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As you can see Love and Marriage neatly fit together.  
We hope this months article will help restore ailing  
marriages and make good ones better.



# LOVE AND MARRIAGE

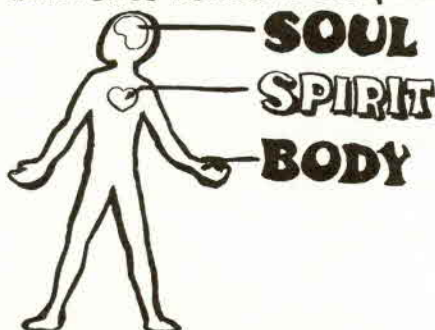


Spring is in the air, everything around us is beginning to come to life. This is the time of year when young and old turn their thoughts to LOVE.

We feel the Lord would have us share a message with you about love, more specifically love and marriage. We feel that it is possible for even the best of marriages to be made better. Because of the shortness of this article and the vastness of the subject of love we will make some statements for which no explanation will be offered. To receive the most benefit PLEASE TRY TO GRASP THE BASIC CONCEPTS AND QUESTION THE DETAILS LATER.

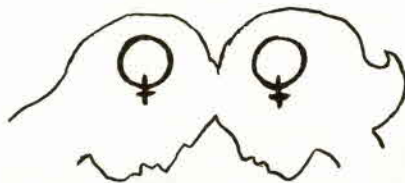
Love and marriage naturally go together. It is said that love is the most powerful force in the universe (1 John 4:8). A marriage that is sealed with love is one that will flourish and grow to fulfill both partners.

Many marriages, including Christian ones, are presently failing because husbands and wives have little understanding of their love relationship and of their desires for one another. They cannot tell the difference between love & sex.

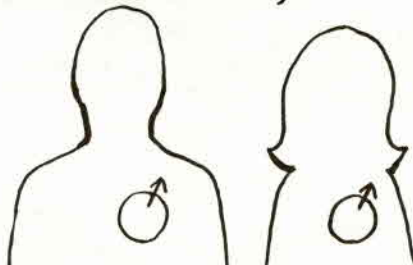


Man is a SPIRIT, he has a SOUL, and he lives in a BODY (1 Thes. 5:23). There is a strong desire in Husbands and wives

to unite in all three of these realms.



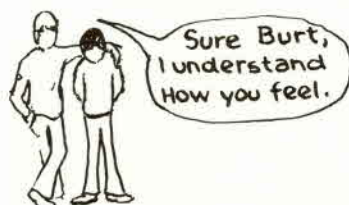
Now, it is important to understand that every man and woman has a FEMININE SOUL (mind, will, emotions, attitudes) and that the soul, being feminine, has a great urge to receive, to be filled. People have a natural desire to learn and acquire knowledge.



Also, every woman and man has a MASCULINE SPIRIT and the spirit has a desire to project, to give and assert itself. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you it is natural to want to tell others what is happening.



Women best understand the woman's viewpoint (not man's), so it is easier for them to understand the desires of the feminine soul (mind etc.) than for men to understand it. WOMEN WANT TO RECEIVE THOUGHTS FROM THEIR HUSBANDS. They want a man who will talk to them, understand them, take time to hear what they have to say and share with, teach, and help them. If a woman is fulfilled in the feminine soul (mind etc.) realm by her husband then her desire physically will be for him alone.



Men best understand the masculine viewpoint, so it is easier for them to understand the drive of the masculine spirit than for women to understand it. Men desire to project, to give, and to overshadow. Most men interpret this sexually. If most men would examine themselves they would find that their basic desires are sexual. When these desires are not fulfilled by their wives they become frustrated, even hostile. They feel their wives do not love them. They then look outside of their marriage for fulfillment.



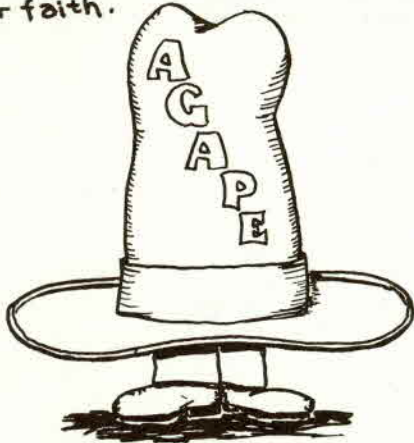
Both husbands and wives have very strong desires to unite in spirit, in soul, and in body. But if the above is not understood these desires are frustrated and mixed up. The highest and most satisfying union is of spirits... OUR SPIRITS ARE TO UNITE ONLY WITH GOD (1 Cor. 6:17; John 4:24; Ex. 20:5) in worship and praise. Husbands and wives are not to seek spiritual union with each other or anyone else. They are to unite in soul and body in marriage.

## HUSBANDS AGAPE YOUR WIVES

The Biblical command to the husband is to AGAPE his wife (EPH. 5:25). Agape is the Greek word for a love that is initiated by the giver without desire or thought of anything



in return. The husband is to give of himself, of his time, and of all that he has for his wife. Remember, in the marriage relationship the wife's first desire is to have the needs of her soul met, then everything else will fall into place. Agape is a goal to be obtained. In I Peter 1:5-7 we see that true agape comes only after we have added virtue, knowledge, temperance, perseverance, godliness, and brotherly love to our faith.



You can't put agape on like a hat. It has to flow from within

## WIVES PHILEO YOUR HUSBANDS

But notice that the Biblical command to the wife is to PHILEO her husband (Titus 2:4), not agape. Phileo is a responsive love. When the wife loves her husband, she needs and expects a response. But, wives (and husbands) are to agape other members of the Body of Christ. The explanation is that wives are to expect a love response only from their husbands. Also, when a man agapes a sister in the Body of Christ, his act of love should not be motivated by a desire for her response in any realm.

Husbands, remember, a normal woman's desire is to have a husband with whom she can communicate in soul (mind, will, intellect, emotion). Then

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the sexual aspect of marriage will be real and meaningful to her. Interpreting your masculine desire to give, only in sexual terms, can cause much frustration and dissatisfaction for both partners and is one of the main causes of divorce.

Learn to listen to your wife. Because of your masculinity and desire to project, it is hard for you to receive a new thought or idea, especially from a female source. Remember that it is harder for a woman to project an idea because it is not her nature to do so. When she has something very important or meaningful to her to share it may come out in an overbearing way that was not at all intended. Love her, listen to her, and you will learn from her spirit. Women can receive from the Holy Spirit very easily because they were made to receive. But, a man may reject the Holy Spirit because his nature is to project, not receive.

**HUSBANDS,**  
COMMUNICATE WITH  
YOUR WIVES.



Gentlemen, if you are meeting the mental needs of your wife, your whole marriage will probably flow smoothly. Notice that the Biblical command to the wife is, "wives, submit yourselves to your husbands" (Eph. 5:22). It does not say, "Husbands, put your wives under subjection." If you are loving (agape) your wife, she will submit to you and make you the head of the house. Marriage is a partnership and both members should understand their position in order to benefit the most from it.

**Seek first**  
the Kingdom  
of God & His  
righteousness  
and all these things  
shall be added unto  
**YOU.** (Matt. 6:33)

If you have not yet married it is a good idea to date as many people as possible. Don't go steady when you are young. Of course, FIRST OF ALL YOU SHOULD HAVE A SOLID SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD (Matt. 6:33). Find someone with whom you share common interests and activities, with whom you can communicate. All of this is soul mating. Do this before there is serious talk of marriage. Now, if these two unions are in order, you will be compatible in marriage and physical union.

Thus we have seen there are two concepts about love and marriage that must be understood:

1. The three unions that both partners desire.
2. The Phileo-Agape Love relationship.

The Bible carefully keeps these subjects straight in the original Greek but our translators confound the issues. Further, our society mistakenly relates love to sex.

These concepts have probably raised many questions in your mind. We pray that the Holy Spirit will engraft this spiritual message in your mind (James 1:21) and that it will help to heal or strengthen your marriage or marriage plans.

Although this message is as old as the Bible, most people will have to read this paper over and over again to untangle what our society has messed up in our minds.