
	Cohabitation	
<p>Roman Catholics: Forbidden, devalues sex. You should remain chaste (practice chastity) before marriage.</p> <p>Church of England: Accepted as part of a committed relationship. The couple should plan on marriage. Marriage is still the ideal.</p>	<p>Forbidden since sex before marriage is a sin.</p> <p>Some Muslims might cohabit but according to the teachings of Islam this is wrong. 'Let no man be in privacy with a woman who he is not married to, or Satan will be the third.' Hadith</p>	

Unit 1: Issues of Relationships

Key Words





Patriarchal – a family or society controlled by men

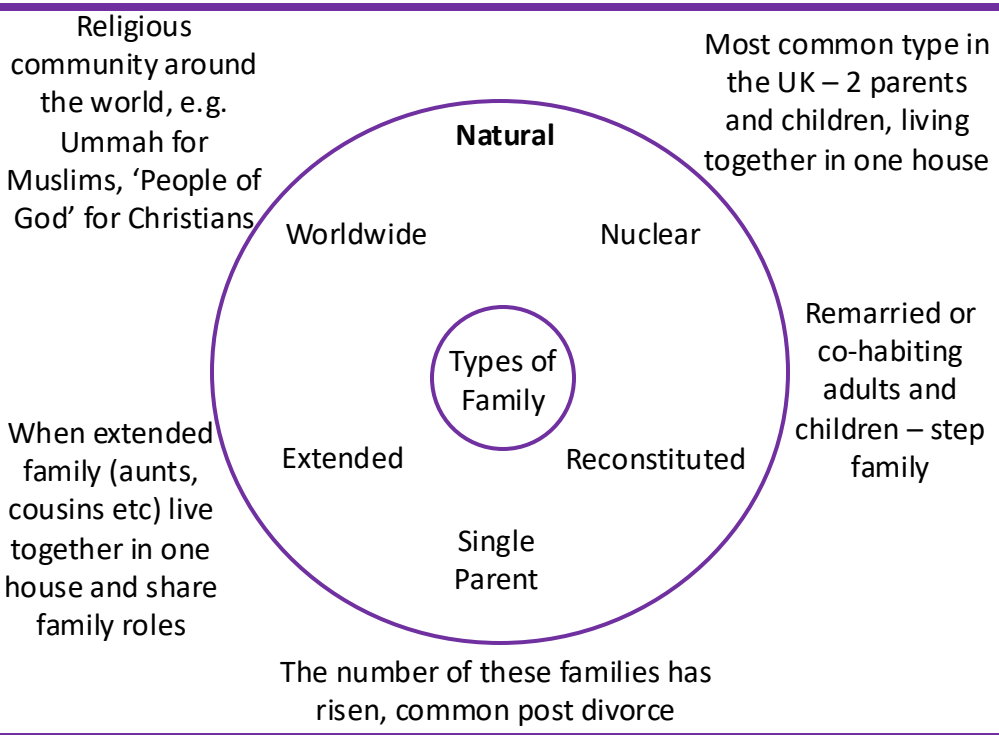
Matriarchal a family or society controlled by women

Roles – status/function of a person in society and the social behaviour/ characteristics expected of them

Responsibilities – Duties/actions you are expected to carry out based on your position in society

The Role of Women in Christianity

 <p>Roman Catholics</p>	 <p>Church of England</p>
<p>Some Christians, such as Roman Catholics do not support women becoming priests or having leadership roles in the Church. They argue men and women are equal but have different roles.</p> <p>Why...  In a letter from St Paul to the Church at Corinth he said 'women should remain silent in the churches'</p> <p> They also point to the fact that Jesus only had male disciples so did not choose women to lead.</p>	<p>Some Christians, such as the Church of England and nonconformists have no issue with women taking on leadership roles. They argue society has moved on since the time of the Bible and the Church should reflect this.</p> <p> Society needs to treat everyone equally and women make just as qualified to become church leaders</p> <p> The Church of England ordained the first woman bishop in January 2015</p>





Key Expectations of Religious Families


- ▶ Are expected to take their children to a place of worship
- ▶ Teach them how to read and understand sacred texts
- ▶ Teach them how and when to pray
- ▶ Join in the celebration of festivals
- ▶ Understand the importance of rites of passage.

Humanist Views on Religious Family Roles – believe that children should be able to choose which religion they wish to be a part of.

Islam Teachings on the Status and Role of Women

The status and role of women in Islam

<p>Women are of equal value in the eyes of God</p>  <p><i>'Everyone is equal like the teeth of a comb'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men and women are of equal value to God • Men and women are equally accountable for their actions and will both be judged on the Day of Judgement 	<p>Women have different roles to men</p>  <p><i>'Anyone, male or female, who does good works and is a believer will enter paradise'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men and women have been designed by God for different purposes • Traditionally it is the <u>mans</u> job to provide for the family and a woman's duty is to look after the home and children. • Women don't have to attend daily prayers at the mosque. If they do, they pray in a separate area. • In some Muslim societies there are restrictions on women's rights, <u>e.g.</u> Saudi Arabia
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 *'Husbands should take good care of their wives'*



Cohabitation



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Roman Catholics



Church of England

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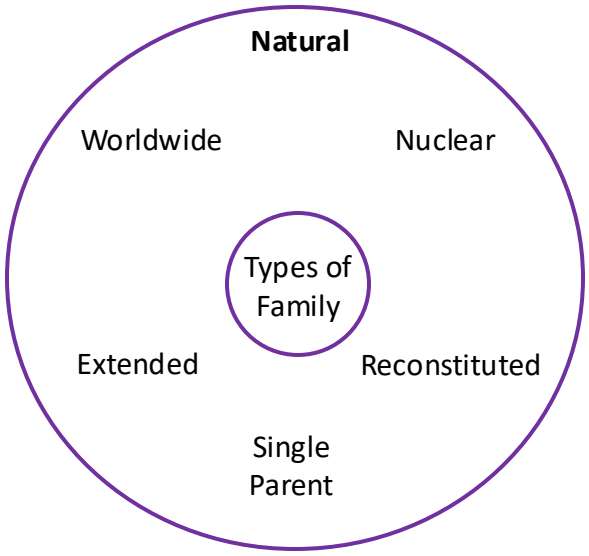
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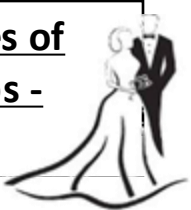


Key Expectations of Religious Families

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Humanist Views on Religious Family Roles –

Unit 1: Issues of Relationships - Marriage



Key Concepts



Cohabitation - to live together in a sexual relationship without being in a marriage or civil partnership



Commitment - a sense of dedication and obligation to someone or something

Interfaith Marriage: marriage between people from different religions or faiths



Christian Marriage Ceremony



Examples of Vows (use as quotes)

'Till death do us part' – the commitment made is life long

'According to God's Holy Law' – the marriage is overseen and agreed by God (Sacrament for Catholics)

The Purpose of Marriage

- Procreation** – To have children "go forth and multiply"
- Union** – To bring two people/families together
- Raise children** – To bring up children as Christians/Muslims
- Pattern for society** – To create family units
- One flesh** – To have a sexual relationship - "And they shall become one flesh"
- Sacrament** – it is a gift from God – to ensure that God is part of the marriage (Christians)
- Everlasting/Eternal** – To stay together forever - "Until death do us part"

Muslim Marriage Ceremony

- **Nikkah** – Simple ceremony of commitment in a Mosque or the bride's house.
- The **Wali** (bride's guardian – closest male relative) offers the bride to the groom to show acceptance of the marriage
- **Mahr** (dowry or marriage gift) paid by the groom to the bride to give her security.
- A marriage contract is signed to legalise the marriage with 2 witnesses present to confirm the marriage is not forced
- The wedding ceremony ends with prayers for the bride and groom, their families, the local Muslim community and the worldwide Muslim community.
- A **Walima** (feast) is held to celebrate with the community and give thanks to Allah.

Attitudes to Arranged Marriage

- Some Muslims may decide to have an arranged marriage. This is where parents choose a suitable partner for their daughter or son.
- In a strict Muslim society where women and men do not freely mix, arranged marriages are regularly used to match Muslim partners.
- Matches will be made based on the wisdom of parents to select a suitable partner for their daughter or son.
- No Muslim should be made to marry someone against their will.

Pros	Cons
- Can create a harmonious family situation	- A person may feel trapped in a loveless relationship
- Can remove cultural barriers	- Can cause trust issues

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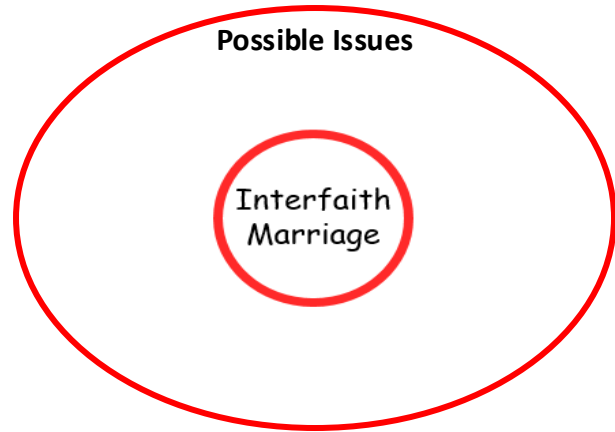


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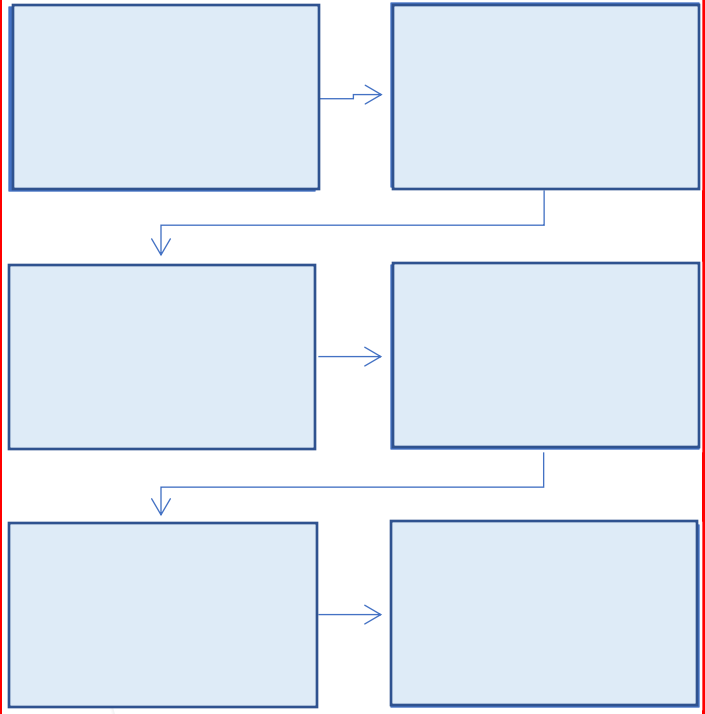
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FoR: Impact



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Attitudes to Arranged Marriage

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Examples of Vows (use as quotes)



Unit 1: Issues of Relationships - Divorce



Key Concepts



Adultery-
voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not their spouse (husband/wife)

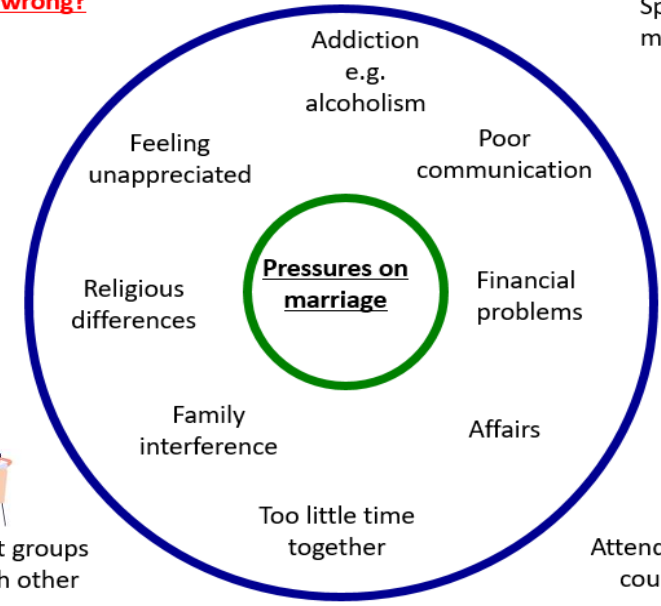
Divorce-
to legally end a marriage

What can be done to help when things go wrong?

Attend marriage counselling



Attend support groups to discuss with other couples



Speak to family members



Speak to religious leaders



Attend a pre-marriage course to try and prevent divorce

Muslim Attitudes to Divorce

The couple must seek help from family and the community to try and reconcile if facing problems

If reconciliation fails the husband must state 3 times that the marriage is over in front of witnesses

The couple must live together in a non-sexual relationship for 3 months to check for pregnancy

If final attempts at reconciliation fail the couple must divorce in both the Shari'ah and law courts

Key Views

'Of all things permitted...divorce is most hated by Allah' – Shows divorce should not be taken lightly.

Whilst divorce is permitted it is only as a **last resort** when every attempt at reconciliation has failed.

When a divorce is finalised the last part of the **Mahr** is given to the wife to start again.

Remarriage is permitted.

Humanist Attitudes to Divorce

Divorce is acceptable if a couple is unhappy – we only have one life and should be happy.

However family breakdown is best avoided and couples should try to reconcile, especially if children are involved.

Christian Attitudes to Divorce



Church of England;

- Permitted as a last resort
- 'Obey the law as God put it there' – divorce is legal so should be permitted

Catholic;

- Forbidden in all cases 'what God has joined together let no man separate'
- Will permit annulment if can prove marriage was not valid, e.g. if marriage was forced.
- Even if divorced, they believe a couple will remain married in the eyes of God 'till death do us part'
- Remarriage is forbidden and any new relationship is considered adultery.



Attitudes to Adultery

Christianity	Islam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against 10 Commandments 'Thou shall not commit adultery' - Breaks the sacrament - Destroys special relationship - Can harm the family unit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seen as 'worst kind of theft' - Harmful to society – against unity and peace - Qur'an teaches it is wrong - Marriage is life long union based on trust, morality and devotion

Unit 1: Issues of Relationships - Divorce



Key Concepts



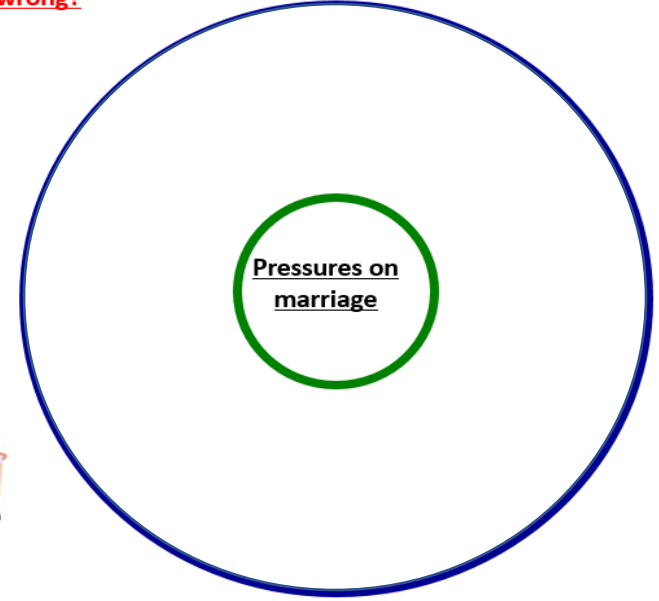
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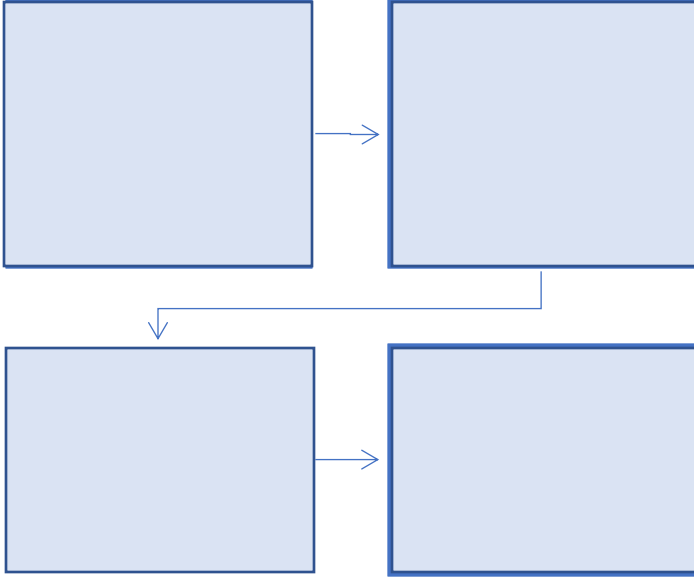
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Muslim Attitudes to Divorce



Key Views

Humanist Attitudes to Divorce

Christian Attitudes to Divorce

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Attitudes to Adultery

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Unit 1: Issues of Relationships – Sexual Relationships



Useful Vocabulary

Fidelity-2 people being sexually faithful to each other

Procreation-Having children-reproduction

Chastity-Not having sexual relations until marriage

Celibacy-Never having a sexual relationship

Promiscuity-having a number of casual sexual relationships

Contraception-Methods used to prevent a pregnancy

Purpose of Sex

Christian Views	Muslim Views
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sex is sacred and a gift from God - Should only be done with someone you love – ideally within marriage - Promiscuity devalues sex - Children should be born within a stable home environment. - Catholics see any sex outside marriage as forbidden. - Sex is to procreate and 'Go forth and multiply' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sex should happen within marriage – sex outside marriage is wrong - Married partners must meet each others' sexual needs - Sex is seen as an act of worship - Sex outside marriage may lead to promiscuity - Children should be raised in the faith, being born outside marriage may threaten this

Christian Attitudes to Same-Sex Relationships

FOR – Church of England

It is not loving to judge people on their sexuality and cause them suffering



'Love your neighbour as yourself'

Christians believe everyone is equal so same sex marriage should be allowed



'Christ is all, Christ is in all'

Same sex marriage is legal therefore Christians should respect the law of their country



'Obey the government, for God is the one who put it there.'

Against - Catholic



'Do not lie with a man as a man lies with a woman'



'Be fruitful and multiply'



'A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife'

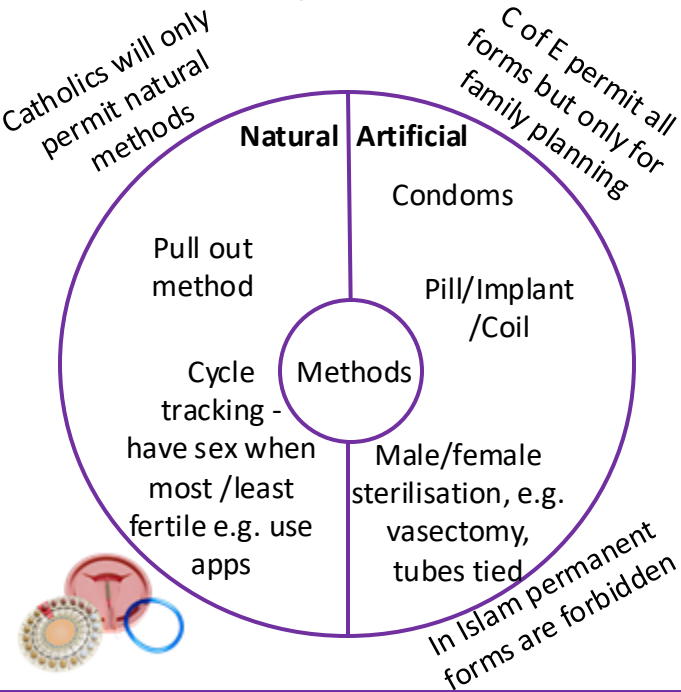
In the Old Testament it suggests that homosexual relationships are sinful

The purpose of sex is to produce children

God told Adam and Eve that relationships should be between a man and a woman, this is what God intended

- There is much disagreement between denominations (branches) of Christianity surrounding same-sex marriage and relationships.
- Catholics forbid same sex marriage – sex should only be to procreate within marriage, same-sex couples cannot *naturally* do this
- Quakers and the United Reform Church do permit same-sex marriages but it is up to the choice of the Vicar who would lead the service

Contraception Methods



Natural law – A Christian View of Contraception

- Ethical Theory created by St Thomas Aquinas
- Catholics believe it should always be followed and use it as an argument **against** contraception
- Some other Christians believe God gave humans intelligence and creativity to decide what is right in a situation e.g. contraception may be a responsible choice
- The 5 rules/considerations that should be used in every decision are;
 - 1 Self-preservation/preservation of the innocent
 - 2 Continuation of the species through reproduction
 - 3 Education of children
 - 4 To live in society
 - 5 To worship God



Muslim Attitudes to Same-Sex Relationships

- Islam forbids same-sex marriages and homosexual and lesbian relationships
- Believe that sex should only take place between a husband and wife.
- Marriage is a sacred contract between only a man and a woman.
- The quotation to the right from the Qur'an is used by Muslims who view homosexuality as immoral.
- The Qur'an says "Do you commit such immorality....? Indeed, you approach men with desire, instead of women." Muslims interpret this to mean that same-sex relationships are wrong.

