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There are three stages of Marriage namely MAD for each other / MADE for each other / MAD because of each other.

It is said that **'Marriage Knots' are tied in the 'heaven' but executed on 'earth'**. Marriage is one of the most important events in the life of every person. It is often said jokingly that **'Marriage is such a 'Ladoo' that whosoever eats the said 'Ladoo' repents as much as who does not eat.'** Joke apart. Marriage brings two families together. It also brings tension, more so for bride's parents.

If marriage is based on the strong foundation, then one may not come across these stages. But this is not the case most of the time. The success of the marriage largely depends on clear decision making on various issues and maintaining transparency with other family members. All management principles such as Planning, decision making, delegation, control and review have role to play in this event.

Marriage is one the important event in everybody's life. Marriage can be crudely defined as society's recognition of sexual relationship between the husband & wife. **Marriage is a gamble and every one plays at least once.** Marriage is like a walking on a rope tied above the ground level.

Marriage is the important junction in our life. Till marriage our life is smooth and keeps running on the single track of education, service, parents, etc. Your parents carry your responsibility on their shoulders. For the first time in your life, you undertake somebody's responsibility on your shoulders. If you are not adequately trained, then you feel the pain.

Marriage may be a function for the bridegroom but it is challenging time for the bride. She has to leave her parents & her residence, compromise on her likes and dislikes and stay in in-laws house with husband (known to her for last few days.). It is really difficult decision to execute.

Every girl makes all compromises on her marriage. She leaves her house, her near and dear ones with whom she has stayed for years together and joins husband's family of unknown

Species. She takes this bold decision purely trusting her 'would be husband.' In fact he is the only person to whom she claims that she knows a bit and if her expectations and assumptions are not met, she gets mentally depressed. Husband's status/value literally falls in her mind though again she can not discuss this with anyone openly. Even her parents will try and blame her only.

It is also necessary to understand the Anomalies of Marriage and Social Customs.

It is also necessary that a boy and the girl should discuss their opinions and expectations on various issues such as food habits, hobbies, clothing preferences, career, education, staying separately or in a joint family etc. Your attention is invited to the Spandane article namely Marriage expectations-opinions under event management section of www.spandane.com.

'Relationship' is born simultaneously with our birth. Relationship is a complex phenomenon. **Our entry in this world creates various relationships whether we like them or not at a latter stage in our life.**

If we wish to have cordial relationship with others, it is necessary to **cultivate the relationship on same footing.(equality complex)** e.g. We must forget our education, designation, status while dealing with spouse, children, parents, friends, In-laws etc.

One should remember that **we are all Guests in this world.** We don't know our last moment in this world. Then why not try and develop cordial relationship with others.

I am aware that **developing any relationship is a long drawn process.** You can vouch for this statement from the fact that how our relationship with parents has taken 'swings' over the years and it will be a bold statement to make that relationship has now settled.

As stated earlier that Relationship is a complex phenomena and **any number of laid down principles may still fail because after all each person is unique.** Moreover building cordial relationship you need similar thinking from opposite camp as well. You need two hands for 'Clapping' but need only one hand for 'Chutki.'

If your relationship gets clicked spontaneously, then nothing likes it. But there is no guarantee that it would so happen. **Why not make an attempt to develop relationship professionally**

instead of relying on your mood /ringing of bells in your mind?

We don't like every person around us but still for the sake formality we tolerate him up to the point. You will agree that in office we wish our boss, colleagues etc. though we may not like them. We do it under the tag 'Job compromise'. If that is the case, why not apply the same formality in dealing with spouse & In-Laws. (An irreversible decision with your marriage.)

Your attention is invited to Spandane Articles namely behaviour therapy for brides and bridegrooms under the section Spandane articles of www.spandane.com for various tips to develop cordial relationship between the couple.

MAD for each other stage starts from few days prior to engagement and lasts up to few days after honeymoon.

MADE for each other stage generally lasts for a long time.

MAD because of each other stage may start anytime but generally after 15-20 years of marriage anniversary.

The above situation may be avoided by adhering to the following general tips.

- Let there be spaces in your relationship.
- Give respect to get respect. Due respect has to be given without any expectations.
- All fingers are not alike.
- Each person inherits good and bad qualities.
- Your behaviour with any one should be the replica of your expectation of their behaviour with you.
- Respect individuality.
- Always remember that our opinions change from time to time.
- We all need each other.
- No body is perfect.
- When you are angry, criticize the behaviour, not the person.
- Human being is a social 'ANIMAL.'

Best of Luck. I request the readers to share their experiences to make this Article as elaborative as possible. Do share your observations on the subject with me on spandane2008@gmail.com.

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