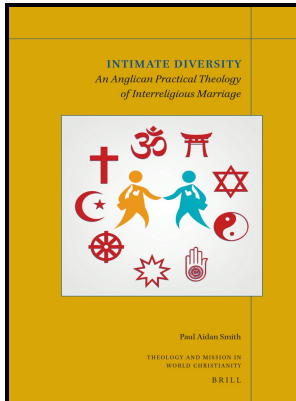


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It was not, therefore, without good reason that our predecessors, and , affirmed that a certain of marriage' existed ever among the believers and unbelievers.

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Economic dependence of wives is a modern, upper- and middle-class luxury.

## Marriage: Contract vs. Sacrament

And yet it has always been a principle with that a *matrimonium ratum et consummatum* i. Nonetheless, a lot of energy has gone into trying. It was reserved for marriage to symbolize this higher union with , that is, with those who unite themselves to Christ in and , and to be an efficacious sign of this union.

## Why Is Marriage a Sacrament?

God sees the relationship through until the end. It is the consummation, therefore, that constitutes the or the.

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Let other people know about us. Testimony to this effect is to be found from the earliest times onward. To avoid another potential civil war over the throne when he died, Henry VIII wanted to make sure that he had a son.

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