

THE LOVERS

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"May all the lovers become married couples" has been a congratulatory sentence for many years in China. Nowadays it seems more appropriate to say "May all married couples remain lovers."

In this age of freedom, it is easy for lovers to get married; however, for the same reason of freedom, it is harder for married couples remain lovers. Isn't this sad?

In the process of becoming married couples, lovers are willing to concentrate on their goal. Men will temporarily spend more time with their lovers and women will put other feelings after this important love. Once they are married, men think the game is over, now they can sit down to enjoy a family life and pursue their careers more efficiently. Women believe that they are now on the throne of Matron, they should control and correct all unseemliness, including their husbands' behavior.

Since passion was thrown out of the window and the real, lifelong love hasn't yet grown, the married couple soon becomes bored with their routine and practical daily life. With the addition of outside interferences and temptations, they may eventually

separate and each go his or her own way. Not only is the marriage broken, but the children suffer as well.

I have always been angry at the term 'extramarital love'. An 'affair' has already whitewashed the sin of fornication, must we also contaminate love? If you need love, try to develop and nurture it within the marriage.

St. Valentine's Day is here! Husbands! If you don't know how to show your love, try to take her out for a candlelight dinner and treat her as a lover all the time. Praise her and thank her for some specific things. If the waiter asks: "Are you lovers?", you have succeeded.

Wives! Try to be romantic too. Never mention practical things at this time, such as: "Why do you waste money to eat in such a dark place?" "You know I prefer Chinese food." "Do you think the new babysitter is reliable?" "I don't care about this St. Valentine's Day, I only want you to treat me better everyday."

Just enjoy this moment of being together and remain being lovers. Marriage is a lifelong process. If you want to have a happy life, you must enrich your marriage and this project starts with you!