



Success in Young Marriage Life: A Study Based on the Village of Kahapathwala in Mawathagama Division

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Abstract

Youth can be defined as a period of new awakening in life and a period where the growth processes that have been gradually taking place since begin to culminate. Marriage is the social process organized to regulate and formalize human sexual life. Although it is common for young minds to develop interest in the opposite sex due to the hormonal activity, attraction, physical changes, and the desire to stand out with youth, marriages that occur with the awakening of youth are common in Sri Lankan society. According to the constitutional law of Sri Lanka, everyone above the age of 18 is considered an adult and marriage is approved within that age limit. This is used as a weapon to get marriage at an early age through the attraction of youthful feelings and quick decisions. As the research problem, how successful is marriage at a young age? The main purpose of this research paper is to analyze the marriage and its success in youth. As the field of research, there is an explanation based on the observation and case study of early marriages in the village of Kahapatwala in the Mawathagama area of the Kurunegala district. Here, when we compare the facts of five families who got marriage at a young age, all the five families were marriage through secret elopement and today there are those who earn a living by working as hired workers without a definite job. Two families were identified as dependent on their parents, and another family lived in a rented house. Living in a very poor environment in terms of economic and social environment, their lives are not very successful. Younger girls who are suffering after having children have come to this situation through school romances. Youth is an era in which intelligence should be used well without being enslaved to emotions, and for that education should be done in schools as well as the development of parent child relationships, so that premature destruction of life in youth can be minimized. The facts that we have concluded through this research are that there is not much success in the family life of those who get marriage at a young age. Being enslaved to feelings and making short sighted decision as well as the attraction caused by age have strongly affected this.

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