

# Marriage: An economical analysis for THE POOR

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**ABSTRACT:** Sacred marriage is a call to holiness than happiness. The paper elucidates relationships- philia, eros and agape. The paper talks ways to marriages of the poor without any burdening practices in the wedding ceremonies. The paper talks of the poverty stuck lives to get married without any dowry practice. The paper talks to treat the spouse for what he/she is in the eyes of GOD and not for worldly possessions. The paper shows a purposeful life path of marriage.

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## I. INTRODUCTION:

Sacred marriage is a call to holiness than happiness [1]. The human history with time has added romance and other characteristics to a marriage [1]. However, romantic love has no elasticity and can never be stretched, it only shatters [1]. A wedding calls us to our highest and almost impossible ideals [1]. Much of the dis-satisfaction in a marriage is because of too much expectations from the marriage [1]. Marriage is meant for spiritual growth [1]. Active communication between a husband and wife is on an average twenty seven minutes a week [1].

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY:

Some form of ceremonies and customs are carried out in marriages to establish similarities of thoughts and ideas across cultures in the ceremonies [2]. Marriage customs are a public announcement to the community to help the couple set up an independent economic family unit [2]. Marriage is one of the rites of passage, from a child to an adult [2]. In Ireland, an unmarried man of any age is considered a child and a married man of any age is deemed to have achieved adulthood [2]. Marriage and weddings are often female events and women do elaborate preparations than men [2]. Rather than happenings in life, it's the emotional opinion on the problem matters [3]. Life is a learning experience and not a situation of penalty, for enriching and joyful relationships [3]. People shop relationships as clothes; cast-off and throwaway disposable society lost any sense of permanence [4]. Marriage is a God's idea; the union of two separate people-a man and a woman, into one flesh [4]. Adam exclaimed Eve-it is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called a woman, for she was taken out of a man [4]. The foundation of marriage is love, to be defined by the Greek words - philia, eros and agape [5]. Agape is the similar relationship between the Christ and the church, as that of the bridegroom and the bride [5]. Agape symbolically says that the communion of a husband and a wife is spiritual [5]. One loves his wife or husband in agape, for what he or she is in the sight of GOD; and not for physical charms or the strength of intellect [5].

## III. METHODOLOGY AND DISCUSSION:

In the present day, marriages have become a business burdening the society and parents. The marriage system is the major cause of female infanticide in states like Haryana. This marriage system needs to be simplified for economic constraints. The research is an attempt to throw light on simple ways of marriage for economically weaker sections of the society, in the belowsaid points.

- a) SMS INVITATION to save paper
- b) Buy wedding clothes online
- c) Betrothal and Wedding in temple
- d) Zero dowry
- e) Bride to get stocks for food security
- f) Guest limited to twenty people of each bride and groom
- g) Telecast weddings live on any website
- h) Earnings from a marriage to nullify marriage expenditure
- i) Marriage gifts only in online transactions
- j) Vegetarian food varieties

- k) Marriage certificate online after police verification
- l) Furniture to be bought over a period of time by the married couple
- m) Married couple to use public transport
- n) Family planning and economic condition based child birth
- o) Retirement planning priority to child education expenditure
- p) Couple to rely on government hospitals for common surgeries

Instead of conventional printed invitations on paper, let the marriage invitations be in technology like SMS, MMS and whatsapp. Let the wedding shopping be done online for cost effectiveness and comfort of the family members. The wedding shopping clothes could be delivered in post. This reduces the time involved in shopping. Let the wedding take place in any temple that the temple deity is the witness. Also, as to hindu mythology, the temple deity could re-write the fates of the couple, as needed in love marriages. Parents of the bride and groom must be educated not to demand and take dowry. Instead, the bride should be given equivalent amount of common stocks for lifelong food security to the couple and the children. For economy, the number of guests attending the wedding could be limited to twenty people in relation to the bride and groom, each. Rest of the friends and family could watch the wedding online to save a workday. To watch a wedding online for fifteen minutes is not an obligation in any work environment usually. Thus, it saves a leave day, travel expenses and other expenditure to attend weddings of not so important people. Moreover, the wedding gifts could be monetary online transactions so that the wedding expenditure is recovered. Because, the wedding is in a temple, the food varieties could only be vegetarian. The local area police station to report the wedding ceremony to the registrar of marriages, after witnessing the marriage ceremony. The marriage certificate could be online in softcopy to save paper. This reduces the cost of marriage registrations with the aid of technology. The married couple to be given no furniture and let them buy their dreams furniture with their earnings over a time period. The newly married couple to use public transport instead of personal vehicles and be environment conscious. The couple to do family planning and also financial planning for their married life, besides economic situation based child birth. Let the couple prioritise retirement planning over children education expenditure. Because, a child easily gets education loan but senior citizens hardly get any loan for retirement. The married couple to rely on government hospitals for common surgeries like cataract and knee replacement, for senior citizens.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION:**

The cast-off and throwaway disposable society should reinvent itself onto the path of GOD with the tool called marriage. Marriage inculcates a sense of belongingness in a society and puts us on the path of religious duty towards mankind. A wedded husband or wife is deemed to be the incarnation of GOD and to be loved as GOD themselves.

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