

A GENTLEMAN DOES NOT ALWAYS WANT TO PLEASE HIS LADY

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I was talking to Julia and was quite surprised at her belief that a gentleman *always* wants to please his lady. This is most definitely false. From my point of view, a gentleman, insofar as he is a gentleman, always has to take action that is just, good, and virtuous. In other words, a gentleman is not obliged at all to please his lady when the demands of the lady conflict with his independent assessment of what is right.

Now this is a most interesting issue. I am, on one hand, surprised by the belief that is held by Julia. On the other hand, on the other hand, there are some things that can make sense for a gentleman to do to please his lady, or indeed any lady, as gentlemanly behaviour.