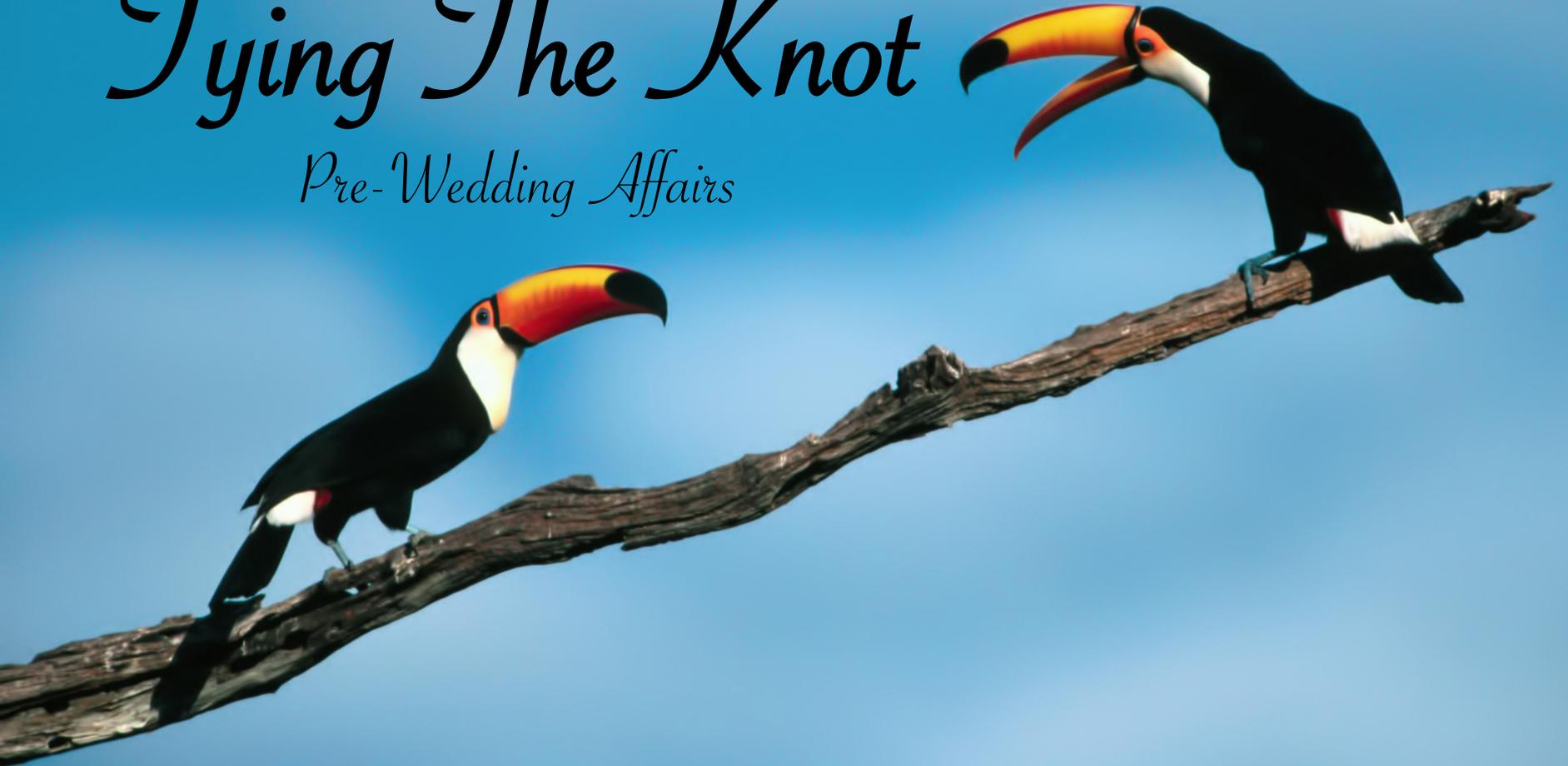
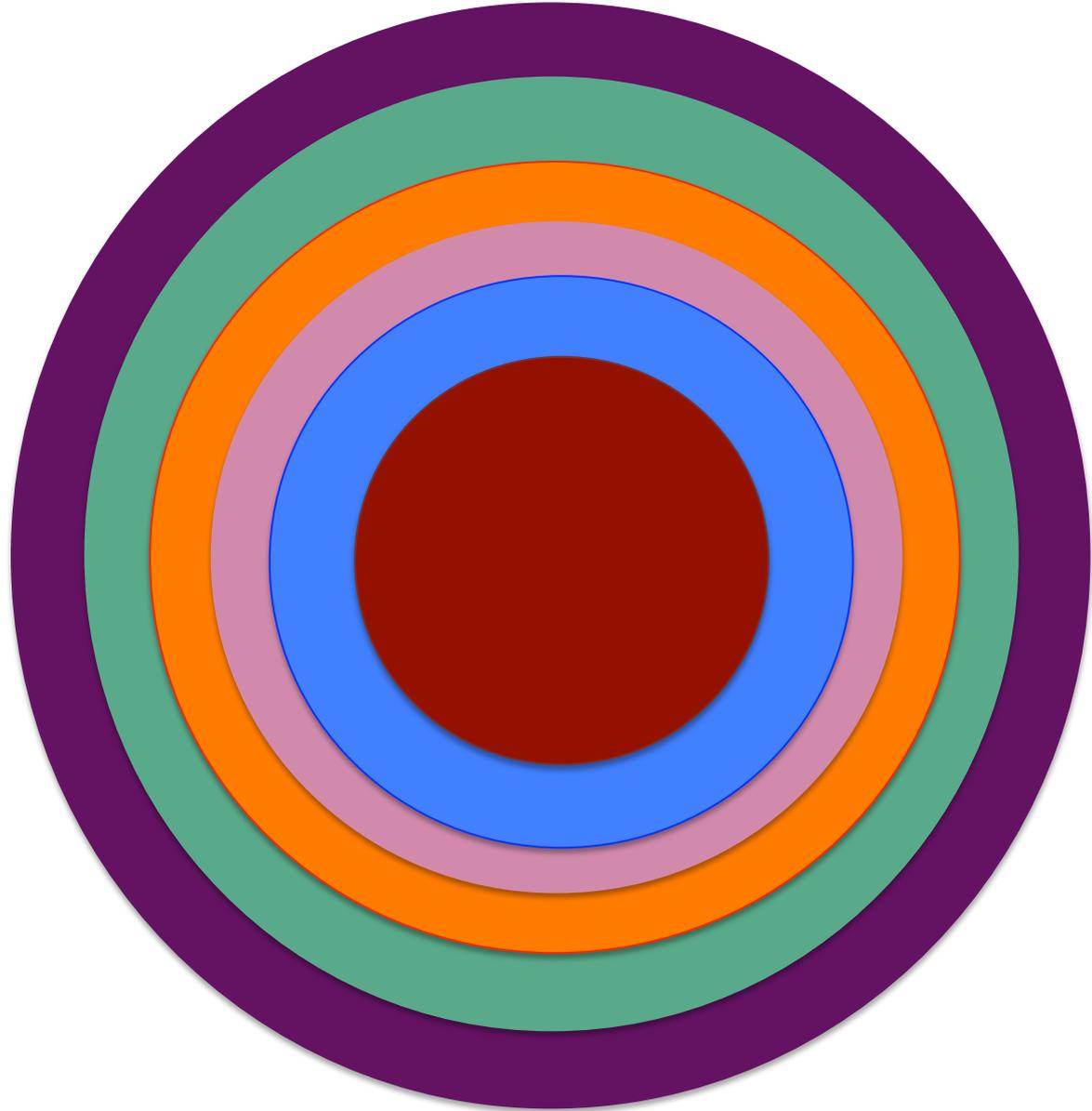


Tying The Knot

Pre-Wedding Affairs



The Earth
Communities
Families
Parents
Children
You





Dear Future
“Perfect Partner”

Find Yourself.

Find God.

Then come Find Me.

Find yourself

- Seeing yourself as a “whole” so you can see others as a “whole”
- Your “Whole” consists of your past, your present and your future



Muhâsabâh

(Self-criticism or Self-interrogation)

- An act of seeking and discovering one's inwardness and spiritual depth.
- An act to acquire true human values and develop the sentiments that encourage them.
- It is an act of distinguishing between what is good and bad and what is beneficial or harmful to him throughout his life.
- It is through continuous self-criticism that a man is enabled to evaluate the present and prepare for the future.





Find God

- It is through self-criticism that you can make up for past mistakes and be absolved in the sight of God.
- You need to constantly realize self-renewal in your inner world in order to achieve a steady relation with God.
- This is so because it depends on whether you can live a spiritual life and is aware of what takes place in your inner world.
- A stable internal you can bring forth a wise external you.
- Find out who God wants you to be.

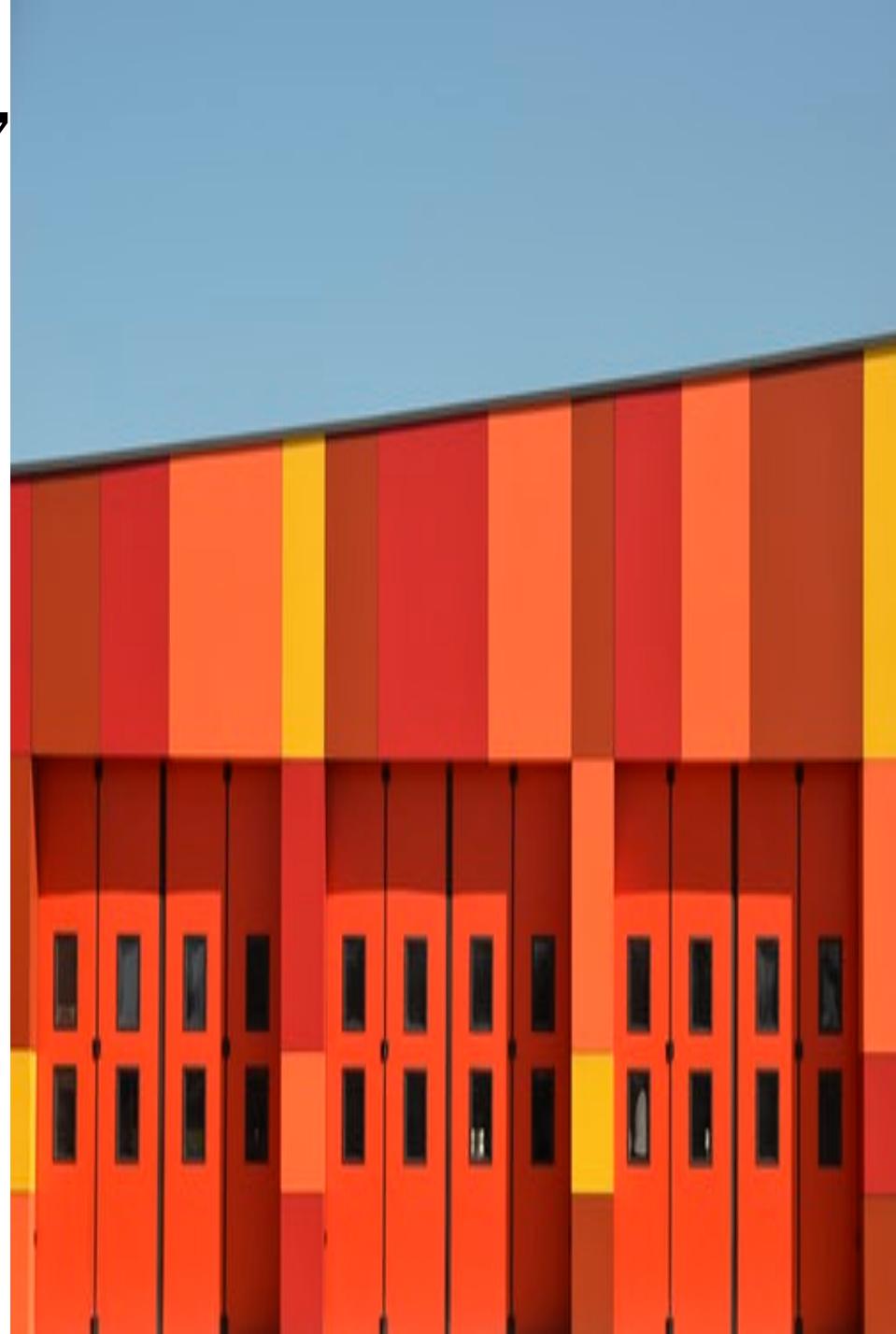
The Big Difference

- Between “I want to get married.” and “I am ready for marriage.”



“I want to get married.”

1. Obeying the Prophet (PBUH) and carrying out his Sunnah: *“O young people! Whoever among you is able to marry, should marry.”* (Al-Bukhari 5065).
2. Protection of physical and spiritual chastity that keeps the couple away from the temptations of the Satan. Allah (SWT) mentioned: *“And those who guard their chastity (i.e. private parts, from illegal sexual acts)”* (Al-Muminun 23:5).
3. To achieve mutual affection, mercy and love. Allah (SWT) says: *“And He has put between you affection and mercy”* (Ar-Rum 30:21).

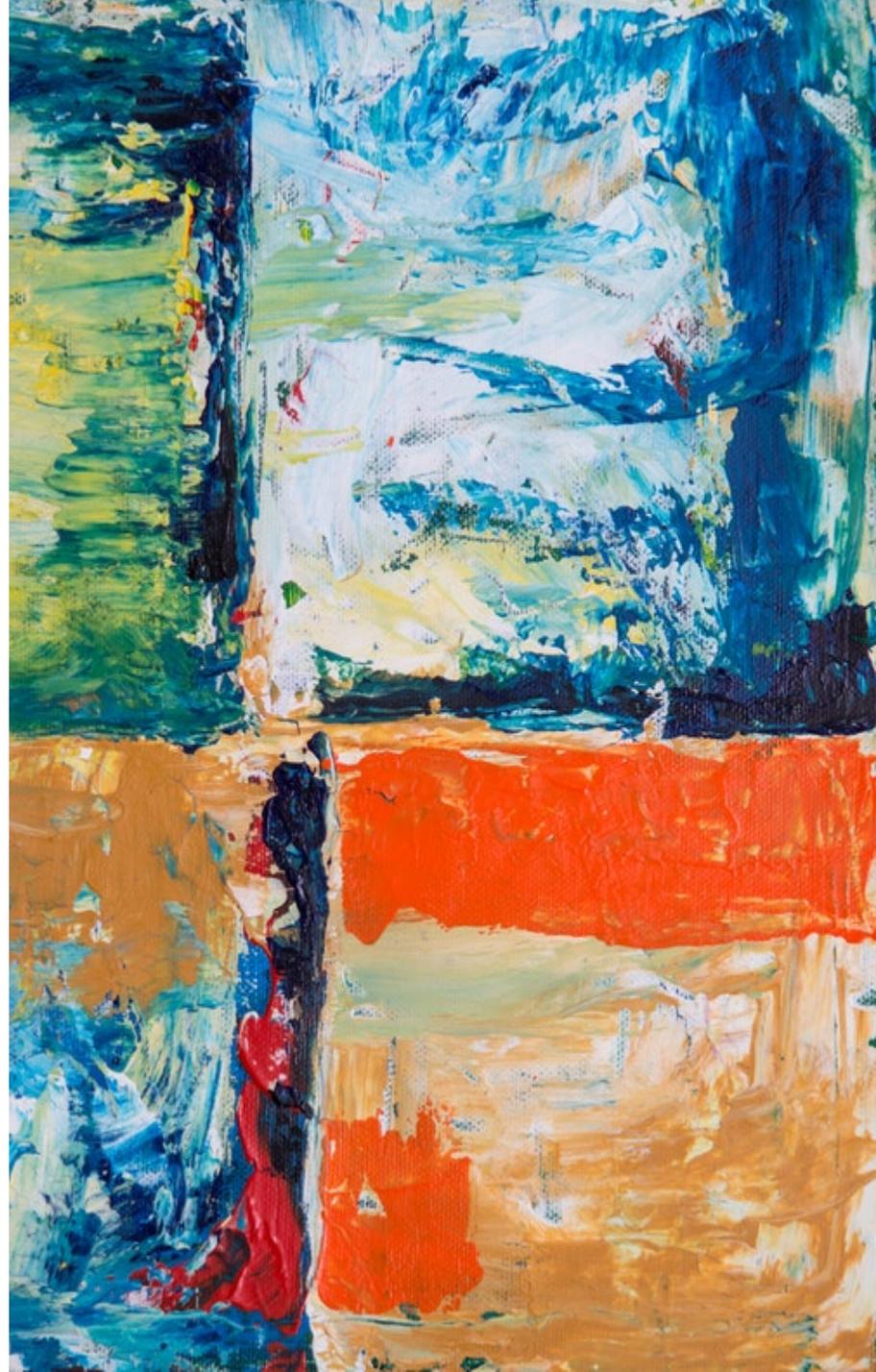


- “I am ready for Marriage.”

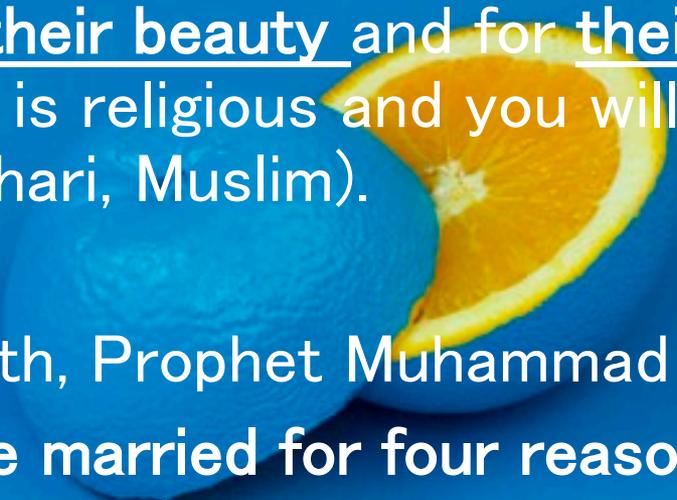


Principles of Perfect Partners

1. Remembering the honour.
 - The lady you like belongs to someone (their honour)
 - The man you like belongs to someone (their honour)
2. .Setting Standards and expectations
3. Istikhaarah & Istisharah
4. A respectful approach.
 - Always get someone involved.
5. Surrender your heart to God



“Needs” in your checklist

- Abu Hurairah related that the Prophet said: “Men choose women for four reasons: for their money, for their rank, for their beauty and for their religion, but marry one who is religious and you will succeed” (Bukhari, Muslim).
 - In another hadith, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: “A woman may be married for four reasons: for her property, for her rank, for her beauty, and for her religion (and character), so marry the one who is best in the religion and character and prosper.” (Bukhari)
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- Not Forced; a personal choice:
“Do not prevent them from marrying their husbands when they agree between themselves in a lawful manner.” (2:232)

- A man said to Hassan al-Basriy:

“to whom should I marry my daughter?”

“To one who fears Allah, for if he comes to love her, he will honour her, and if he disliked her, he will not oppress her.”

- Allah's Apostle ﷺ was reported to have said: "Marry the one who is loving and fertile, for I will be proud of your great numbers." (Abu Dawud). Fertility here concerns both parties, it's not only women that suffer from infertility.



“Wants” in your checklist

- Identify your love language:
 - Quality Time
 - Presentation of gifts
 - Words of affirmation
 - Acts of service
 - Physical Touch





Istikhaarah & Istisharah

Narrated Jabir bin 'Abdullah:

The Prophet (s.a.w) used to teach us the way of doing istikhara (istikhara means to ask Allah to guide one to the right sort of action concerning any job or a deed), in all matters as he taught us the Surats of the Quran. He said, "If anyone of you thinks of doing any job he should offer a two Rakat prayer other than the compulsory ones and say (after the prayer):

Istishaarah

- Asking for genuine information of the other person
- Information that is not too personal but enough to let your worries fade



Important Question:

- Marry someone who has all the things in your checklist? Or marry someone whom you have chemistry and connection with?

هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَهُنَّ

"They (your wives) are a clothing (covering) for you and you too are a clothing (covering) for them."

(Surah 2, Verse 187)

The husband and wife are to play the same role in relation to one another. If the wife has spiritual defects or lacks something in her character, then the husband must cover these up and not expose her shortcomings to others.

The wife too, must cover up and hide her husband's deficiencies and weaknesses and protect her mate. Not only has Allah (SwT) commanded the believers not to make fun of one another and not to mock or ridicule others, but they are also supposed to protect the honour and integrity of one another.