

As you read the poem
keep in mind this verse: **Quran 30:21...**
And among His Signs is this,
that He created for you mates
from among yourselves,
that you may dwell in tranquillity with them,
and He has put love & mercy
between your hearts.

What it builds is a false sense of security which fails to commit to love.
It tells young men they have a lot of living to do before they tie that cord.
But in the Quran, it actually says to find a wife Means you receive a blessed favor from God in your life
Marriage is potent magnetism... dating ends in schism
Dating might give you a ring. But marriage gives you CARING.
Dating tends to look like a marriage. That's not really what the fact is.
They can't commit to love so they just have sex and move in together.
But after some time they realize their feelings have changed like the weather.
See, the problem with dating is it never gives love a chance to start.
It's like playing house with someone until one decides to depart.
Now I ain't judging. I'm just saying quit living in a fairy tale.
Because today over half a million relationships like yours across the world just failed.
I mean for everything else in life, Is dating a concept we should actually consider.
It's like saying never commit to anything. And always leave doubt in your mind to reconsider
Many are playing house with their girlfriends; And also playing behind each other's back
Both acting like saints. And no one seemed to be on to them...
When the truth is exposed. It is clear they both had fallen in lust.
That is certain to drag their life beyond repair into the dust.
People spend their whole lives looking for love in all the wrong places.
But we choose to reject the love that God speaks about.
So if dating is what you call love; Then you should know of Muhammad & Khadijah...
A story of love's ecstasy with all of life's sanctity.
Let me explain...
Just a single trace of righteousness in **Khadijah's conscience**;
Was enough for Muhammad to tirelessly ring the bells of victory;
For him to ensure that even the most diminutive bit of condemnable corruption
was replaced by irrefutable honesty.
Just a single resolution of **Khadijah's innocuously uninhibited mind**;
was enough for Muhammad to unflinchingly win all battles;
for Muhammad to stand as an invincible fortress; in the way of devastating hatred
Just a single yearning of **Khadijah's holistically vibrant soul**; was enough for Muhammad to impregnate
countless disparagingly staggering lives;
with rays of newfound optimism and enthralling hope,
And just a single beat that fulminated euphorically from **Khadijah's immortal heart**; was enough for
Muhammad to bond each shattered soul with the other; And he saw to it that everlasting love prevailed in
each nook and cranny of this earth.
You see...Khadijah was committed to Muhammad...and Muhammad was committed to Khadijah...
and together that love of theirs lit up this world

Poem: Marriage vs. Dating

What if I told you dating isn't religious or spiritual.
What if I told you dating is actually cynical
And if I told you, just because he calls you girlfriend
Doesn't automatically make him faithful.
Just because you change your status on Facebook
Doesn't automatically make things stable
I mean, if dating was so great
then why does it start off like most fairy tales.
But when push comes to shove, it fails.
Dating is like drowning in selfishness;
A sad experience worse than death

Love doesn't avoid commitment just in case it isn't true.
See love is not self-seeking;
it always protects and is beyond self.
So commitment shouldn't be a problem
if love is truly in effect.
Jesus nor Muhammad never once mentioned
dating as a miracle
You see marriage is so much better than playing
this dating game cycle.
Let me clarify...we should love courtship;
we should love engagements
and yes we should believe in romance.
But let's be honest.
Does today's concept of dating
look anything like God's Plan?
Remember God already designed a plan
for women & men.
But God never supports fornication...Not now not then.
Now back to the point.
One thing is crucial to mention
How marriage and dating are in opposite spectrums.
See one's a lifelong promise under God.
The other is a way to avoid commitment
See one puts God in the center
and the other keeps Him at a distance.
Because marriage says I do. Dating says I'm done.
Marriage says stay. Dating says run.
Marriage is more than just a physical attraction
While dating is more like test-driving a car
Marriage brings you favor dating brings you scars.
That's why dating and marriage are two different plans.
Marriage is trust in God and dating is leaving it to chance.
Which is why we must choose to wait
and not make decisions based on lust
Because it's not just a quote on a dollar.
But in God, we should trust.
Those who date will narrate that it always ends in pain.
Whereas to marry is to gain without becoming insane.
So for dating. Let's hate it. In fact, let's literally resent it.
Because God said to find peace and tranquility
in the game of hearts...GET MARRIED.
Finally after Islam and the Quran
Let's turn to the poet Khalil Gibran
When he penned this line of love meant for two
May the winds of Heaven dance between you.

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In every known human society, the institution of marriage serves three important public purposes.
First, marriage is the institution through which societies seek to organize the bearing & rearing of children; it is important in ensuring that children have the love & support of their father.
Second, marriage provides direction, order, and stability to adult sexual unions and to their economic, social, and biological consequences.
Third, marriage civilizes men, furnishing them with a sense of purpose, norms & social status that orient their lives away from vice & toward virtue

How little of permanent happiness can belong to a couple who are only brought together because their passions are stronger than their virtues. Fleeting emotions. Marriage is not wedding bells, white dresses, suits, ceremonies, diamond rings, banquets, & invitation cards...this is commercialized marriage....waste of time & money. A circus. It's a union of two souls. It don't need all that stage comedy to convince themselves of their union. Souls are souls...they are not consumer products to impress. Real Union comes in simplicity & sincerity. It does not need all this adornment, all this stress & angst. All it needs is God. "Our Lord! Bestow on us spouses...who will be the comfort of our eyes. A Source of Joy." (25:74) Marriage is a quiet, matter of fact union that necessitates a simple ritual of passage...A ritual of passage from one state to another...that's all. As Muhammad (p) said: Marriage is my way. Make things easy & make them simple.

Just as true marriage is the highest blessedness that can come to man or woman, so a false marriage, a marriage conceived in vanity or avarice or sensuality, is the most fearful calamity. The binding of two loveless, selfish hearts together can only result in mutual misery. The resulting state is not simply hell, as it is frequently called. It is that more painful, but at the same time more hopeful condition, which in figurative language we may describe as the compelling of persons who are fit only for hell to dwell perpetually in heaven. It is a condition which calls for the expression of the most tender and unselfish love at every point of constant contact, imposed upon persons who have no love to give.

By Contrast...The supreme blessedness of the ideal marriage measures the superlative wretchedness of a loveless union. The sagacious husband brings to his wife a wide range of business sagacity, political influence, scientific and speculative interests. The perspicacious wife brings to her husband rich acquisitions in literary and aesthetic taste, social life

True Marriage is the Highest Blessedness

and philanthropic and religious fervor. Each life is reinforced and multiplied by all that is in the other; and thus both enter through the portals of the family into the life of the Universal Spirit, of which at best only vague and shadowy glimpses come to them in the blindness of their individualistic isolation.

Marriage, without doubt, is the greatest event in this earthly life of man or woman; it is a sacrament filled with happiness, with all that is highest and noblest in life; or it is a base counterfeit wherein sorrow and degradation usurp the place of the highest and holiest thoughts and emotions of mind and soul.

A thousand other questions of far less importance occupy the minds of the people, but this question which is of the most vital importance to a person's well-being, is kept in the background. Children are brought up so woefully ignorant that they have no conception of what awaits them in the married life. The whole subject of the relation between man and woman is tabooed; it is as though people were ashamed to think or give expression in words to things which, although sacred, nevertheless should be thoroughly understood.

Some people go on the principle that the young will find out soon enough, but it is surely a mistaken policy on the part of parents to keep their children in ignorance of the many problems that await them in wedded life. Some little light, some little knowledge might avert many tragedies that so often arise in the married life.

Here are some quotes from great minds regarding love. In Goethe's book Maxims & Reflections we find this French quotation "L'amour est un vrai recommenceur. which means [Love is truly a new beginning.]" Let it be so.

Next is Leo Tolstoy with this beautiful line: "He felt now that he was not simply close to her, but that he did not know where he ended and she began." Yeah, sexy words indeed. But the question must be asked: "What's the use of falling in love if you both remain inertly as-you-were?" The question resonates because it speaks to a central necessity of love — at its truest and most potent, love invariably does change us,

deconditioning our painful pathologies and elevating us toward our highest human potential. It allows us to break across our solitude, and then, if we're lucky, be finally transformed into something firmer.

In the romantic ideal upon which our modern mythos of love is built, the solidity of that togetherness is taken to such an extreme as to render love fragile. When lovers are expected to fuse together so closely and completely, mutuality mutates into a paralyzing codependence — a calcified and rigid firmness that becomes brittle to the possibility of growth. However...In the most nourishing kind of love, the communion of togetherness coexists with an integrity of individuality, the two aspects always in dynamic and fluid dialogue. The philosopher Martin Heidegger captured this beautifully with this statement: "Why is love rich beyond all other possible human experiences and a sweet burden to those seized in its grasp? Because we become what we love and yet remain ourselves.

By way of advice on the secret to a loving and lasting marriage, Khalil Gibran, writer/poet offers these words of wisdom:

*Let there be spaces in your togetherness,
And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.
Love one another but make not a bond of love:
Let it rather be a moving sea
between the shores of your souls.*

It's true that in the initial stages of marriage all is fireworks as is captured in this poem by the brilliant American poetess Ella Wilcox

How does Love speak?

In the faint flush upon the telltale cheek,
And in the pallor that succeeds it; by
The quivering lid of an averted eye—
The smile that proves the parent to a sigh

Thus does Love speak.

How does Love speak?

By the uneven heart-throbs, and the freak
Of bounding pulses that stand still and ache,
While new emotions, like strange barges, make
Along vein-channels their disturbing course;
Still as the dawn, and with the dawn's swift force—

Thus does Love speak.

How does Love speak?

In the avoidance of that which we seek—
The sudden silence and reserve when near—
The eye that glistens with an unshed tear—
The joy that seems the counterpart of fear,
As the alarmed heart leaps in the breast,
And knows, & names, and greets its godlike guest—

Thus does Love speak.

How does Love speak?

In the proud spirit suddenly grown meek—
The haughty heart grown humble; in the tender
And unnamed light that floods the world
with splendor;

In the resemblance which the fond eyes trace
In all fair things to one beloved face;
In the shy touch of hands that thrill and tremble;
In looks and lips that can no more dissemble—

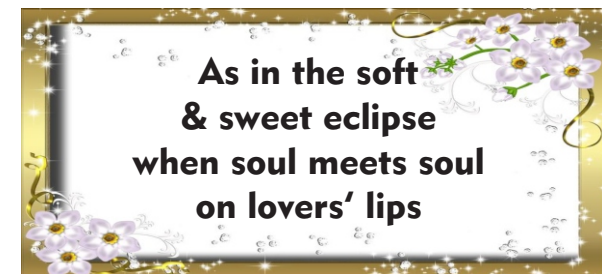
Thus does Love speak.

How does Love speak?

In the wild words that uttered seem so weak
They shrink ashamed in silence; in the fire
Glance strikes with glance, swift flashing
high and higher,

Like lightnings that precede the mighty storm;
In the deep, soulful stillness;
in the warm, Impassioned tide
that sweeps through throbbing veins,
Between the shores of keen delights and pains;
In the embrace where madness melts in bliss,
And in the convulsive rapture of a kiss—

Thus does Love speak.



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