Court Rules Divorce Rates Keep Climbing; How Can I Be Sure My Marriage Will Last?

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Judging from the current divorce rate, modern marriage seems to be pretty much of a gamble, I'm twenty and feel I'm a fair judge of character, but then, so were some of the fellows now getting divorces. How does a man go about sizing up a future mate?

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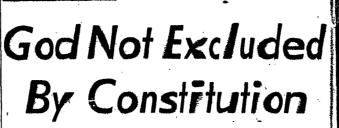
Of course as long as we are dealing with weak, changeable human beings like ourselves. Bill, there'll always be an element of chance in falling in love and choosing a partner. However, there are several areas of knowledge that will help you reach a reasonably prudent judgment in selecting a mate.

In the first place, you can look at your partner's family background: Does she come from a stable, happy home? Are the other members of the family fairly successful, balanced and healthy? What ideals and attitudes does her family cherish?

Although we're not wholly determined by our family backgrounds, we are all products of our family to some extent and tend to be influenced by the emotional climate, ideals and attitudes of our homes.

What is your partner's outlook on life? What life-goals and aspirations does she have? To what social standards does | views in regard to family she conform? Is she honest and fair in dealing with you and others? Basic personality traits aren't greatly altered by marriage. People tend to be the same after marriage as macy_

What is your partner's at-titude toward religion and the moral values related to chastity, marriage and the family? There are many different kinds of Catholics. Some are such only in name, some ful-fill the external forms as long as it isn't too inconvenient, and some are sincere and serious in the practice of their faith. Since marriage partners are supposed to aid each other marry a lukewarm or indifferent Catholic, religion isn't new things. likely to increase your sense of unity.



be studied carefully. Does she Oklahoma City - (RNS) - Separation of Church and tend to be moody, jealous, self - centered, domiencering? State does not mean separation from, God, the Oklahoma State Supreme Court ruled here in deciding the legality Are there frequent outbursts of temper, childish pouting, of a non-denominational chapel . or constant insistance on hav-

on grounds of a state institu-iment that we should preserve separation of Church and State, The decision will allow trus- but that does not men to comtees of the estate of the late pel or require separation from W. A. Graham, a Pryor banker, God," decreed the court.

Does she blame others at to go ahead with plans to con-"It is well understood that such times, or does she dis- struct a \$126,000 non-denominaplay some insight and self- tional chapel at Whitaker State jun is a Christian nation, holding the Almighty God in duti-Orphans' Horne at Pryor. ful rewerence. It is so noted in Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Williams our Declaration of Independence of Mayes County had brought and in the constitution of every action to stop chapel plans, con- state of the union," continued

ending it was unconstitutional the opinion. to erect a religious building with the \$1,700,000 Graham had Remember that the trip to

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If some trait of hers irri- Medical Morals:

Do you and your pariner share coughly similar inter-Right To Die Albany - (RNS) - Doctors and nurses who "gos-

sip" about the condition of their patients were scolded your lives together happily by a Catholic priest conducting an institute here on medico-moral problems. and successfully. Too- great a

"Some nurses believe there consent, it is an invasion of Is no restriction on the ex- privacy," he said. "Details New President change of secrets among the shuld be released not by the New President staff of a hospital," said the hospital but through some rep-Rev. John J. Lynch, S.J., pro- resentative of the patient." Washington - (NC)

lessor of moral theology at Wes-

12th medico-moral problems in- in hopeless cases. stitute, sponsored by the Catho-lle Hospital Association of the U.S. and Camada.

Criticizing "extra-mural gos- cancer____ sip" among doctors, Father Lynch said that a "clinical dis-

FATHER LYNCH also chided peace. In such a case we would Roche and Father Daniel Brent hospitals that give newspapers agree with ordinary, but not ex. of Rochester Diocese) attended love her enough the spend detailed reports of patients' traordismary, means of preserve the three days of closed sesyour life with her in maarriage. conditions. "If reports are re- ing life."



Los Angeles - (NC) - Parents have a right to protect their children from immorality, criminality and pornography. It is their duty and it's high time they spoke up.

Drawn from the rough quarry of 20 years' police experience, this advice came ous causes as contributing to from Salt Lake City Police Chief W. Cleon Skousen, former administrative assistant to FBI Director J. Edgar

Hoover.

"We've allowed people to say that their 'right' to produce pornography supersedes the right of parents to have their children protected," Mr. Skousen told a*press confer-

He spoke to reporters before addressing 1,400 members of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women in the Beverly Hilton's huge ballroom.

"Those who want to live in

cesspools claim this as a right

a decline in clear thinking and morality. 1. Lack of sound philosophy of life.

-2. Irreligion in schools.

Chief Skousen listed vari-

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3. Psychiatric propagands not supported by experience or examination, denying free will and destroying the sense of guilt.

"Some psychiatrists say that if we don't remove morais as barriers to normal living we'll all end up in the insane asylum," Chief-Skousen said.

A reporter challenged him. "What would you do then, just abolish prison psychiatric services and replace them with stern moralistic lectures?" the reporter asked.

he is not advocating abolition of psychiatric services but that he does want re-evaluation of unrealistic psychiatric approaches.

"The approach of some psychiatrists cannot be sustained either by experience or by examination of the problem," the police chief said.

He said some criminals given this unrealistic psychiatric help were "reformed to the extent that they declared they had got rid of their guilty feelings and know now that they should be more careful in immoral conduct -+ but did not admit they should

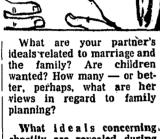
> Chief Skousen said that as a police officer he believed the rehabilitation of a criminal involved three things: recognition of the evil, repentance and resolve never to do it again.

"Our greatest weakness is the lack of a sound philosophy of life," Mr. Skousen said in summaring.



What ideals concerning. chastity are revealed during the dating situation? Persons who display no self-control and little respect for chastity

can judge this by her attitudes toward money, spending and saving, and so on. Some girls show little awareness of the facts of life in this regard. They have always had everything they desired because their parents were generous, and they consequently are little inclined to think seriously about saving. in leading a good life, if you | shopping intelligently, or curbing their desire for Your partner's dispositions



before - only more so be- before marriage will show litcause of familiarity and inti- | the respect for God's laws in

tween you in marriage since you will have little basis for conversation or companionship, and you will not be striving for similar goals. These are some of the points this area after marriage. to consider in selecting a Does she have an adequate mate. Of course, Bill, if you sense of responsibility? You insist on finding a mate that

is absolutely perfect, you'Il probably remain single. Study your partner to learn both her perfections and imperfections. If you find yourself saying, "I like her except for this trait," you should start look-

ing for another pariner. Either you love her with her little faults and failures --for she has some and they are a part of her - or you don't



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ton College. Weston, Mass. In the question of the pro-for 16 years of the 80,000-stu-dent New Orleans archdiocesan hurses and Chaplains attended mercy killing and using extra-school system, has been elect-hurses and chaplains attended mercy killing and using extra-school system, has been elect-hurses and chaplains attended mercy killing and using extra-school system.

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Washington - (NC)-Msgr Henry C. Bezou, superintendent

parents.

Chief Skousen replied that

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to which the entire commu-

nity must be subjected," the police chief said. "It's high time for parents to speak up." The 16-year veteran of the FBI said parents should have

a sense of God-given steward-

"The degrading of human tastes," said Mr. Skousen, "is

always the result of making objectionable patterns of life

came "institutionalized by

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He said these patterns be-

suggestion." Then the pattern

the community, and "becomes the thing to de," he said. Police have found this true in connection with certain sex crimes, he declared,

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ship over their children. Parents should realize, he said, that it is their duty to raise good citizens. This duty, he emphasized, belongs to parents - not to the police, the courts, the schools, the

Church, "although they'll all helm Chief Skousen, father of

eight children, was asked his opinion of such influences as immoral movies as a detriment to the work of American

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