

Traditional and Modern Views on Marriage and Love

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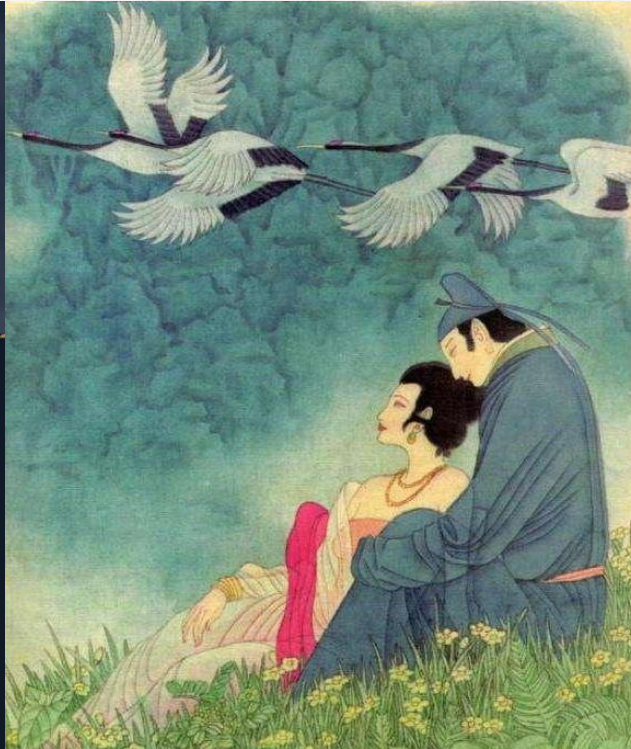
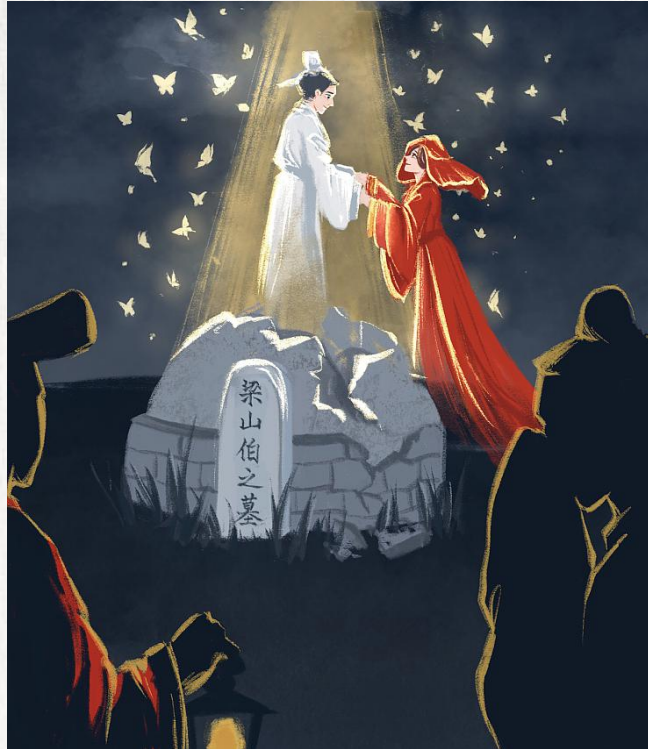


PART ONE

Views on Marriage and Love
at Different Times



Ancient Love Stories



Glimpse

01

Class distinctions:

- Rich girl and poor scholar
- Fairy and cowherd
- Human and spirit

03

Pity Endings:

- Died in love
- Difficult to meet

02

External obstacles:

- Parents
- Feudal ideology of widowhood
- Queen Mother of the West
- Demon hunter



Views on Marriage and Love at Ancient Times

- Parent-arranged marriage
- Strict hierarchy
- Money-minded
- The reproductive role of marriage
- Male superiority and female inferiority

Parent-arranged marriage



Marriage emphasized the order of parents, matchmakers.

父母之命，媒妁之言

“If people do not wait for their parents' command and the words of the matchmakers, but peep through chinks and cross over walls, their parents and fellow citizens will all hold them in contempt.”

“不待父母之命、媒妁之言，钻穴隙相窥、逾墙相从，则父母、国人皆贱之。”（《孟子·滕文公下》）

Love is an anomaly.

Strict hierarchy

Well-matched in social and economic status 门当户对

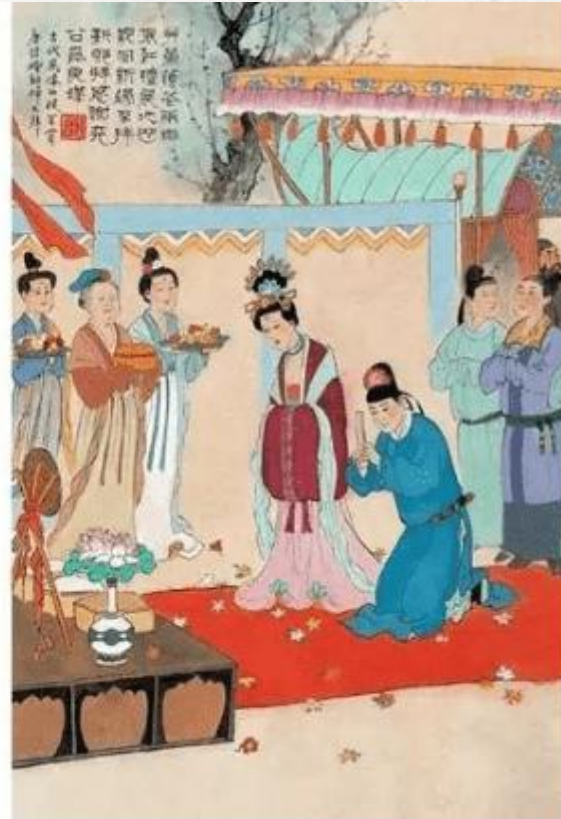


"Our Madam has met her before, and considering **their families are well-matched**, she agreed readily. After discussing with Lady Feng, it was settled by sending someone over."

“我们太太原是见过的，又且**门当户对**，也依了。和这里姨太太凤姑娘商议了打发人去一说，就成了。”

（《红楼梦》第七十九回）

Money-minded



Bride price 彩礼

The reproductive role of marriage



"In the rites of marriage, the union of two families is emphasized, in order to serve the ancestral temples above and to continue the lineage below."——

Book of Rites

“昏礼者，将合二姓之好，上以事宗庙，而下以继后世也。”（《礼记·昏义》）

Male superiority and female inferiority



polygyny



husband-centered view



chastity in marriage
(for women)



The First Marriage Law of the 1950s



- People began to choose spouses and marriage methods **autonomously**.
- There was a **first wave of divorces**, as those who had long been oppressed by feudal patriarchal authority were encouraged by the Party and government to **free themselves from unhappy marriages**.

What does marriage mean to Chinese people?

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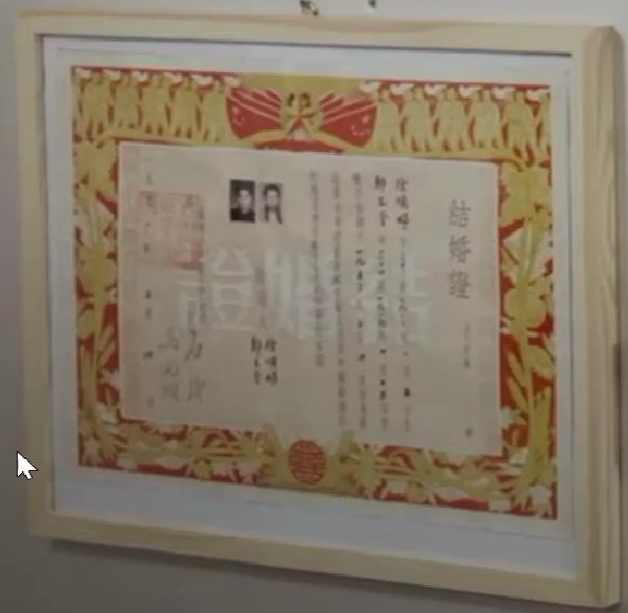
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Views on Marriage and Love in Modern Times

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- Monogamy
- A new crucial factor in marriage
- Free love
- Equality of husband and wife



PART TWO

Changes in Views on Marriage and Love



Changes

01

Marriage
autonomy

03

The value of
individuals in
marriage

02

Mate selection
views

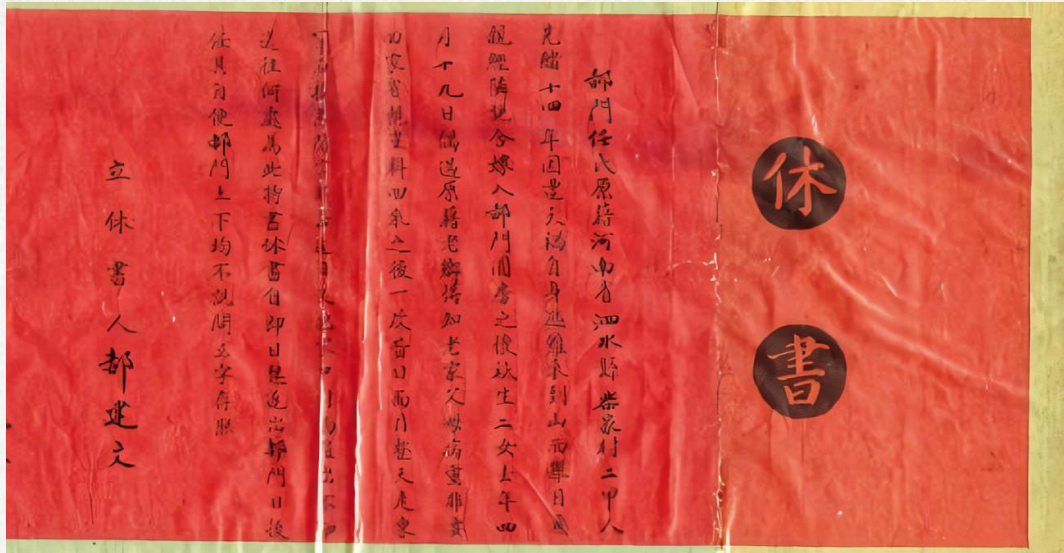
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Celibacy



Marriage autonomy

freedom of marry and divorce



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Mate selection views

External qualities:
family rank
property
...



Internal qualities:
personal feelings
knowledge
...



The value of individuals in marriage

Upholding love and marriage
that has already 'died' to
maintain family stability



Refusing to sacrifice own happiness
Pursue to achieve personal value



Celibacy

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PART Three

Reasons of Changing



Reasons of Changing



Economic



Culture



Politics



Technology

Economic

The establishment of a socialist market economy:

- the intrinsic spirit of equality and competition
- the inherent profit-seeking nature of a market economy

Culture

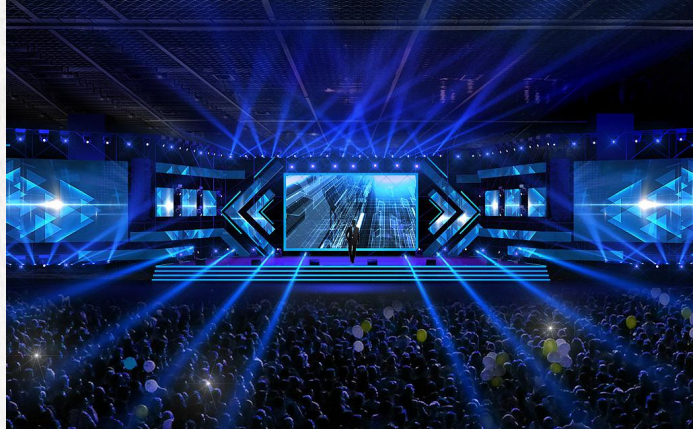
- The influence of Western Culture
- More activities

Politics

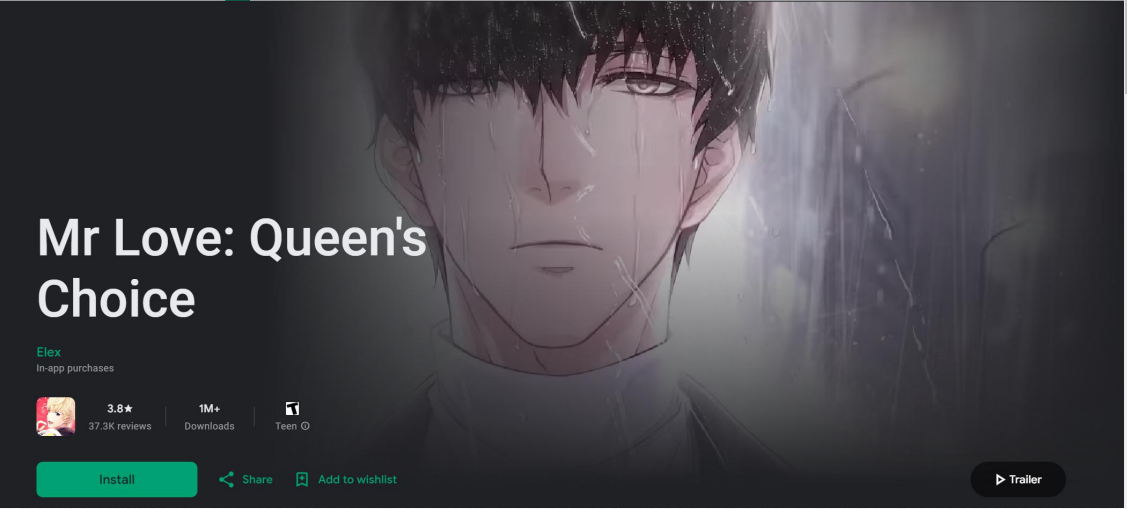
- The development of democratic politics
- Legislation

Teachnology

- Internet
- Biotechnology




Virtual love game

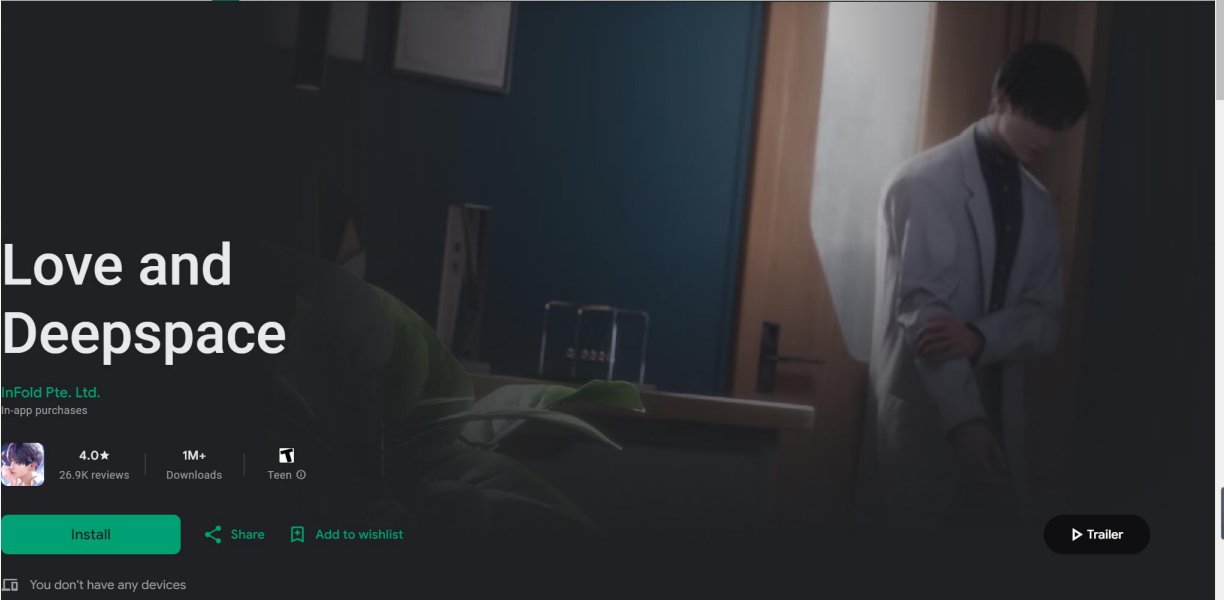


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