person does not have to be nearly nude in order to enjoy swimming, nor be restricted in not enjoying swimming. As time progressed since the early 1900s, modern fashion designers focused more on showing the nudity of the people. The covering up of one's nakedness fully applies both to men and women.

Men, women and children can fully enjoy swimming in the swimming pools, and in the rivers and lakes, and in the oceans and seas. It is now time to go back and study the design of the bathing suits of the early 1900s, and perfect the older design of swimming suits for both men and women.

Condemnation of, and Harassment of Women for Wearing Pants?

There is a question that must be asked of this present time of different religious groups that condemn the wearing of pants by women. How can religious men and women, and also different religious individuals and religious groups, condemn the wearing of pants when in reality "all women" of today wear all sorts of pants? For example:

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- 1) Pantyhose are pants
- 2) Leotards/Tights are pants
- 3) Bloomers are pants
 (Note: The original trousers came from the design of the bloomers)
- 4) Panties are pants
- 5) Panty-girdles are pants
- 6) And various other items of pants

It is time to stop the criticism, and the harassment concerning women wearing of pants. It is time to come to the reality that all of the various types of underpants are indeed "pants" items, and in that both men and women since ancient times to our present time have always wore pants - whether as underpants or outer pants. If a religious person fully believes that the wearing of pants is a sin, then the person should stop wearing any type of "underpants."

It is to the Perfect Will of the Great Yehovah Elohim for men, women, and children, to "cover up" their nakedness, and pants do indeed cover up the nakedness of the people. Additionally, how many men, women, and even little children, of this present time are wearing various types of garments that are not pleasing to the Great Yehovah Elohim?

The "true and holy saints" (men, women and children) of the Great Yehovah Elohim can be "very fashionable," and can have and fully enjoy wearing the very best of very beautiful, colorful, perfectly designed, and of excellent quality of fabrics, of clothes and accessories, and of perfumes and colognes, and also of cosmetics and make-up, and can be highly pleasing unto the Great Yehovah Elohim, as well as be highly blessed and prosperous of the Great Yehovah Elohim each and every day of their life here on this present Earth.

<u>Holy Scripture References - Breeches</u>: Exodus 28:42; 39:28; Leviticus 6:10; Leviticus 16:4: Ezekiel 44:18

Holy Scripture References - Skirts (Men wearing Skirts): Deuteronomy 22:30; 27:20; Ruth 3:9; I Samuel 24:4-5, 11; Psalm 133:2; Jeremiah 2:34; 13:22, 26; Ezekiel 5:3; 16:8; Nahum 3:5; Haggai 2:12; Zechariah 8:23

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