

Intro – Throughout history there have been different ways to find a marriage partner.

Love or Infatuation?

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Infatuation is instant desire. It is one set of glands calling to another. Love is friendship that has caught fire. It takes root and grows – one day at a time.

Infatuation is marked by a feeling of insecurity. You are excited and eager, but not genuinely happy.

There are nagging doubts, unanswered questions, little bits and pieces about your beloved that you would as soon not examine too closely. It might spoil the dream.

Love is quiet understanding and the mature acceptance of imperfection. It is real. It gives you strength and grows beyond you, to bolster your beloved.

You are warmed by his presence, even when he is away. Miles do not separate you. You want him nearer. But near or far, you know he's yours and you can wait.

Infatuation says, "We must get married right away. I can't risk losing him".

Love says, "Be patient. Don't panic. Plan your future with confidence."

Infatuation has an element of sexual excitement. If you are honest, you will admit it is difficult to be in one another's company unless you are sure it will end in intimacy. Love is the maturation of friendship. You must be friend before you can be lovers.

I. The Romantic Myth

There is a traceable history of the notion of "Romance" in the Western world.

II. Romance vs. Love

Romance

1. Romance Produces _____

2. Romance Emphasizes _____

3. Romance doesn't _____

4. Romance demands _____

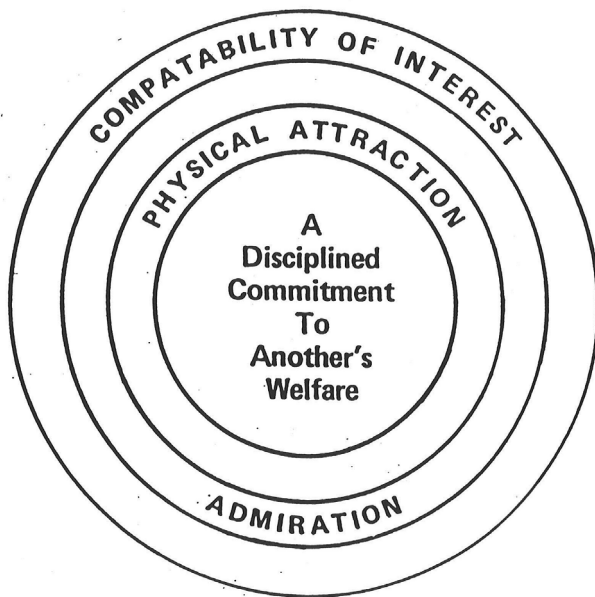
Love

Notice the 2 components of Love:

1. Commitment _____

2. Self-Discipline _____

III. Building on Love



IV. Summary

Equal value = _____
 Above value = _____