

## MARRIAGE

Marriage that forms a more solid basis  
for the relationship,  
will stand the test of time and  
contribute to the positive advancement  
and growth  
of both involved.

Marriage--  
that relationship with  
demands and responsibility  
to discipline,  
duty,  
personal sacrifice,  
patience,  
and the daily conflicts and challenges  
to be faced and dealt with intelligently.

Marriage--  
that relationship which presents  
the possibility of both  
"goodness" and "Godness".

Marriage--  
that forum for the possibility  
of developing  
and harvesting  
wholeness in ourselves  
and the other partner.

Marriage--  
an opportunity to have  
a relationship  
that can either acknowledge  
or deny  
the dignity of another.

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"So ought men to love their wives as their  
own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth  
himself."

--Ephesians 5:28

Marriages founded upon what one ego desires,  
needs or projects onto another person,  
founded upon the emotion of love,  
and not love, itself,  
will fail.

Marriages nourished by over-romanticized notions  
of love,  
swept by self-evoked passions,  
will fail.

Marriages glued with only ego  
shall fall apart  
disillusioned.  
To think in love is  
to not know love,  
to not know marriage.

Mere love,  
by itself,  
is not enough to make success.  
In happy marriages,  
Only commitment formulates,  
and only patience sustains.

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Marriage--the cause of all divorce.

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"For when they shall rise from the dead,  
they neither marry, nor are given in marriage;  
but are as the angels which are in heaven."  
--Mark 12:25

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing,  
and obtaineth favor of the Lord."  
--Proverbs 18:22

"Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular  
so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see  
that she reverence her husband."  
--Ephesians 5:33