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Illusions of ideal mate

Is the medieval-dated quest for the ideal mate still relevant in the era of revolving door marriages?

A sampling of popular magazines and an ear-to-bull session seems to confirm that many singles, whether they're between mates or still in search of their first, retain specific images of the ideal spouse.

"Every man has an image of his future wife, whether it's the 'Playboy' centerfold or something else, whether he wants to admit it or not," said one married man. His wife, for example, admittedly fulfilled his qualifications.

"She's smarter than I am—I didn't want to have to drag someone through life," he said.

One single woman believes the concept of the ideal mate is as out-of-date as flirting over a fan.

"It's useful for creating your own reality," she said, "but at some point, the illusion will conflict with the real world."

Women were accustomed to dreaming of the ideal husband because they had no real experience with men," she added.

"If you don't shop around, you don't know what's there," she said, insisting that an image of the future mate can be destructive to a future marriage.

"What happens when the bells stop ringing and you both let down your guard? That ideal image disappears under the cold shower of everyday problems."



When his only interest becomes a bottle of beer and a TV set, the idea of the perfect mate begins to go down the tubes.

to be the great relaxer, the ultimate tranquilizer in the battle between the sexes. After the courtship, in which each person presents his and her best images to the beloved, one settles into marriage with the comforting thought of being completely loved. That's usually when the problems start for the pair who operates under illusions.

"I didn't know he was such a football freak," she says to the marriage counselor. "We used to spend Sundays ice skating or shopping. Now he's parked in front of the TV set."

"Just once I'd like to see her get off the phone in five minutes. When that phone rings, she's

stuck for half an hour," he complains.

Although the superficial differences can be ironed out with compromise, it's the settling part of marriage that young as well as older couples find disconcerting.

What happens when the surprises are gone?

Even couples who live together for years before making it legal encounter the problem of settling in, which often takes the form of boredom and taking each other for granted.

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