Title: Revision: Relationships and families

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Divorce: Legal Ending of a marriage

Annulment: A Catholic Church ruling that a marriage was never valid

Cohabitation: most Christians against this, although many more liberal Anglican and Protestant Christians accept this.

Educating children in a faith: bringing up children according to the religious beliefs of the parents

Stability: Safety and security.; a stable society is one in which people’s rights are protected and they are able to live peaceful, productive lives without continuous rapid change.

Protection of Children: keeping children safe from harm

Nuclear family: A couple and their children regarded as a basic family unit

Procreation: Bringing babies into the world; producing offspring
human sexuality: how people express themselves as sexual beings.

heterosexual: to be sexually attracted to members of the opposite sex.

homosexual: to be sexually attracted to members of the same sex.
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The Age of Consent:

- 16 years old - old enough to agree to have sex
- In order to protect under 16’s from exploitation and abuse
- Any kind of sexual behaviour is acceptable

But most people religious or not see infidelity as wrong.

Should the age of consent be different for girls and boys, or for heterosexual and homosexual relationships? Explain your opinion and share your views with the class.
Christian attitudes towards human sexuality.

A man and a woman should be united together and ‘increase in number’ Genesis
This is why many oppose homosexual relationships and artificial contraception.

Other Christians think the most loving thing would be to adapt their teachings to modern society.
"Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a detestable sin.

Leviticus 18.22

9 Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men[a] 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 New International Version (NIV)
Title: Sexual Relationships before and Outside Marriage
Sex before marriage: sex between two single unmarried people.

Adultery: voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse (husband or wife).

Promiscuity: characterized by or involving indiscriminate mingling or association, especially having sexual relations with a number of partners on a casual basis.

Cohabitation: implies that the parties are having sexual intercourse while living together.
Sex is an act of love and commitment that should be part of a meaningful, loving relationship.

Promiscuity is not acceptable to any Christian because it reduces sex to merely animalistic behaviour.

Ten Commandments - 'thou shalt not commit adultery' and Jesus backs this up too.
Sex is an act of love and commitment that should be part of a meaningful, loving relationship.

Liberal Christians will accept pre-marital sex where marriage is likely to follow.

What do you agree or disagree with?
Write 5mins
Marriage is God’s gift to humanity

Marriage is the best place for children

Of course there are other models of family life today.
BUT
it’s a shame that so many people are choosing to live together before marriage or not get married at all.
A free attitude to sex causes marital breakdown and children to be hurt - this is regrettable.

Do agree or disagree give reasons for your answer? 5mins
Sex before and outside marriage

Not forbidden within Buddhism

More likely to be for personal rather than religious reasons

Most important is to live by the 5 moral precepts - respectful and loving, with the full consent of both people involved.

What are the differences between Buddhist teachings with Christian teachings on sexual relationships before marriage. Write 8mins
Most Buddhists would regard adultery as unskilful, because it generally involves dishonesty, and does not show kindness towards or awareness of the feelings of the person being cheated on.
Title: Religious teachings about marriage.
Christian reasons to marry

1 point for explaining what it means concerning marriage

"God who created man out of love also call him to love – the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being"

"What God has joined together, let no one separate" (Mark 10:8-9)

"For this reason man shall leave his mother and father and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh" (Mark 10:8-9)

The Roman Catholic Church is opposed to a couple living together before they are married. Some Protestant churches accept this.

"If they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than burn with passion" (1 Corinthians 7:9)

"So God created... male and female... God blessed them and said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:27-28)
The purpose of marriage for Buddhists

Not a religious duty
Or sacred act

A social contract
Not a religious rite
Monks may bless the marriage after the wedding ceremony, but they cannot conduct the ceremony itself.
Having children is not viewed as an important purpose of marriage within Buddhism.

Buddhism teaches that everything is interrelated and interdependent.

Marriage helps cement Relationships, providing support, protection and happiness For the community.
Same-sex marriage

First legalised in the Netherlands in 2011
Currently illegal in Asia
Recent challenges in Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan.
Title: 3.3 Contraception and family planning.
WHY MIGHT SOME CHRISTIANS OBJECT TO CONTRACEPTION?

• In the Bible, it says “be fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 1:28)

• The intention of marriage is to produce children

• Sex was given by God for procreation and so should always allow for the possibility of pregnancy
Roman Catholics believe that EVERY act of sexual intercourse should be open to the possibility of CONCEPTION.

What does this suggest about their attitude towards sex?

Catholics believe that it you should not interfere with human nature. This was published in a document in 1968 called Humanae Vitae. There is one type of contraception which is acceptable, the rhythm method.
OTHER CHRISTIANS

Most non-Catholic Christians accept the use of contraception and do not regard it as sinful.

The Church of England state that perhaps using contraception in marriage could lead to a better family unit. In 1930 a conference agreed that contraception could be used, as long as it was done in the light of ‘Christian Principles’
Buddhist attitudes towards contraception and family planning

Differing views on when consciousness begins. Some think at the moment of **conception** (when the egg is fertilised by the sperm). Some think life continues from life to life (samsara: cycle of birth, life, death and rebirth).

Most Buddhists think **Contraception is fine**

Some Buddhists think
**Contraception that prevents The fertilised egg implanting in the Womb is wrong or a form Of killing.** (Morning after pill)

When could it be the lesser Of two harms? **Pair share**
Mother’s life in danger
If she has a baby

Morning after pill

Already has children
She struggles to feed
Title: Divorce and re-marriage.

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**Luke 16:18**

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18 “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

**1 Corinthians 7:10-11**

New International Version (NIV)

10 To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. 11 But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

**Matthew 19:9**

New International Version (NIV)

9 I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

**Mark 10:2-12**

New International Version (NIV)

2 Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” 3 “What did Moses command you?” he replied. 4 They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.” 5 “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. 6 “But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female.” 7 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” 8 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” 10 When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. 11 He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. 12 And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”
Buddhism teaches implied duties and responsibilities between a husband and wife. If followed these should lead to along and healthy relationship.
There are also some duties for wife that Buddha said! Duty of wife for her husband is to protect his wealth, taking care of children, to keep husband happy with sweet words and to comfort him in good and adverse time.

But Buddha says there are some duties of Husband for wife. For example to protect wife, to earn money to raise a family, to keep wife happy by respecting her and offering some gifts.
Tend to have lower divorce rates in predominantly Buddhist countries compared with the UK.

One reason is that many choose to get married later in life.
Why divorce may be lower amongst Buddhists

Divorce is often not approved of by society as a whole.

More effort perhaps in mending the relationship, supported by family, friends and the local community.

Divorce is seen as the last resort.

However, divorce rates are increasing in places such as Thailand.
When is divorce preferable?

Follow the 5 moral precepts to improve the marriage

Divorce is preferable to living together and suffering

Clinging to attachment that produces suffering would go against the Buddha's teaching
Go about it sensibly and sensitively.

Try to avoid anger and unkindness. Hurting others in a divorce can never make the person who is causing the suffering to be happy.

Could be a chance for happy new beginnings.
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Title: 3.5 The nature and purposes of families
The nuclear family

• A couple and their children regarded as a basic social unit
The extended family

• A family that extends beyond just parents and their children by including grandparents and other relatives as well
Stepfamily

- a family that is formed on the remarriage of a divorced or widowed person that includes a child or children
Same-sex parents
People of the same sex who are raising children together.

Polygamy
The practice or custom of having more than one wife at the same time.

Bigamy
The offence of marrying someone while already being married to another person.
Title: Religious teachings about the purpose of families
“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.” *Colossians 3:20-21*

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are children born in one’s youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them…. *Psalm 127:3-5 (NIV)*

Children to care for parents when they are old. (Jesus’ teachings and 4th Commandment)

“Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old” *Proverbs 23:22*
Title: 3.8 Christian beliefs about gender equality (part 2)
Christian beliefs and responses

All people are equals, created in the image of God

Love your neighbour = discrimination is wrong

Love your neighbor.

“Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Harrison Community Task Force on Race Relations
Jesus treated woman with respect

Paul ` There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor Free, nor is there male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus’ Galatians 3:28
Some traditional Christians think:

Man is the head of the family and woman should mainly stay at home and look after the children.

Literal translation of the Bible that reflects the position of women at that time

Example, God punishes Eve for her disobedience

‘with painful labour you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will Rule over you.’ Genesis 3:16
Many Christians see marriage today as an equal partnership where the different gifts of each person, male and female, strengthen the family.
In the time of the Buddha, woman seen as inferior

Not allowed to participate in Religious life, limited freedom, usually not allowed an education, primarily expected to act as housewives.
In some he says men and women have equal potential for enlightenment.

Portray him as originally refusing to ordain women as nuns.

He thought the teachings might be taken less seriously if associated with women.

His aunt helped persuade him.
The **Aparimitayur Sutra** suggests women must be reborn as men before they can reach enlightenment.

**Lotus Sutra** teaches that mean men and women are equal in their ability to practice Buddhism and attain enlightenment.
In Theravada tradition, the lineage for ordaining nuns has died out.

More conservative monks in the Theravada tradition say women can no longer be ordained.

In General, in Theravada Buddhism nuns are subservient to monks.

Some Buddhists have challenged this and some women have been ordained within the Theravada tradition.

Dalai Lama said there was no reasons there could not be a woman Dalai Lama in the future.

The Triratna Buddhist order has also ordained women in London since 1968.

There have been nuns in Mahayana Buddhism for many centuries.
Modern Buddhists attitudes are changing. Many believe women should and can have equal status within Buddhism.
Mother brings life into the world and will usually be the baby’s prime carer

Father may support wife, but little doubt about the mother’s important role
Different roles not necessarily unequal.

Each family can decide who cares for family and who goes out to work, often depending on financial situation and extended family.

May also depend on different skills of parents.
Same sex parenting- for and against

For

EQUAL RIGHTS MEANS JUST THAT
LGBT COUPLES MAKE GREAT PARENTS
KIDS NEED FAMILIES
BREAKING DOWN PREJUDICES

Against

MUM AND DAD KNOW BEST
RELIGIOUS AND MORAL VALUES
NOT A RIGHT
SHUTTING DOORS