

MARRIAGES UNDER HINDU JOINT FAMILY SYSTEM IN ANCIENT INDIA

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Marriage was not considered simply as union of two bodies. Marriage was a significant social event. It was union of two families and family traditions. Marriages were decided with great care. Several aspects were considered. Not only boy and girl were important, but their parents were also important; so were family lineage, parental characters, parental nature, their values, their traditions, their health, their history and so many things. Today boy and girl argue, why we need to look at parents, and what character and values they represent; we do not have to marry parents, we have to marry each other. Fine as it sounds, and nice as - it feels, we tend to forget 'science' that we are so proud of, which has started understanding a little bit *of* the relevance of genes in human behavioural pattern. The hereditary attributes play their role in the long run and we find these lovebirds start splitting after a while. Few years ago, I looked at divorce rates in North America exceeding 50%, while these statistics did not tell us the full story, for they covered only those who were legally married, and such couples often find separation and divorce process pretty demanding, considering future of children involved and therefore, not all broken marriages result in legal divorce.

A very large segment of married couple in North America (I speak of Canada, and assume it would be same in USA) are those called common-law where the boy and girl live together like husband and wife, have children, file tax returns as common-law spouses, for most purposes they are like married couple except they are not legally married. Most of them are youngsters who have not yet planned children, and these marriages break fairly easy as compared to legal marriages, for all they need is to split, and start living separate. These are high ratio cases. Thus, if we were to take these into account, then total divorces (where divorce would mean essentially all failed marriages), would probably exceed 75%. What a great system it is that does not stand the test of time, that does not stand the test of success in the desired venture that fails and fails, and finally gets reduced to multiple experiments with life! This, we call modem soda! structure, and we gloat at its supposedly advanced nature. There is lot to learn from the systems of olden days that we look down upon thinking we have progressed! Have we? Except that we satisfy our ego consoling ourselves with such inflated self-estimates! The Secret of Stable Hindu marriages of yesteryears—a meticulous system of mathematics applied to human lives. We may have occasionally heard about extraordinary accomplishments of Hindu mathematics. The Christian World, however, prefers to attribute them to the Greeks and (pre-Islamic) Arabs who basically imported the knowledge from the Hindus and then popularized with the people of Europe.

The foundation of Family Dharm was on the premises of the institution of marriage. Arranged marriages demonstrated great stability and reflected high success rate. This was ensured by a meticulous system of mathematics applied to human lives. Based on time and place of birth of a human being, it could calculate with fair amount of accuracy the life span of the individual. This helped match-making in a manner that one of the spouses does not have to live very long without the other.

The system could calculate the ego development of the marrying partners. This helped match-making with due caution to conflicting egos between the boy and the girl in consideration. The system could calculate with fair amount of accuracy the degree of magnetic control or amenability either spouse will have on the other. This helped match-making with a view to harmony between the two. The system could calculate with considerable accuracy the sexual compatibility between the boy and girl in question. This helped match-making with regard to this very essential factor in a satisfying marriage.

The system considered sexual compatibility in physical as well as emotional context. It may be difficult for modern people to visualize that a mathematical system could be capable of ascertaining such details without reference to medical and psychological systems. Well, that difficulty in perception is natural because modern education system has not tried to evolve mathematical modules applied to human lives. It has not tried so because the modern Christian education system is based on an inflated ego that it has nothing to learn from ancient Hindu systems. More significantly, the modern education system is based on knowledge base of the Christian World, which would not want to entertain the thought that Hindu world could have had better developed modules for social, economical, judicial and other processes. Returning to the mathematical system we have been referring to, it had developed the capability of determining the psychological dispositions of the intended couple. This helped in (a) ascertaining mental qualities and (b) estimating likely affection for each other, this being very significant element in matchmaking. Then the system calculated the temperament and character of the couple concerned where compatibility of temperament was looked at for a satisfactory marriage union.

Finally, system looked at nervous energy indicating the physiological and to certain extent hereditary factors. This helped matchmaking with a view to the children that would be borne of such couple, for a marriage was not meant only for the present generation but also for the future generation of the society to come. All these factors could be translated into mathematical module because the Creation and maintenance of this Universe itself works on a mathematical module of high precision. The method was widely followed and its results have shown over thousands of years of its application.

In modern times its use has dwindled, for an image has been successfully created that whatever modern Christian education system does not teach us is essentially superstitious. The result of our modernity has already started showing on our present day family structure. The technique was not an end in itself. Here, you need to understand another fundamental relating to *this* Creation. That is: nothing is stand alone in isolation to the exclusion of everything else. Do not think that any one aspect of esoteric knowledge would suffice for you to understand the entire gamut of complexities involved in the process of Creation. Simply put you need to understand that the module I spoke of applied mathematics to *human* lives -isnot stand alone. Its well understood application does ensure substantially a stable married life but in itself, it is not the only means to that end.

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