

## WHY MEN ARE NOT MONOGAMOUS? SEXUALITY

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### INTRODUCTION

In human populations sexuality refers to the paired behavior of males and females-(man and woman; woman and woman; man and man) in relation to producing offspring or pleasure. This paired behavior occurs by five different methods, namely (a) homosexual behavior-male and male, (b) Lesbian behavior-female and female (c) flawed heterosexual behavior-Homosexual male and homosexual male and a female, (d) flawed heterosexual behavior- Lesbian and lesbian and male, and (e) heterosexual behavior-male and female. The first four conditions affect heterosexual behavior and can alter the sex ratio for males and females tending monogamy. Factors affecting the choice of a male and female tending monogamy in all relationships/bonds are Dominance, Cultural Selection, Financial and Social Security, Sex Ratio, Genetics and Environmental Factors, Natural Selection as well as the mate selection process of males and females-Mate Choice. This article outlines the problems associated with reproduction in human populations and explains instances and conditions that determine why men are not monogamous.

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### ***Bonding Types***

- (a) Homosexual behavior in this article relates to an individual (male) in a same sex partnership or relationship which in most cases involves sex like activities-man and man
- (b) A lesbian is a female who has a pairing relationship which in most cases involve sex like activities-woman and woman
- (c) Flawed heterosexual behavior that involves two lesbians in a relationship sharing their relationship with one or more males. This situation normally involves heterosexual like activities (sexual intercourse) and lesbian type activities.
- (d) Flawed heterosexual behavior that involves two homosexual (males) in partnership sharing their relationship with one or more females. This situation normally involves heterosexual like activities (sexual intercourse) and homosexual type activities.
- (e) Heterosexual behavior with all activities and sexual intercourse being performed between a man and a woman tending monogamy or practicing polygamy.

### ***Factors affecting Monogamy***

- (a) Dominance

In some ancient civilizations it is still important to show dominance through the means of performing defensive acts among males before they can have access to females. This implies that in addition to having the financial and social status one must still be able to protect his wife/wives and children. In modern time's dominance have become more of an act to protect existing monogamous situations in which the male or female performs aggressive or mean acts against males or females who are suspected of trying to break up or share their monogamous situation (relationship). In some instances the most dominant individuals win and the relationships are torn apart or reinstated. Some disputes are settled in civil or criminal courts.

*(b) Cultural Selection*

Cultural selection in this regard is the life standards of a civilization based on traditional norms, laws, and environmental conditions. Traditional norms are the behaviors, ideas and performances accepted by the civilization due to past experiences that has allowed the civilization to continue its existence successfully. In many cases laws/ rules are instituted to protect and allow for traditional norms.

Environmental conditions in the culture can also create situations in the civilization where new laws/ rules are instituted to protect behavioral changes among the individuals in the civilization. One such instance in modern times is the law/rule to protect homosexual and Lesbian behavior by allowing such individuals in paired situations to form legal bonds similar to marriage laws/rules for heterosexual bonds. In Muslim religion and some ancient civilizations it is permitted that the dominant and financially stable individual who can support many women and children are permitted to do so. Such individuals normally get the best women and hence are not practicing monogamy but rather polygamy. This means that some males in the population might not have any wives because of their poor financial, social and other cultural standings. Those individuals who do not and cannot get any wives often do not have any children. In a 1:1 sex ratio (male/female) such a situation will be prevalent. It is not documented whether such situations lead to homosexual behavior or not but it is possible. This situation may be also possible for females who could not receive a viable, financially stable and culturally acceptable male.

King Solomon in Biblical times lived in the practice of one man having many women (polygamy) just like King Henry VI of England. In modern times polygamy is also practiced by the North American based Mormon Religion.

The sex ratio of the world is 1:1 (male: female) hence it will thus lead to competition among females for the most or stable enough, financial, social, secure individuals. In Christian civilizations- Anglican, Catholic, Baptist, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist etc. it is not permitted through religious teachings for a male or a female to have more than one partner in a heterosexual relationship-marriage. These religious teachings are not in favor of cultural norms-population conditions among males and females. The Christians who abide by such religious rules are not allowing successful males to maximize their fitness by leaving as many offspring as possible to allow for the successful continued existence of the civilization in accordance to natural selection. Females in such situations will be short of a male partner and hence will not be able to produce offspring. Whether or not such a situation leads to non-genetic lesbian behavior is not known. Such is assuming that every man has a bonded female. It should be emphasized that in a population homosexuals and lesbians will occur normally through genetics and behavior. To date it is not known what percentage of the civilization is involved in homosexual and lesbian behavior and are thus not available for heterosexual relationships. This behavior would have some effect on the normal sex ratio that would be important for heterosexual relationships.

*(c) Financial and Security (stability)*

The financial and social security (stability) of any individual in a relationship helps to reinforce the bond (bondings) among individuals in pairing relationships. This moves the situation away from good sexual exploits and dominance with regard to the physical characteristics that would be best suited to the environment and culture. The financial security of an individual in these modern times ensures that the partner is able to provide adequate housing, clothing, food and medical conditions etc. necessary for a comfortable standard of living that would encourage the continued existence of relationships and in the case of heterosexual type interactions the production of offspring.

There are five major social classes in modern civilizations as oppose to ancient civilizations where they were only two classes. In modern civilizations the five classes are poor, middle class, rich, plutocratic and plantocratic. In ancient civilizations the two classes were the poor and the rich. In ancient civilizations it would not be normally practical for a rich person to have more than a working class relationship with a poor person unless pedigree is shown and he/she is unfortunate and have to live among the poor for behavioral standards and hence is acceptable to the wealthy family. In other words such a poor living person is from a wealthy background and family. In modern civilizations it is not popular that an

individual from a rich, plutocratic or plantocratic class to have more than a working relationship with the poor. However, it is popular for a poor well mannered, and kempt individual to have pairing relationships with the middleclass. The middle class is also given a favorable acceptance for pairing relationships with the rich, plutocratic, and plantocratic due to living standards and very often high educational level. In cast civilizations rich and poor pairing relationships are very well accepted with the dominant male having children from poor women whom he feels are good enough to produce competent offspring for him. The educational achievement level of an individual in modern civilizations affords him/her acceptance among all classes for the performance of pairing relationships that could lead to reproduction and hence offspring. Three main educational levels are normally accepted by all classes in ancient or modern civilizations, namely, Doctors of Medicine, Doctors of Philosophy and Lawyers. Individuals in both types of civilizations always tend to pair with individuals who would not affect or degrade their social standing.

*(d) Sex Ratio*

Under normal and optimal conditions it is expected that each population would have an even number of males to females, that is, a 50:50 numeration or a 1:1 ratio of males to females. Because of problems in the civilization such as wars where men are used predominantly in combat zones, many losing their lives, and incarceration, the world population have become skewed where they are slightly more available women than men. With this in mind it is highly unlikely, even in Christian civilizations, for monogamy to be dominant because this would mean that some women would not be able to produce children under normal conditions of heterosexual behavior because adequate men would not be available for mate choice. Like all mammals there is a genetic instinct through natural selection for males and females to come together in sexual relations to produce offspring that could survive in the environment. Hence continuing the existence of the population and civilization, unless there is some natural disaster to prevent such. It should then not be unusual for a woman who needs or have the desire to have children to court and have sexual intercourse with men who are paired-heterosexually-tending monogamy-for the possibility of producing offspring. In such successful situations the man would have moved away from the monogamous condition. In this and other such situations it would be in the best interest of the population (civilization) to promote polygamy. Other factors that could help produce a skewed sex ratio are lesbian and homosexual behavior as well flawed heterosexual behavior.

*(e) Genetics and Environmental Factors*

The sexual preference of human beings –male or female-is controlled by genetics and environmental factors. Some men who appear physically to be masculine and hence should be involved in heterosexual relationships might have a genetic ploidy level that would make them more feminine than masculine. A similar situation can occur in females who might possess the physical characteristics to be feminine but because of their genetic ploidy level they have masculine sexual tendencies and would prefer relationships with other females. In addition to such conditions there is the phenomenon of hermaphroditic conditions. Such individual have sexual organs for both male and female conditions on their body. Hermaphrodites cannot reproduce but can have sexual preference for either male or female or in some rare instances both. These genetic conditions mentioned could also lead to a skewed sex ratio or help to keep the sex ratio 1:1 males to female, depending on the prevalence of such individuals in the population (civilization).

Men can produce more sperms that women can produce eggs during their life span. Men are always in the reproductive mode whereas women are not in the reproductive for at least 5 days every month due to the menstrual cycle and during pregnancy for as much as 9 months or until the baby is born or there is a complication such as a miscarriage or an earlier delivery (child birth). Additionally, after age 50 for most women there is no longer the possibility of reproduction under natural condition because of the situation known as menopause. Men have no reproductive short comings because they can produce viable sperms until death. However, some men might not be physically active enough for sexual intercourse in the elderly years (beyond 60) and some might have erectile dysfunction or some other medical complication that might prevent them from having intercourse. Some men because of their desire to have sexual

intercourse in their elderly years and the lapse conditions of their elderly female companion in regard to sexual advances tend to court younger females and produce offspring. The financial and social standing normally associated with such elders enhance the behavior.

The sexual readiness of the female human being shows that she has evolved to have continuous sexual intercourse with their partner even during the menstrual period, a condition that can be considered as tending monogamy. Another situation of sexual readiness is practiced by some women during pregnancy in an effort to keep their male partner sexually happy and to safeguard their pairing relationship. This behavior is not always successful and is not medically advisable.” sex is one of the basic instincts of man, “meaning that there is a natural tendency for males and females of the human race to be engaged in sexual activities either for pleasure or reproduction. Pairings that cannot produce offspring are considered pleasurable. Sexual pairings that can produce offspring are considered reproductive pairings. Reproductive pairings involve women beyond puberty and before menopause who have no medical or physical conditions that would prevent pregnancy and men beyond puberty who have no medical or physical conditions that would prevent sexual intercourse and the capability of their sperms to fertilize the female’s eggs and produce healthy offspring with a sustainable longevity.

There are two major environmental factors that affect sexual pairings of individuals and the sex ratio. The two environmental conditions are physical conditions brought about by natural disasters and disease epidemics. Behavioral factors based on the acts of influential individuals, non -influential but dominant individuals, coercion and habits can lead to such individuals being available to more than one partner. Natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, Ice storms, tornadoes etc. can have a destructive effect on a population killing individuals, destroying homes, and work places, decreasing the financial affordability or the region and the population. As such the financially secured individuals who don’t have to worry about the working dollar would have an advantage in mate choice and hence have more than one partner. Depending on the number of individuals forced to be relocated to other countries or regions could have an effect on the population ratio and numbers. Hence the amount of reproductive males and females might be altered. Medical treatments might become available to reverse disease epidemics but often not before the loss of many lives which can alter the sex ratio. Additionally, the number of individuals who have attained puberty will determine who should or are involved in sexual behavior and sexual selection.

Individuals in a population who have no genetic reasons for engaging in homosexual (man to man), lesbian (woman to woman) acts are said to be doing such because of behavioral effects that can lead to habit. Many financially and socially secure individuals often coerce weaker or less fortunate individuals of their sex or different to be involved in the pairings of their choice mainly through monetary or material donations. Such individuals normally have more than one partner. Bullying, through dominance, also influence weaker individuals to participate and adopt pairing partnerships of the dominant individuals. Dominant individuals tend to have more than one partner.

In ancient civilizations and in earlier times in modern civilizations it easier to protect partnerships (monogamous or polygamous) because females stayed at home taking care of children and performing household chores. With the advent of the middle class in modern civilizations and the equal educational opportunities for both males and females it is now common place for individuals in a pairing be working. This means that women are now exposed to the challenges that they would otherwise have not. It is not uncommon for the female in such situations to be the more financially and socially secured partner in some pairings. This financial and social security among women have made them more attractive and acceptable to all classes of the civilization (population)where men are not afraid or feel insecure of their competent partner. This financial and social security of the females gives them more flexibility and success in their mate choice. Such females often have pairings in heterosexual relationships that are monogamous once they find the appropriate partners. In modern civilizations educational pairings are acceptable regardless of social standing. Educational pairings are representative of all five classes of pairings mentioned earlier. By educational pairing it is meant that such individuals are college trained or at the highly skilled level. The poor in both ancient and modern civilizations normally engage in

heterosexual behavior –monogamous or polygamous-although homosexual, lesbian, and flawed heterosexual pairings occur.

The advent of women in the work place created an environment advantageous to sexual advances, courtships, dominance and influence that created all types of pairings. In some situations, sexual predation, abuse, and harassment had led to favorable and unfavorable pairings. This environment created a great challenge for the continuance of a monogamous relationship. Numerous monogamous relationships were destroyed because of the workplace challenge. Some unfavorable behaviors in the workplace have been settled through criminal and civil actions. Such situations protect existing relationships of all types. Favorable workplace pairings normally lead to marriages (short or long-term), and other pairings that are beneficial to the partners, even if cheating is involved. It is not correct to infer that all work place pairings are heterosexual or monogamous because mentioned earlier some are homosexual (man to man), Lesbian (woman to woman) and flawed heterosexual pairings. The work place environment has led to greater social interaction among the different classes and there is evidence of wife swapping (sharing) and group sexual activities.

Another situation that has become a place (environment) that benefits sexual advances, courtships, dominance, and influence to create all types of pairings is the religious setting of the church-regardless of the denomination. In the Christian civilizations some pairings are heterosexual leading to marriage, some are not monogamous where the individual, normally the man have relationships outside of the marriage that starts without his wife knowing, but can sometimes produce offspring. Similarly, wives sometimes have courtships apart from their husband. Some religions practice polygamy and this situation makes it difficult for some men to find a partner in the church setting.

From the sporting arena there is wide and overall acceptance of sporting elites for all types of pairings in all classes. This is true for ancient civilization as well as modern civilization in modern times. This acceptance is afforded because of his/her rise in the social standing in society and the attainment of financial security and in some cases a valued education. Such individuals are often approached for relationships, some of which are polygamous and others the destroy marriages and many have the involvement of cheating.

There is a wide use of illegal drugs in all classes of this civilization. The wide use of narcotics have generally remove a significant number of individuals from productive pairings that can produce offspring. There is instead an association of all types of pairings due to shared narcotics and is mainly pleasurable. In some instances prostitution is involved. The sexual attitudes of such individuals are mainly not to produce offspring and it is not medically acceptable for them to have offspring because they drug use can affect the health and longevity of the offspring.

Educational opportunities afforded to the poor because of their scholarly ability to move to the social standing of the middle class and beyond and hence become acceptable for all types of pairings among all classes. A rise in pairings above the middle class for the poor is not common but such pairings occur. Education tends to allow all types of pairings regardless of class, wealth, financial and social security.

*(f) Natural Selection*

Natural selection is the biological theory that suggests that through reproduction between individuals – male and female- to produce offspring, only the offspring best suited to the environment survives to produce further offspring and maintain the existence of the species, population, and/or the civilization. There is selection among individuals through instinctive, physical appearance, behavior/morals, financial, social security and standing for those who can produce medically fit, physical, genotypic and educational offspring that can survive and produce such successful offspring who can be raised to take care of themselves after puberty and be independent to have offspring of their own and pass the individuals genes unto the next generation. Some individuals invest their effort with one offspring, others with more than one.

There is a natural and instinctive process among all healthy mammals to reproduce and pass offspring to the next generation. Human beings because they are mammals are also driven by such instinctive



behavior. However, because of education and in some cases morals, some human beings can minimize such instinctive behavior. Instinctive behavior is usually the first approach mechanism in mate choice. There the instinctive idea of seeing the physical characteristics of a comparable individual brings about the thought of sex and therefore reproduction. All mammals carry out a period of association before there is sexual intercourse. The period of association before sexual intercourse in human beings is called courtship (courting), even if it is just asking to have it under desperate needs. Heterosexual ( male and female) associations with sexual intercourse among healthy individuals is the only way offspring can be produced naturally, although it is possible for artificial insemination, where the male sperms are inserted into the vagina of healthy females to produce offspring. Another man made process is possible through tissue cloning, which is an asexual process where tissue from an individual mammal can produced a like or similar mammal.

(g) *Mate Choice- The Selection Process of Males and Females*

How individuals select their partners (male and female) for the reproductive process of obtaining offspring through instinctive and other behavioral norms of the environment is known as mate choice. In some civilizations, ancient and modern, young individuals are not allowed to choose their mates, but it done by wiser, elderly, individuals. The foremost aspect of mate choice begins with instincts and physical appearance. After the successful approach there is usually conversations and courtship before sexual intercourse. However, there is the phenomenon of prostitution in mate choice among all classes that has nothing to do with the production of offspring, but for pleasure and monetary gains.

Man is a social animal and this involves mate selection from a group of individuals. In ancient and uneducated civilizations dominance and health were the overriding factors in the selection of mates. Men in such civilizations showed wealth based on ownership and money, and women of all classes gravitated to them even in ceremonial conditions so that they may be selected based on physical appearance, attitude, health and behavior, and all other attributes that show their fitness to produce healthy offspring with the longevity to produce future offspring themselves. The higher echelon males in ancient civilizations normally participated in polygamy, whereas lower ranking males if they were fortunate to have a mate participated in monogamy. Many of the males in such situations did not have a mate.

In modern civilization where the sex ratio between men and women is 1:1 it is expected that each male and female would have an equal opportunity statistically to find a mate. However, the conditions for selection are not equal. Some males are not selected by women and do not participate in the reproductive process. The situation is also true for females. There are behaviors such as homosexuality and Lesbianism that takes both men and women away from the “normal” heterosexual behavior.

Educated and skilled individuals (males and females) face great competition for the selection of partners for heterosexual pairings that could produce via offspring. Educated males and females tend to go beyond the instinctive behaviors and try to rationalize what they need in a relationship. Educated females tend to court for mate selection males from the educated middle class, rich sportsmen, plutocratic and plantocratic classes. Very seldom would an educated female pair with a man from a poor class without education or promise. This happens only when the male is in a short term educational quest that would help him to rise to a higher social class and be given the expected acceptance. Skilled males tend to have pairings with poor and low to median financially stable females. The sports men, the rich, plutocratic and plantocratic individuals tend to court and have pairing within their classes because most have financial and social stability. Additionally, these classes tend to be influential.

The college campus is an environment ready for pairings, heterosexual and other wise. This environment tend to bring about pairings among all classes and recently interracial pairings start to occur. Interracial pairings, once considered a taboo, is now widely accepted.

In mate choice, courtship begins after the instinctive behavior of approach, because of good physical attributes displayed by the male or female and sometimes both. Courtship is initiated by conversations that lead one or both individuals to learn about the contributions each can make to the bond or intended pairing through finance, social security and stability, as well as moral support and comfort. In this event

they can be extensive courting activities such as movies, cinema, church, sporting events etc. to encourage the comfort of being together. Additionally, there is home and family visits. It is not true to say that courtship before or after sexual intercourse that is the decision for the instinctive partners, mainly through moral thought.

Marriage is a mate choice situation that is intended to promote monogamy between pairs and in the case of heterosexual marriage, a religious and legal bond. All other marriages (lesbian and lesbian), homosexual (man and man) are considered legal bonds only because they are not accepted as religious or godly. Marriage does not mean that the pairing is monogamous. Situations occur very often where one or both partners have pairings outside of their marriage (false monogamy). Sometimes the situation ends in divorce (a common situation in today's civilizations).

## **CONCLUSION**

In ancient civilization it is acceptable and in some cases laws/rules existed to protect polygamous pairings. Some mainly due to the number of available females or for the benefit of the women to be taken care of and have children through reproduction from financially secured and honorable men. This can be considered cultural selection. In some religious communities it is already accepted that man cannot be monogamous in view of the inequality of wealth distribution and the ability of some men to adequately take care of women and their offspring. The social standing of individuals in the church is also taken into account.

In Christian communities it is widely taught that human beings should take part in monogamous associations. However, there is significant information through behavior to suggest that such pairings are always at risk. The now highly socialized individuals are being placed in situations where they can be more approaches for bonds and promote competition for mate choice even where bonds are already established. The idea that a man or woman is bonded or paired does not prevent a lonely or desperate man or woman in need of productivity from approaching with mating advances because his/her basic instinct is sex. Every healthy woman has the basic instinct to reproduce regardless to whether she is paired or not. The true is also for men. In this regard some marriages are ended by men because the woman cannot reproduce. The same is true for females who need children and they men cannot get them pregnant.

Despite the sex ratio being 1:1 males to females it is statistically expected that each individual will form a heterosexual bond but this is not the case behaviorally. Although every man is equal in the eyes of god according to Christian beliefs not all men have the equal capability for mate choice. Even in situations where there are monogamous bonds there is report of significant cheating, and extramarital affairs with mistresses. The behaviors of man are significant enough to discern that man is not a monogamous species. Additionally, since the sex ratio is 1:1 males to females it is to determine what percentage of males and females are at the legally reproductive age and are ready to form bonds.