

What Matters More Marriage Or Wedding?

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Marriage according to Wikipedia, is defined as a social, religious, spiritual or legal union of individuals that creates kinship. This union is also called matrimony, and the ceremony that marks the union is called wedding. In general marriage is a social contract between two individuals that unites their lives legally, economically and emotionally. And to mark this unique event of bondage, a special occasion called wedding takes place.

Though the weddings differ according to geographical location, culture and the individuals involved in the union, in making this special union memorable, weddings are conducted with extra care and preparation. Still weddings have transformed from marking matrimony to some kind of display of economic and social status. Starting from the preparation of the ceremony for the due day, weddings are becoming very tiresome and extravagant. According to some studies, weddings on average cost around 50,000 dollars all over the world and brides spend around 200 hours in preparing for this special day and making it memorable.

Though there is no definite record of how and where weddings began, such ceremonies differ from place to place according to culture, religion and economic status. At present weddings have transformed both in magnitude and kind, to view some of the reforms of weddings in our culture, let me start with the dresses and go to the makeup and decoration of the reception hall, the bouquet, the invitation card and the list goes on. Though I am not against changes, some things should be considered in regards to one's cultural and traditional values. Some bride and bridesmaids' dresses are very scanty that they can't or shouldn't be worn in the presence of elderly people. It is good to adapt to latest fashion and every thing that goes with it but when and where and in presence of who should also be considered before wearing a dress that is going to disgrace you in front of all your family members. Once I remembered an elderly lady asking one of the bridesmaids "my daughter, are you ladies sharing one dress among the three of you", to emphasize the size of the dress.

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