Question 2347) - Which attire is permissible and which are prohibited for men and women?

A: There are details to this question:
1. Neither a man nor a woman may imitate the Kuffar in clothing, apparel and appearance. Men may not imitate women and women may not imitate men.*
2. Extravagance and waste are not allowed.
3. Men may not wear silk. Women may.
4. Men may wear silk and brocade in war according to imaam Abu Yusuf RAH. and Imaam Muhammed RAH. it is Makruh according to Imaam Abu Hanifah RAH.
5. There is no harm in men wearing a silken garment is the lengthwise thread is cotton.
6. It is Haram for men to wear their loin-cloths, trousers, shirts etc to below the ankles.*

* Ibn ?Abbas RADI. narrates that Rasulullaah (S.A.W.) said, "May Allah curse the men who imitate women and women who imitate men." [al-Bukhari]

* Abu Hurayrah RADI. narrates that Rasulullaah (S.A.W.) said, "That which falls below the ankles of the lion-cloth is in Jahannum (Hell)." [al-Bukhari]

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