



## TO MARRY, OR NOT TO MARRY, THAT IS THE QUESTION

**DIBAKAR PAL <sup>1</sup>**

**<sup>1</sup> RETIRED EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE (CIVIL SERVANT) & PHD STUDENT, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA, INDIA.**

### ABSTRACT:

Marriage is a risky game. And this game has four probable outcomes viz., full success, half success, full failure and half failure. So, marriage means pure gambling. When parents select the bride or groom, responsibility lies with them in case of future problem. But in case of personal choice ball remains always in lover's court.

### KEYWORDS:

**MARRIAGE, LOVE, SEX.**

### INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform, rather it reveals. So it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. This article is an outcome of thinking about creative writing meant for a general readership. As such, I have adopted a free style methodology so that everyone can enjoy the pleasure of reading. As you might know, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays namely 'Of Love', 'Of Friendship', 'Of Ambition', 'Of Studies', and so on. The multiple-minded genius correctly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be used as themes for essays. But little has been done since his death to continue or finish his monumental task. Bacon's unique individual style of presentation ignited my imagination and encouraged me to write creative essays as a method of relieving a wide range of emotions through catharsis.

### ARTICLE

An anti-marriage campaigner tells that marriage is a murderer. As because, it ultimately murders an individual who is sincerely dynamic in nature and behavior. But the society remains silent.

Before discussing the overall effect of marriage on human beings, the present author desires to define love, sex and also marriage in the light of psychology and physiology according to his belief.

What is love? The reply is: it's simply a psychological approach. What is sex? The reply is: it's simply a physiological approach. Then what is marriage? Here the reply is: it's simply the combination of love and sex i.e. it's quite a psycho-physiological approach.

Some people believe that love gets its perfection in marriage; while some other declines to confess it. According to the latter, a man marries only when love is being murdered by sex. Also marriage reduces to the highest degree the spontaneous appeal of love as would happen before marriage.

It is an observed fact that marriage is a notorious hunter. Because, to serve its purpose firstly, it kills the clarity of thought or rationality of an innocent individual in a pre-planned way i.e. the brain of an individual becomes inactive through hypnotism. Then the owner of the brain i.e. the helpless and trapped prey becomes victim of his foolish decision. The foolish victim then finds no way to escape from the cruel clutches but is compelled to welcome unexpected failure instead of fortune or grand success. Imagine, how sly the marriage is !

Marriage is an undesired obligation to both the sexes. It is simply a burden. Again it becomes a living luggage to both the sexes. It is too costly in comparison to the quantum of peace and happiness thus offered (if any) to an individual i.e. an individual has to pay much to the society instead of setting up a family of his own.

A supporter of marriage pleads that a grown-up man without a woman or a grown-up lady without a gentleman, of her choice, is just like a ship without a radar. So according to that supporter, every man should have a woman of his own and vice versa. Here an anti-marriage campaigner argues that that very radar would show the incorrect path correctly thus diverting an individual in question from his own course which was nurtured throughout his childhood till marriage.

It is told that an individual marries the lover just to show adequate respect to the love. It is apparently true. But the actual reason that plays a great role behind this is that very individual marries just to legalize sexual activities in the eye of law and society as well and to get the lover always.

If he really is a worshipper of love then he must love for the sake of love only instead of sex which ultimately convinces and motivates him to marry.

Wise men say that love is divine. But it becomes clandestine when sex rules over it. And clandestine love can't be divine. Now to remove the ill-fame, caused by the same, an individual marries. Had there been no social whip, an individual would never marry. So marriage in this respect is not a spontaneous involvement, on the contrary, it may be called the mandatory or ultimatum of clandestine love. However, it seems, marriage is the by-product of extended love or extended love is the outcome of marriage while, in case of later, the partners were unknown to each other before marriage.

There are two types of marriage viz., social marriage and anti-social marriage. If the parents or guardian, in the third world countries, choose the bride or groom then it is called 'social marriage, otherwise it is anti-social marriage. According to the present author, love-marriage, when both the lovers decide to marry ignoring the social whip, is the other name of anti-social marriage, since the society declines to confess its legality.

As a consequence of it many lives are compelled to welcome premature death or divert from peaceful and prosperous life. Since anti-social marriage is the ultimate tragic happenings of sex, it may be called clandestine marriage, whereas social marriage is free from this allegation but the latter suffers from uncertainty and injustice. However, it may be added that clandestine love reaches to its desired goal i.e. marriage through sex.

In case of so-called social marriage the groom, and especially the bride, becomes quite helpless due to intolerable and cruel whip of the society and compels an individual to carry out the order silently. Because the society in case of social-marriage first composes then proposes and then forcefully imposes if they oppose. As a result the relationship decomposes and both the couple take 'calm pose', a sleeping pill. So the so-called social marriage may be nomenclature as 'Calm pose Marriage'. Because in case of social marriage the voice of society is final and the choice of an individual is declined or neglected.

A supporter of marriage accepts family life instead of the whole world. Imagine how foolish he is ! It seems he is less poetic. Before marriage he was for all, but after marriage he is for his family only. So marriage encourages and teaches one to become selfish and self-centered as well.

A married individual is no more free, as he was earlier, rather that very born free individual does suffer from cares and anxieties as well as uncertainty for his family.

That's why he can't go elsewhere leaving his family. He can't spend more. Because he is no more alone but an unfortunate married fellow. He can't speak freely with the opposite sex because he is married, as if, he has lost his freedom and existence as well.

Before marriage he was his own guardian, but after

marriage his family becomes his guardian. This is also true even in case of an orphan.

It is really a Herculean task to take judicious decision regarding marriage for a man having many fiancées. This critical problem has two solutions. Either the man can marry all of his fiancées or he may remain bachelor. Since polygamy is a primitive idea a civilized and modern society will not permit him to do such nonsense work. In this situation better it is not to marry anybody just to please everybody, remembering – those who want to please everybody can please nobody.

Marriage converts two persons into personal property to each other. But in most of the cases the inferior becomes a living luggage to the superior. Again lack in adjustment causes headache to both. In such a situation the couple must adjust or they can't live together. They may give birth to children only when there is good cooperation in-between them. The couple should not be parents if there is no mutual understanding at all.

Otherwise the children will be victimized. They will take divorce and 'home for children' will be the permanent address of their issues. These 'mid-night children' cause severe problem to the society. In fact, marriage means long journey and tolerance is its fuel.

Both the lovers suffer from anxiety, uncertainty and insecurity as well lest one partner is snatched away by a third person. For both arrival and departure of a lover is beyond control of the partner, like time predestines rise and downfall of different regimes of history. So to get continuous and secured love, lovers marry. They are mad for each other. The crazy lovers claim themselves to be 'made for each other'.

To marry means to repay the debt of blood. But an escapist should not marry.

Lord Buddha married and left His family. He was not an escapist. Rather He left home to serve the ailing humanity. He, thus, dedicated His life in the interest of noble cause.

A bachelor is not considered the member of the main stream of the society. But he can spend money extravagantly. A married man faces financial hardship. In that case a bachelor is the rescuer. To overcome financial problem a group of men can marry a woman or a group of women can marry a man. Thus polyandry and polygamy must obey agreed ethics and code of conduct.

A serious man should marry. But a casual man must not think of it. A casual lover may only love. But the sincere lover must avoid casual lovers for their lackadaisical attitude.

So the best partner of a casual lover is another casual lover. Because a casual man deserts his wife. He marries another woman. Again he may leave her for his acquired inertia. This is equally true in the case of a woman also. But a serious man will never leave his family whatever worst condition he may face. A self-conscious man may not take help of others. He teaches his wife and children to fight against poverty. This struggle helps the children to build

up their career. Such poverty-stricken persons, in future, realize the sorrows of the poor. They become sympathetic. They become patriots.

They do not accept bribe. They do not steal. They are not harmful. Such people are the asset of the society. But a diverted person may easily be corrupted.

Unfortunately, a timid man may get a quarrelsome wife. Then he uses his wife as shield to protect himself. Thus he enjoys the opposite trait of his wife and becomes bold.

There are four types of husbands.

The first category marries and supports his family. They satisfy their wives both physically and mentally. They fulfil successfully the conditions of marriage. They are ideal husband.

The second type likes to marry but declines to support his family. They are lazy. They possess idle brain. They are afraid to toil. So they do not leave their family lest they are compelled to work. The society becomes tired hearing their tall talks. They grow like parasites from cradle to coffin.

The third type likes not to marry but prefers more to carry the burden of another family.

They are ideal bachelors.

The fourth type is escapist. They are expert in giving birth to the illegitimate children.

But they neither marry nor do they support their 'families'. They do not believe in polygamy or 'poly-love' but in 'poly-sex'. Thus they are finished scoundrel. Hardly the women can escape from their trap and tricks.

Among these four types the first category is dependable. The other three types are not reliable at all. They decline responsibility. They escape whenever they suspect that they may be trapped. They are so vigilant.

A man is advised – marry her who loves you but never her whom you love. Otherwise the more interested person will be blamed later on. So this advice is a caution to the lover.

In fact love and marriage are spontaneous involvements. There should not be any compulsion. In a patriarchal society, many women are not happy with their husbands, because husbands are not selected after their hearts. So parents should offer their daughters opportunity of being heard before selecting grooms. Again, parents take the role of villain if their daughters select their life-partners. Here girls are really alone.

Many times they cannot take judicious decision due to lack of experience and non-cooperation from their parents. Sometimes they are deserted by their lovers. Such an unfortunate girl gets no entry to their parents. Rather she faces honor killing instead.

Parents kill their daughter to save the chastity of their family. In such a situation a genuine lover commits suicide to meet her fiancée in heaven.

Further husbands may be classified into four different types from another point of view.

The first type is tyrant but impotent. He suffers from inferiority complex for his sexual inability. He is ill-famed for his incapacity. It irritates the ill-tempered fellow. This provokes him to beat his wife mercilessly. Rape is a one-sided event. But inter-course is a bipartite issue. But neither can he offer sexual pleasure to her wife, the duty of an ideal husband, nor does he gets the same as reciprocation from her wife as well. Thus the unfortunate woman remains issueless and be deprived from motherhood. If his wife blames him for his impotency, he becomes furious. He becomes more furious if his wife be involved with other person to serve and satisfy her sexual thirst and mental peace as well. Such a deprived wife mourns if she cannot find any other alternative. In third world countries, such an unfortunate woman, if hails from a poor family, cannot disclose the fact of her unhappiness due to shame and fear.

The second type is not tyrant but impotent. He has suppressed his disease; thereby cheated his wife like the first type. He should not marry. Yet he has married. He thus destroyed the life of both. Such a husband is used as servant. She beats this servant if she likes. She beats not if she likes not. Also the wife, if desires, can enjoy life to the lees through extra-marital relation.

The third type is tyrant but not impotent. He always tortures his wife if she does not respond to his call forthwith. She has to satisfy him sexually irrespective of her illness or unwillingness. Many women escape to save themselves from these barbarians.

The fourth type is ideal husband. They are neither tyrant nor are they impotent. Such a husband passes successfully the acid test of marriage. However in matriarchal society the event is just reverse.

Both husband and wife hail from different socio-economic status. So none of them should have much desire about the partner. Rather, they may dream in the light of controlled desire lest they are hurt.

Marriage is a risky game. And this game has four probable outcomes viz., full success, half success, full failure and half failure. So, marriage means pure gambling. When parents select the bride or groom, responsibility lies with them in case of future problem.

But in case of personal choice ball remains always in lover's court.

Issues are the contribution of marriage. Man's life changes with the appearance of marriage. And life is reshaped with the arrival of issues. Because children may either be prizes or punishments. Parents are quite helpless in this matter. They don't know whether they will be rewarded or punished.

Modern lovers do not like marriage or any bondage. Rather, they are interested in unobstructed and endless enjoyment only. They are habituated in leading fast life. So hindrance of any kind renders them furious. They prefer live together. They are just like the passengers of a railway station waiting for super-fast trains. But the lovers don't

know their destinations. As a result of free sex the society becomes infested with illegitimate children. The homes for orphans become overcrowded. In fact live-together is not illegal but it is immoral.

If things do not work out well between a married couple and they want to move away, then they can do it with dignity. This is an easy solution when a couple does not have children. But in case of having children they should refrain themselves from being separated just to protect the innocent souls who are not responsible at all for the undesired situation. A selfish couple seldom thinks for the fate of their children but leave them for the sake of their career. In fact a careerist is always selfish. Sometimes the children stay with either mother or father. In that case child psychology does not develop properly since other children are nurtured by both the parents. Here the deserted children either weep for or curse or hate the parents whom they miss. Obviously the thoughts are influenced by either of the parents with whom they stay. Later on, when they grow up and discover the real cause of separation then they change their attitudes towards their parents. But this change of attitude can't change their lives or get back the lost childhood that suffered badly.

Many lovers do not like to give birth child just after marriage. They are interested to enjoy. So they wait. But late birth of child means late in starting life. The more delay the more longer the queue is. They should remember that life is becoming complex more and more day by day. So delay means denial of success of their children. Hence they may wait and enjoy before marriage but never after marriage. Now those who have no lover then all lovers are their lovers. So they may lead a diversified colourful life before marriage. Marriage means confinement. As such, this joyful period of life will be sweet memory to them after their marriage. But nostalgia renders them melancholic.

Man does not want to die. He cannot imagine that after his death everything will exist as it is except himself. So he wants to survive through his issues after his death. Thus dreams don't die after death. Here lies the importance of marriage. But a man who suffered much wants not to give birth to child. He does not want to send his children in the torture-chamber of the society. If this be the decision of major members then the society will be member less. So for the benefit of the society itself, society should take care to brighten its own image.

### **CONCLUSION**

Marriage means bindings. It stands for duties and responsibilities to wife and children.

So a man must be very sure of his ability and attitude before marriage. Many people marry since they see others to marry. They don't know the obligation of a married man.

They marry just to serve and satisfy sexual urge. But for this mere enjoyment they should not burden themselves with such a worried job. Thus they spoil themselves. But

they have no right to spoil the lives of their wives and children. For casual enjoyment there are so many avenues. Let them go there.

### **REFERENCES**

No reference, since the present article is an outcome of Creative Writing