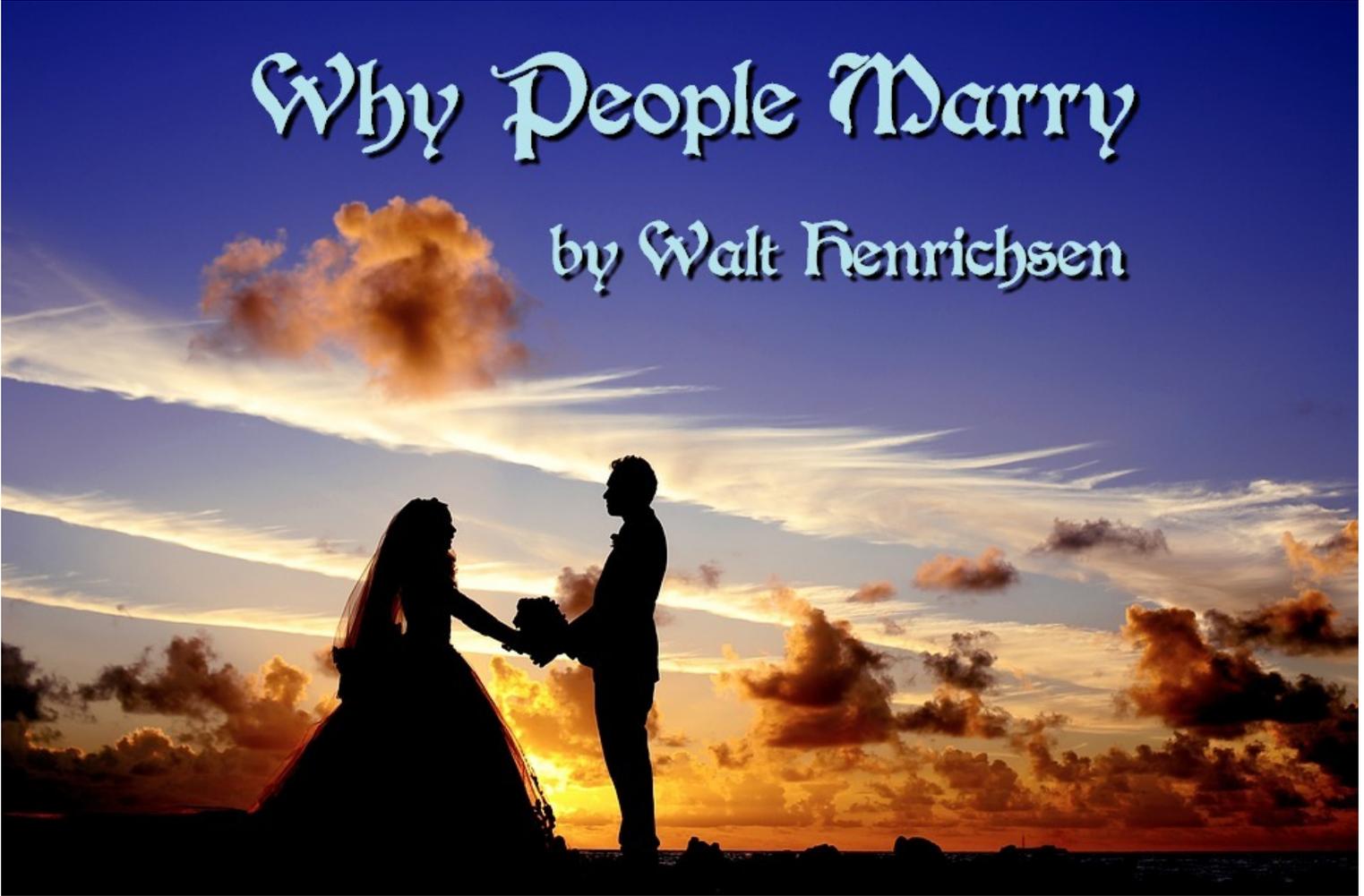


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“... to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.” 1 Corinthians 7:3

No one marries to meet the needs of his/her spouse, but rather to meet his/her own needs. For example, single men do not seek sex with women for the purpose of meeting the woman's needs. This, Paul suggests in 1 Corinthians 7, serves as the basis for determining whether or not the dedicated follower of Christ should marry.

Once married, Christ's followers are confronted with God's command to meet the needs of the spouse, while looking to God alone for the meeting of personal needs; the husband lives a self-sacrificial life on behalf of his wife. *“Husbands, love your wives like Christ loved the Church when He*

gave Himself for her".1 Apart from God's insistence that His followers live such lives, where do you find affirmation that you should sacrifice meeting your needs in order to meet the needs of others?

You only have a small number of choices: 1 – You can divorce, remarry, divorce – seeking to meet your needs. 2 – You can assume responsibility for your family and meet their needs while suppressing your narcissistic desire for happiness – hoping that this “suppressed volcano” will not erupt. 3 – You can advocate the abolition of marriage, live as you like and let the “Village” raise the children you bring into the world. 4 – Or, you can bend your will to the will of God and serve your family. Without the fear of eternal accountability for disobeying God, what motivates you to obey God, especially when you do not feel that your needs are being met and your culture says that your personal happiness is paramount?

[1 Ephesians 5:25](#)

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