

## Beliefs on Love, Courtship, and Marriage

- If you want to know what your lifetime partner will look like, wake up in the middle of the night and take a look at yourself in the mirror while holding a lighted candle. At first, the image in the mirror will appear to be a skeleton, but after five minutes, you will see a full view of the person you will marry.
- You can give your sweetheart a handkerchief as a gift, but it will only make her cry.
- Engaged couples should not exchange pointed or sharp objects as gifts, or this would lead to a broken engagement.
- When a star appears near a half-moon, it is a sign that young couples are eloping.
- The bride should not put on her wedding dress before the wedding. If she does, the wedding will not push through.
- The groom should arrive at the church before the bride in order to avoid bad luck.
- Dropping the wedding ring, or the couple's veil, or arras during the wedding ceremony means that the couple will not be happy in their marriage.
- The groom who sits down ahead of his bride during their wedding ceremony will be a henpecked husband.
- During the wedding ceremony a bride must step on her husband's foot so both of them will agree on things that they will under take, and so that her husband will not be cruel to her.
- Whoever of the couple stands first after the ceremony, will die ahead of the other.
- A bride who cries during the wedding will bring bad luck to the marriage.
- It is bad omen for the newly wed couple if their parents cry during the wedding.
- If it rains during the wedding, the couple will have many crybabies.
- Throwing rice at the newly wed couple will bring them prosperity in life.
- Breaking something during the wedding reception brings good luck to the newly wed couple.
- Upon entering their new home, the couple should go up the stairs alongside each other so that neither one will dominate the other.

- It is bad luck for two siblings to be married within the same year. To resolve the situation, the sibling who marries later in the year should pass through the backstairs of the church on the day of the wedding.
- A person who habitually sits at the head of the table during meals will never marry.
- Women, who have moles right under the eyes where the tears fall, will be widowed.
- Removing plates from the table while an unmarried woman is still eating will keep her single all her life.
- An unwed girl who follows the footprints of a newly wed couple will marry soon.
- If a woman is widowed during a new moon, she will marry again.
- A married woman who wears a pearl ring will cause her husband to commit adultery.
- If the husband leaves the house soon after a quarrel, the wife should get his shirt, hang it over the stove, and whip it several times. The husband is certain to come back.

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