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Subject: INTERESTING QUESTION

Posted by [grandom](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2011 19:19:02 GMT

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Should pastors marry cohabitating couples.

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2011/october/pastors-marriage-cohabitating-couples.html?start=2>

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Posted by [james](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2011 20:03:07 GMT

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Strange timing, I just received a wedding invitation from a couple who have been cohabitating, even more strange I just today had the guy over for lunch. I invited him over to eat for the purpose of sharing why I wouldn't be attending their wedding.(we've already had the discussion concerning fornication being 'really sin'...you know, the standard being what 'I feel like obeying'.) Thought maybe some grilled venison would put him in the mood to listen.

They're Southern Baptist and ever since I asked him to read the Charles Newbold book, "The Harlot Church System. Come out of Her, My People", I think he 'just might' find me a bit strange in my 'religious' views.<smile,grin,laugh> ( I think maybe they're "believing for me", since they never fail to invite me for the pagan holidays...I mean, after all, I am a professing Christian, maybe if they're longsuffering with me long enough I'll come around some day...)

You know? If I didn't have the standard of God's Word (and take the time to study and believe it) I probably would be no different than the institutionalized followers of man made religion. In fact, I was no different BC(before Christ)

I cohabitated before I was married.(I'm part of that high percentage of folks that wound up divorced...but like I explained to my buddy, that certainly doesn't make it right) I wasn't saved then...

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Another question. Is the bride gonna dress in white?

Apparently that aren't many of us left that not only think it is sin but KNOW it is sin.

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Posted by [james](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2011 21:47:52 GMT

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I didn't ask, but I'd imagine she will.

While I understand one concept behind the bride wearing 'white' (Rev.19:8-9) I believe that almost all the 'christian wedding ceremony' of today is very much like the harlot church, a man made tradition. A quick Google look around found that it started with Queen Victoria in 1840 because she wanted to incorporate some 'white lace' into her wedding dress. The source said that white represented wealth more so than purity. I see nothing wrong with wearing any color the bride is fond of, but I don't have a dog in the fight, so to speak. I kinda liked the way Isaac and Rebekah did it, but then I like plain and simple.

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Posted by [grandom](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2011 22:21:13 GMT

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The wearing of white by the bride prompted me to inquiry about the throwing of rice at the couple. As I suspected with other "traditions" of the harlot church its origins were anything other than occultic in nature.

The following is an article I found on it...

Why is rice thrown at weddings?

Since early Roman times some grain - usually wheat - has been associated with the wedding ceremony.

The basis for the predominant theory as to why rice and other grains, such as wheat, have played a prominent role in marriage ceremonies for centuries, is that they are fraught with symbolism of fertility and of prosperity. By throwing rice at the bride and groom at a wedding, guests symbolically wish them a lifetime full of these blessings.

Historically, in certain primitive tribal cultures, the mere act of supping on rice together bound a couple in matrimony, as eating this local food together implied their living together. In other cultures, the symbolic eating of rice together preceded a shower of rice over the married couple.

Perhaps the most curious use of rice in the wedding ceremony, was its use in some cultures not to unite the happy couple, but to feed the uninvited evil spirits who always attended the ceremony. The rationale behind this practice was to ward off evil, as well-fed evil spirits would bring no harm to the blissful couple.

In early Roman times, wheat was the grain of choice for the wedding ceremony, as wheat, not rice, symbolized fertility. The virginal bride carried a sheaf of wheat in her hand throughout the ceremony, or wore a garland of wheat in her hair. Instead of the bride tossing a bouquet, as is traditionally done today, wedding guests tossed grains of wheat at her, and young, single girls clambered for the grains that bounced off of the young bride, believing that these grains could ensure them a trip down the bridal path soon thereafter.

The wheat tossing custom fell by the wayside under the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England, when the once airborne wheat instead was baked into small cakes, which the guests then crumbled and tossed over the bride's head. Even this tradition gave way to another, in which a large wheat cake was baked, then eaten, not tossed. Wedding guests, literally left empty-handed, had no recourse but to find a suitable substitute for the costly wheat cakes. They needed something to toss at the bride to reinstate themselves as active participants in the ceremony. The natural choice was none other than cheap, clean, white rice, and the tradition then born has stuck to this day.

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