

# Marriage and Family

Marriage is optional in the Church of Reality. Marriage can be looked at from 3 points of views. It is:

- A personal commitment between two people.
- A public declaration of marriage to the community.
- A legal contract with the government.

Unlike other religions, the Church of Reality realizes that not everyone is the same and we believe it is up to the individuals to make a decision about what kind of relationship works for them. We don't impose these requirements on our members. It is up to them to figure out what works for them.

The concept of marriage in it's purest form is a lifetime commitment between a man and a woman for the purpose of having children, raising them in a stable and trusting family environment, growing old together and helping to raise the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren together. But often the ideal isn't something that is going to happen for everyone.

The government's role in marriage is really just a fraud and has nothing to do with the above described ideal marriage. Marriage is just a bad property contract that gives lawyers the license to rob the couple of all their assets if the relationship fails. With no-fault divorce, the legal aspect of lifelong commitment is just not there. Legally you're married until someone changes their mind. Then it becomes a bad property contract that becomes a windfall for state sponsored crooked lawyers. As a result, the Church of Reality takes the position that government marriage is a fraud and that people who choose a government marriage should think carefully as to if the state adds anything to the relationship.

We however do encourage close personal commitment in a relationship especially if children are either planned or involved. Family stability is very important to a strong healthy society and we take the commitment to raising children very seriously. In our church, if you have children together, you are effectively married because you have the responsibility to the future of your children. The Church of Reality supports family life in whatever form it takes in your life.

We also support those who wish to publicly commit to each other and announce their relationship to the world though a wedding ceremony. And the couple can choose to do that any way they want.