

## Why These Verses Are Identical Except for One Conjunction

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We have two sections from the Quran and they're word for word identical except for the conjunction as you can see. Here we have the **وَ**:

خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا

and here is **ثُمَّ**:

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The verse here is in **Surah Al A'raf (7:189)** and this verse here is in **Surah Az-Zumar (39:6)**. So, we'll explore these two verses and we'll explain to you why different conjunctions were used.

So, this is the verse:

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فَلَمَّا أَثْقَلَتْ دَعَوَا اللَّهَ رَبَّهُمَا لَئِنْ آتَيْتَنَا صَالِحًا لَنُكُونَنَّ مِنَ  
الشَّاكِرِينَ

It is He who created you from one soul and created from it its mate that he might dwell in security with her. And when he covers her, she carries a light burden and continues therein. And when it becomes heavy, they both invoke Allah , their Lord, "If You should give us a good [child], we will surely be among the grateful."

It says, **"So it is he who created you from one soul and created from it its mate."**

And then it mentions the reason for doing this in order.

It says here that **"He might dwell in security with her to find tranquility and relaxation."**

This is a direct address to us that **"He created you and He created us from."**

This is connecting between the first two creations and it's actually highlighting this marriage relationship and then it's actually talking about it in general terms for all couples:

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 الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿١٨٩﴾

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And this part here what actually follows after that the context of the surah indicates this marriage relationship which is a bond between a man and woman.

The dual pronouns are used to indicate this close relationship:

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**NOTICE THE DUAL PRONOUNS USED TO INDICATE THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPOUSES**

Now, one could say, well, maybe you could use the **وَ**, you can't because it's talking about,

**"He created you from-"**

So, it's talking about our creation from this particular soul and then it's talking about the creation of his mate. So, obviously she was created before we were created. So, this is not talking about zone. It's not talking about order because this was before this but it's actually joining **وَاحِدَةٍ** to **وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا**

So, this verse says:

39:6

خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ  
 الْأَنْعَامِ ثَمَانِيَةَ أَزْوَاجٍ يَخْلُقْكُمْ فِي بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ خَلْقًا مِنْ بَعْدِ  
 خَلْقٍ فِي ظُلُمَاتٍ ثَلَاثٍ ذَٰلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ  
 فَأَنَّى تُصْرَفُونَ ﴿٦﴾

He created you (all) from a single person: then created, of like nature, his mate; and he sent down for you eight head of cattle in pairs: He makes you, in the wombs of your mothers, in stages, one after another, in three veils of darkness. such is Allah, your Lord and Cherisher: to Him belongs (all) dominion. There is no god but He: then how are ye turned away (from your true Centre)?

So, the difference is the **ثُمَّ**. So, we have a question. Why **ثُمَّ** was used, what was the reason.

**It's actually used to highlight the great dissimilarity of how we were created from Adam and how Eve was created.**

So that's what **ثُمَّ** does. It separates them in order to highlight the great difference between these two creations.

So: "We created you from a single person then created of its like nature, its mate."

Here the word **then** is used.

وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَنْعَامِ ثَمَنِيَّةً أزْوَاجًا يَخْلُقْكُمْ

**-He has sent down to you eight head of cattle in pairs.**

So, this is talking about the livestock and how he actually made this submissive to us. It says:

يَخْلُقْكُمْ فِي بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ خَلْقًا مِّنْ بَعْدِ خَلْقٍ فِي ظُلُمَاتٍ ثَلَاثٍ

**-He makes you in the wombs of your mother in stages one after another in three veils of darkness.**

So, this is talking about how each and every one of us is created in the womb of our own mother. But notice there was actually one creation that was not created this particular way. And who was it? You got it?

**Hawwa (As.): she was created from Adam. Directly from Adam.** So, it was quite appropriate to mention her creation separately. And the context actually is referring to creation. It's not talking about the man and the woman as marital partners. The context is about creation. So appropriately, she got a separate mention.

So, what the **وَ** does, it actually joins these two together:

خَلَقَكُمْ مِّنْ نَّفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا

**JOINS**

On the other hand, we saw the opposite happening here:

**SEPERATION / CONTRAST**

خَلَقَكُمْ مِّنْ نَّفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا

There was a separation to indicate the difference in nature of these two creations.