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How To Handle Inter–Faith Marriages

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You'll know long before you start the wedding plans if your faiths are different from one another—so this shouldn't be a shock. And you may have already begun how you want to deal with this. It doesn't have to be a problem; rather, it can be a great way to create a new ceremony for the both of you.

Deciding to convert

Before deciding to convert to one religion or another, you want to take your time to discover why you're doing it. Do you truly want to convert to another religion or do you just want to make your spouse's family happy? This is a very honest discussion to have with your self and there aren't any good answers, except for the ones that are true.

If you feel that converting is a good decision for you, then by all means, go ahead and take the steps needed. Many times, you'll have to take classes and speak with the religious head well in advance of any wedding plans.

The trick is not to feel pressured into converting. And with all of the emotions attached with a wedding, some families may have trouble accepting someone of a different faith. If you believe that you want to remain the faith that you are, you should do so.

And if your spouse is trying to coax you into converting, you may want to hold off on the wedding as well. This is a very personal choice, and it needs to be made by the individual, not everyone else.

A dual faith wedding

It's actually very easy to have a wedding that incorporates two different faiths. Sit down and see what each faith requires at the wedding and then talk about how you can compromise to make sure all is proper.

You may want to have the wedding in a non–denominational setting so that you don't have the 'home court advantage' for one faith or another. You may also decide to have two different ceremonies

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weaving in and out of one another, combing elements of both faiths. This really shows the commitment to each other and to the separate faiths.

You may also want to have two different ministers or one denominational. That's up to you, but if you're a part of a temple or a church, you may need to be married by one of the parish's priests or synagogue's rabbis.

Amy Spade is an expert on planning weddings, and she has written an amazing totally free minicourse on how to make sure that you have the day of your dreams, and avoid wedding day disaster! Get the free course "Your Special Day from Start to Finish" now at at

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A Call for International Marriage Laws

By Kemisola Yusuf

I recently watched a CNN programme which centred on kidnapped daughters (from multicultural marriages) who were unwillingly given away in marriages in Islamic states by their fathers. Usually, the fathers were from these Islamic states. While pondering over why some states still refuse women their rights to choose whom to marry, the key question I am also trying to answer is Which international law governs inter-country and inter-religious marriages?

The real issue is whose belief overrides in an inter-country and inter-religious marriage. Should the father dictate the beliefs of his daughter till she is 18 or should the mother? Whilst love still stands as the basic foundation for a successful marriage, marrying a foreigner with a different religion/beliefs needs a more concrete foundation such as a signed agreement.

Some women marry male foreigners without fully understanding his background, his beliefs & most importantly, the beliefs of his people. Some may argue that when they married their husbands, he was a free thinker. This is true especially of westernized men. However, this most likely changes when the man has to return to his roots his people and their beliefs&.and they often return home.

So, which law protects children from inter-country and inter-religious marriages? Which written law states that the man cannot take his daughters back to his roots and marry them off to whoever he wishes? Which law states that a father cannot forbid his daughters to go home and visit their mother? Which international law states that a woman forced to have sex with a husband she was unwillingly married to is pure rape? Which international law states that a woman who has her passport seized by her father is denied her rights?

As the world becomes truly global, perhaps it is time the United Nations begun to look at International Marriage laws which protect the children from inter-country marriages. However, can these children truly be protected despite the political obstacles that prevail?

The obvious answer remains that the end to kidnapping is the establishment of international marriage

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laws which countries can be held accountable for. Whilst couples await these laws, it may be expedient to sign agreements in a court of law to protect unborn children. The question, then, is whose court of law?

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