

When it comes to Attraction...

Attraction between men and women is natural, genetic and inevitable. In movies, literature and poetry, a few first glances were enough for two people to get attracted to each other, and then to fall in love. It happened to Romeo the first time that he saw Juliet; it happened to Ariel when she first laid her eyes on Prince Eric, even though she was a mermaid and he a human. It didn't take two people more than a second to fall for each other, to be attracted to the other one, and to plan a future together.

"No sooner met, but they looked;

No sooner looked, but they loved;

No sooner loved, but they sighed;

No sooner sighed, but they asked one another the reason...;

- William Shakespeare; As you like it

Can you imagine something like this in the modern times? Falling in love is not so instantaneous in these days, and neither is attraction so simple. With a society that is fast-paced, busy and self-centered, people have more choices and decisions than before. Love and attraction have become complex ideas that people give a lot of thought to, and they are not very rash in taking decisions.

Pure Attraction vs. Genuine Interest

Attraction and interest may seem like synonyms of each other, but they are very different concepts when it comes to dating, similar to the difference between infatuation and love in relationships.

Attraction could be completely physical; when a man sees a woman who he thinks is physically appealing, he would be attracted to her. Attraction, in most cases, completely depends on the preference of the person who is attracted to the woman in question. It may be the woman's eyes that he is mostly attracted to, or her smile, or her overall look.

It could also be that the man may be only interested in a physical relationship with the woman, and looking only to a few memorable dates than a lifetime together.

When a man is genuinely interested in a woman, he is most probably inclined towards knowing her better, beyond her physical attributes. He may be physically attracted to her, but that is not the full extent of his interest. He will be concerned with learning more about the person - her personality, her interests, her likes and dislikes. Whatever his intentions of courting her were in the beginning, he may be interested in pursuing the relationship further.

In my opinion, it is better to determine the type of feelings we have towards a certain person of the opposite gender: *are we attracted, or are we interested in them?* This will make it easier to decide on a path of approach.

The Laws of Attraction

Boy sees girl.

Boy likes girl.

Boy approaches girl.

Girl sees boy.

Girl likes boy.

... And they lived happily ever after!

This is probably how love stories should go, plain and simple. However, inside this simple patten of events, there comes a lot of drama. The pattern can go wrong in so many ways imaginable.

Boy sees girl.

Boy approaches girl.

Girl ignores boy.

... And that was the end of it all!

Or: Boy sees girl.

Boy likes girl,

Boy doesn't have the courage to approach girl.

... And he regrets his hesitation for years to come!

That has been known to happen many, many times - the quick end to a potential love story! All for what? Because the man in question didn't have the confidence to make it come true.

The laws of attraction are different for men and women; it also depends on personality traits, age and background. They perceive attraction in different ways, and like to approach the matter, and the person they are attracted to, through dissimilar paths.

With men, being attracted to a woman follows some very straight lines. Looks are a very important part of the package when it comes to first impressions. Men are basically the type to 'judge a book by its cover' when it comes to physical attraction and they have been known to be attracted to a woman because she was striking, gorgeous and 'hot'.

Woman, more or less, have the same preferences when it comes to attraction, but in many cases, they look for some other attributes in the man. For most of them, it is a combination of looks and personality that makes a man attractive and desirable.