

Till Death Do Us Part

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? As of 2019, one in three marriages were considered “low sex” or “no sex.” I guess that’s why my married friends envy my single status!

? Marriage ceremonies were generally absent in the ancient world. Two families would often arrange a coupling and the couple would then cohabit, constituting a marriage.

? Most English-speaking countries began allowing “no-fault divorces” in the early 1970s. California was the first US state to allow no-fault divorce in 1970.

? The origins of throwing rice at a wedding are disputed, but it’s believed by many to have started with Romans throwing wheat at new couples. The tradition eventually evolved to rice.

? The Unification Church, also known as the Moonies, has promoted arranged marriages where couples are wed in mass events. A 1982 mass wedding at Madison Square Garden in New York wed 2,075 couples.

? The Greek Ptolemy dynasty that ruled Egypt after Alexander the Great regularly practiced consanguineous marriage (that is, marriage to people descended from the same ancestor). Cleopatra was married to two of her brothers, Ptolemy XIII and Ptolemy XIV.

? Herbert and Zelmyra Fisher were married for a world record 86 years before Herbert passed away in 2011 at the age of 106.

? The tradition of wedding cakes probably originated in ancient Rome, where the bride would have bread broken over her head for luck.

? The dowry is the price the groom’s family has to pay for the bride. Once common throughout the world, they are still part of many marriages in parts of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

? The Bible belt doesn’t seem to slow divorce. Arkansas and Oklahoma have the highest rate of people who have been married at least three times.

? Don't do it! Studies show that 75% of all marriages that start with an affair end in divorce. That's considerably higher than the average divorce rate.

? Men in ancient Greece were expected to marry and have families, but they also often took young male lovers.

? The average length of a marriage in the US is 11 years. Although the overall divorce rates have declined since their 1981 peak, about 45% of marriages still end in divorce.

? Slaves in the US south weren't allowed to legally marry, but they still did. The American slave wedding ceremony involved the betrothed jumping over a broom to seal the deal!

? According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Bertie and Jessie Wood are the oldest couple to divorce. They were both 98 when they ended their 36-year marriage.

? White wedding dresses didn't become common until Queen Victoria married in 1840. She also started the style of the modern wedding ceremony, which became known as a "white wedding."

? Polygamy has generally been frowned upon or outlawed in most Western societies throughout history. The notable exception is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), although the Church officially banned the practice in 1890.

? The 1955 song "Love and Marriage" by Frank Sinatra became a hit on the radio charts and was later used as the theme song for the hit