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Religious Love: The Effects Religion Has on Relationships and Marriage

Abdin, Amira Shamma. "Love in Islam." *European Judaism: A Journal for the New Europe*, vol. 37, no. 1 Apr. 2004, pp. 92–102. EBSCOhost, <https://search-ebSCOhost-com.proxygsu-flo1.galileo.usg.edu/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,shib&db=edsjsr&AN=edsjsr.41444586&site=eds-live&scope=site>.

Abdin's article looks at the concept of love through the lens of Muslim writings and teachings and highlights multiple outlooks on love, including romantic, divine, and platonic. This article includes multiple aspects of Islam, including scriptures, teachings, and philosophy. The research paper utilizes this article to discuss the philosophy regarding love and romance in Islam. This portion of the paper is showing the importance love plays in Muslim communities, and the article also has valuable information that can help to that end. The philosophy regarding love is similar to other religions and this scholarly, peer-reviewed, research article helps this paper's attempt to show the comparison between the other Abrahamic religions.

Adamczyk, Amy, and Hayes Brittany E. "Religion and Sexual Behaviors: Understanding the Influence of Islamic Cultures and Religious Affiliation for Explaining Sex Outside of Marriage." *American Sociological Review*, vol. 77, no. 5 October 2012. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0003122412458672>.




Adamczyk and Hayes' research article looks at how society and culture influence religion, particularly premarital and extramarital sex. This scholarly, peer-reviewed article looks at the major religions of the world, including Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, and Buddhism. The article further explores Muslims living in different cultures and the impact those cultures have on their Muslim residents. The article has much needed data on the number of religious followers that have premarital sex. It is also important to highlight the different variables that can play a role in followers' sexuality. As with some of the other cites, one thing that is crucial to note is the variance among the Abrahamic Religions.

Gannon, Megan. "Muslims Have Least Sex Outside Marriage, Study Suggests." *Live Science*. 18 October 2012. <https://www.livescience.com/24093-muslims-have-least-sex-outside-marriage.html>.

Ganna's article is looking at the data on premarital sex within the Muslim community. The study highlights how the numbers differ depending on the country and the number of Islamic residents that reside in that country. The study found that Muslims are less likely to have sex outside of marriage than Christians and Jews. This paper is using this source to not only report on the numbers of sexually active Muslims, but also to show the difference between the other Abrahamic religions. This source will also help show the contrasts between Muslims and Jews.

Goodman, Bonnie. "The Real Reason for High Jewish Intermarriage Rates." *The Jerusalem Post*. 1 January 2018. <https://www.jpost.com/blogs/history-and-political-musings/the-real-reason-for-high-jewish-intermarriage-rates-521511>.



This article is looking at the reason for high numbers of interfaith relationships among the Jewish community. The author looks at the different ways Jews date and begin relationships, such as online dating and matchmaking. The article also investigates the apprehensions some Jews have in dating within the culture and religion. The paper uses this article to give some data on the number of interfaith marriages within the Jewish community and the distinctions among the different Jewish sects. This paper uses information on the interfaith marriage rates to show not only the differences among Jewish communities, but also with other Abrahamic religions.

Holy Bible. New International Version, Zondervan Publishing House, 1984.

The Bible contains Jewish and Christians teachings. The Bible is the main source of teachings and writings for the Christian faith. This paper uses multiple verses to get information from a direct source for Christian teachings. The paper uses information from the books 1 Corinthians, Genesis, Matthew, and Proverbs to get information on how love and marriage are viewed from the Christian perspective. Going directly to the source, for a paper on religions, helps strengthen the arguments used, and provides concrete facts on how Christians are taught to view love, marriage, and sex.

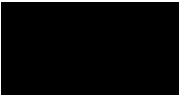
Islam, Md. Zahidul. "Interfaith Marriage in Islam and Present Situation." *Research Gate*.

European Centre For Research Training and Development. March 2014.

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Islam's article is examining interfaith marriage in Islam and particularly at "people of the book," which is Muslims, Jews, and Christians. This scholarly study is



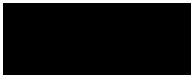
looking at Muslims in Malaysia. The purpose of this study is to look at the practicality of interfaith marriages among Muslims. It also answers some of the questions on interfaith marriages in Islam, such as rules, requirements, and prohibitions. This article will be used in the paper to discuss the beliefs in the Muslim community regarding interfaith marriages. This paper is predominantly using information regarding the actual teachings and restrictions on Islamic interfaith relationships.

“Marital Status.” Pew Research Center. <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/religious-landscape-study/marital-status/>. Accessed 2 May 2022.

This study scrutinizes the different marital statuses of different religions. This study explores a plethora of variables that can play a role in one’s marital status. Mainly focusing on the religious aspect, this study considers how devout, religious affiliation, how big of a role religion plays in their lives, and the beliefs of the subjects effect marital status. This paper is mainly using this study for its data on divorce. Since divorce is a major component of this paper, it is vital to give raw data to back the arguments made. This paper is also using this information to compare and contrast between the Abrahamic religions.

McEvoy, Maria, McElvaney, Rosaleen, Glover, Rita. “Understanding Vaginismus: A Biopsychosocial Perspective.” *Sexual and Relationship Therapy*, Nov. 2021. EBSCOhost, <https://doi-org.proxygsu-flo1.galileo.usg.edu/10.1080/14681994.2021.2007233>.

McEvoy’s article researches the condition vaginismus. This under researched condition causes all sorts of sexual pain and dysfunction. This scholarly article also describes other aspects of the condition, such as cures (therapy), sources, holistic

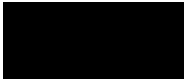


approaches, and treatments. This paper is using this article for the information on reasons this condition develops. The article touches on the religious component to this condition, and it also explores the sociocultural impact. It also mentions the fear-based and disgust-based components that lead women to having Vaginismus. This paper uses the information on the religious aspect of vaginismus, such as the expectations on virginity and male sexual satisfaction over female sexuality. This information is vital to a coherent argument on the dangers and consequences of forced virginity and extreme taboo.

Miller, Lisa. "Evangelicals Talk Marriage and Hot Sex." *The Washington Post*. 10 November 2011. https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/on-faith/evangelicals-talk-marriage-and-hot-sex/2011/11/09/gIQAJDCQ8M_story.html.

Miller's article looks at how sexuality and Christian outlooks on sex are changing in the modern era. The article highlights how preachers and pastors are going about discussing sex and marriage with younger generations. The article also highlights female sexuality and pleasure and its previous omission in biblical discussions. The article also explores not just what Christians think about sex, but if they also follow these teachings. This paper utilizes the section in the article about how Christians are approaching sex in today's world. The article provides vital information on the argument that even though the Christian teachings and writings might prohibit premarital sex, its followers are less keen on following these restrictions.

Mitchell, Travis. "Religion in Marriages and Families." *Pew Research Center*. 26 October 2016. <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2016/10/26/religion-in-marriages-and-families/#:~:text=The%20data%20also%20show%20that%20in%20marriages%20in%20which%20one,are%20more%20religious%20than%20them>.



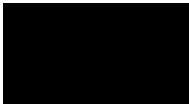
Mitchell's research study explores interfaith relationships and marriages, and the role faith plays in their respective relationships. The study considers several different factors, including children, income, politics, sex, etc. This paper utilizes the data to show how religion, and specifically the different religions of a couple, plays a major role in whether a couple is more or less religious. The study also highlights whether couples in interfaith relationships take their own, or their partners religion seriously. This information is crucial to show how interfaith relationships operate in real life, as opposed to religious arguments against it.

Mogahed, Dalia. "Five Surprising Facts about Divorce in American Muslim Communities."

Institute for Social Policy and Understanding. 12 January 2021.

<https://www.ispu.org/five-facts-about-divorce/>.

This study seeks to understand more about the Muslim community and its relationship to divorce. This study specifically looks at American Muslims. The study also compares Muslims to their Christian counterparts, including Catholics. It also accounts for some variables, including different teachings among religions, divorce among the general public, and age. Furthermore, the study also explores how Muslims themselves see divorce and what they would like to change about the current environment regarding divorce. This data is vital to show how Muslims think of divorce and how their beliefs play out in the real world. This data is also compared with the other Abrahamic religions. Lastly, it shows how religious teachings and enforcement play out among followers.




Murphy, Caryle. "Interfaith Marriage is Common in U.S., Particularly Among the Recently Wed." *Pew Research Center*. 5 June 2015. <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/06/02/interfaith-marriage/>.

Murphy's article is looking at the data regarding interfaith marriages in the US, particularly Christians. The article also highlights the rising numbers on interfaith relationships, and the changing perspectives than those held in the past. The article also touches on how the different religions of the partners factors in their relationships. This paper uses the information from the article on the prevalence of interfaith marriages and relationships. This will help the argument that there are changing opinions on interfaith marriages, and the follower's rejection of past teachings. It also helps highlight the differences in the other Abrahamic religions, such as reformed Jews and Christians.

Olsen, Nate. "Marriage and Divorce in Islamic and Mormon Polygamy: A Legal Comparison." *University of Utah*. 2009. <https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=imwjjournal>.


Olsen's peer-reviewed research article explores polygamy in Mormon and Islamic communities. Specifically, this study compares the legal framework both religions developed for their polygamists. Since both religions made polygamy highly regulated, this study attempts to clarify their respective legal frameworks and compare the two. The beginning part of the Islamic section dissects the thoughts, beliefs, and rules regarding polygamy. This is the part that is most utilized for this paper. Providing concrete information regarding something as controversial as polygamy is crucial to having a comprehensive and solid argument. This paper also highlights the difference in ancient and current thought regarding polygamy.



Penkower, Ariel Y. “The Culture of Dating and Single Life in the Modern Orthodox Jewish Community: A Qualitative Study.” *Dissertation Abstracts International*: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering, vol. 71, no. 7–B, ProQuest Information & Learning, 2011, p. 4506. EBSCOhost, <https://search-ebSCOhost-com.proxygsu-flo1.galileo.usg.edu/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,shib&db=psyh&AN=2011-99020-110&site=eds-live&scope=site>.

This study by Ariel Penkower investigates the dating world of the Orthodox Jewish community. The bulk of the study is Penkower’s interviews with Orthodox youth to get a sense of how they interpret the rules and regulation of dating and how they themselves follow it. The author also explores how young Jews go about dating and finding a match that is suited to them, their parents, and their community. This paper uses this resource a number of times and uses a rather broad portion of the beginning half of the paper. Pages 1-13 of this article looks at the fundamental problems plaguing Jewish youth in regard to dating. This paper further utilized this source for its information on the concept of Niddah. Pages 19-24 addresses the Niddah and its impact on the Jewish community. There is also additional information from pages 10-60 to help support my main arguments. While this study is mainly intended to be looking at the interviews, the beginning half of the paper takes a deep look into customs regarding dating and single life in the Jewish community. Penkower’s look at dating variables, pressures (internal and external), and the Shidduch Crisis, bring a scholarly argument to the paper and provide essential arguments about the different aspects of Jewish dating.

The Quran. “The Quran.” <https://quran.com/en>. *Quran*. Accessed 26 April 2022.



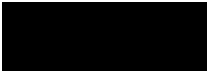
The Qur'an is a religious text and is the central writings and teachings for Islam. It is believed by Muslims to be the revelations of God. This paper uses this source as a direct source for Muslim beliefs. This paper specifically uses it to show the teachings regarding pre-marital sex and adultery. All the Abrahamic have some sort of restriction on premarital sex and this source highlights the uncompromising teachings regarding adultery. This harsh language helps strengthen the arguments made in this paper regarding the Abrahamic thoughts and teachings regarding sex and intimacy.

Rashid, Neha. "How Young Muslims Define 'Halal Dating' For Themselves." *NPR*. 20 April 2017. <https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2017/04/20/502461218/how-young-muslims-define-halal-dating-for-themselves>.

Rashid's article explores the dating culture among the Muslim youth and how they navigate relationships while staying devout while being a part of a progressive world. The article initially goes into how Islam regards intimacy and romance. The article then examines some of the teachings and scholars of the faith regarding the views on these topics. Furthermore, the article goes directly to its subjects and implores them to elaborate on their thoughts regarding Halal dating. This paper uses the beginning portion of this article to highlight the intricacies involved with Islamic dating. This article also shows how thoughts on dating in the Muslim communities are changing.

Sharon, Jeremy. "Divorce Rates Continue Slow Rise, Say Rabbinical Courts Statistics." *The Jerusalem Post*. 20 June 2017. <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/divorce-rates-continue-slow-rise-say-rabbinical-courts-statistics-497352>.

Sharon's article highlights the rise of divorce among Jews. The study looks at Jews in Israel, specifically. The article notes that while the numbers are not increasing



greatly, there is a continual rise in divorce rates. This information helps the argument that divorce is generally accepted among Jewish communities, as opposed to Muslims, and to a lesser extent, Christians. The main use of this article was to show the 1.8% rise in divorce rates among Jews. These numbers follow a similar trend with premarital sex and interfaith marriage, displaying that Jews (particularly reformed Jews) are less devout in practice than the other Abrahamic religions.

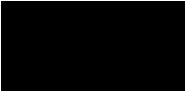
Sherbok, Dan Cohn, Chryssides, George D, Alami, Dawoud El. *Love, Sex and Marriage : Insights from Judaism, Christianity and Islam*. London, SCM Press Editorial Office, 2013.

This book explores different aspects of love in the Abrahamic religions. Drawing upon Jewish writings, the New Testament, and the Qur'an, this book gives insight into the laws and customs of sex, marriage, and love. It also highlights the similarities and differences between each religion. The book's insights on Jewish marriage and law are utilized in this research paper. There is also information regarding Christian rules and marriage. There are many laws regarding sexuality in Jewish law that are stated in this book and are used in this paper. Because Jewish laws regarding sexuality and romance are so strict, it is imperative to get a whole look at the enforcement of the laws and why they are utilized. This source attempts to explain Jewish sexuality.

“The Shidduch: How Jews Date.” *Chabad*.

https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/3716771/jewish/The-Shidduch-How-Jews-Date.htm. Date Accessed 20 April 2022.

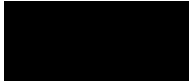
The purpose of this article was to give insight and advice to Jews on how to date, and also how Jews date. The author first goes into why Jews should date and find a



potential spouse and the benefits of having a potential partner. The article then goes further into the different ways Jews can go about searching for this match. Lastly, the author describes some of the rules and customs of dating within the Jewish community. The paper includes this article to give insight into some of the aspects and reasons Jews, specifically Orthodox Jews, date, and what they should be looking for in a potential partner. Furthermore, this article describes the concept of Shidduch, which is a significant portion of the dating section in this paper.

Niekerk Van, Jana, Verkuyten, Maykel. "Interfaith Marriage Attitudes in Muslim Majority Countries: A Multilevel Approach." *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, vol. 28, no. 4, Oct. 2018, pp. 257–70. EBSCOhost, <https://doi-org.proxygsu-flo1.galileo.usg.edu/10.1080/10508619.2018.1517015>.

Niekerk and Verkuyten's peer-reviewed article looks at interfaith marriage in Muslim majority countries. The article specifically highlights the relationships and marriages between Muslims and Christians. Before going into the personal aspects of these two religions relationships, the article states the reservations and rules regarding interfaith relationships. The article separates the sexes in the study, as Islam has differing opinions on interfaith relationships depending on the sex of the believer. This paper uses this article to showcase the thoughts on interfaith marriages in Islam. It is also important to give reason to some of the restrictions one finds in Islam. In the paper, it is also explicitly stated why there is a difference in the sexes regarding interfaith relationships and marriages. This paper generally uses the information regarding teachings and rules on interfaith relationships.

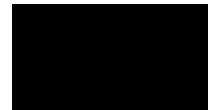


Whitaker, Robin J. “From Virgin Births to Purity Movements: Christians and Their Problem With Sex.” *The conversation*. 22 December 2019. <https://theconversation.com/from-virgin-births-to-purity-movements-christians-and-their-problem-with-sex-118327>.

Whitaker’s article is looking at the consequences of Christian sexuality throughout history. This article specifically looks at the development of the Christian’s outlook on sexuality, and particularly its influence on women. This paper uses this article to show the effects that teachings on virginity have on its intended followers. Christians, particularly Western Christians, have used virginity to oppress and ridicule women throughout history. This article ties sexuality and virginity in the Christian church with the story of the virgin Mary. This paper uses this information to convey the profound influence sexuality within the Christian church has on Christians today, especially Western Christians.

Zarean Mansoureh, Barzegar Khadijeh. “Marriage in Islam, Christianity, and Judaism.” *Religious Inquiries*, vol. 5, no. 9, June 2016, pp. 67–80. EBSCOhost, <https://search-ebSCOhost-com.proxygsu-flo1.galileo.usg.edu/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip.shib&db=edsdoj&AN=edsdoj.381f660ceda74ddcae5c6f8e81bad116&site=eds-live&scope=site>.

Zarean and Barzegar’s peer-reviewed article specifically investigates marriage in the Abrahamic religions. The article looks at the different aspects and customs of marriage, such as marriage rituals, divorce, interfaith marriage, and impediments to marriage. It also highlights the differences and similarities between each religion. This paper utilizes the whole of this article and discusses each religion mentioned. This paper also discusses each aspect of marriage mentioned. This article is especially useful in the



interfaith marriage aspect that is touched upon in each Abrahamic religion. The foundations and origins for the beliefs of each religion is integral in this research paper.