

WEDDING TRADITIONS IN DIFFERENT CULTURES

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DISCUSS

- ◉ Family life
- ◉ Religion
- ◉ Parenting
- ◉ Partner's personality

China

- a) Hiring a matchmaker
- b) Changing clothes at least three times
- c) Breaking a glass
- d) Reception paid by the groom's family

China

- Matchmaker
- Consulting a fortune teller
- Welcoming the Bride
- Bowing to Heaven and Earth
- Tea Ceremony
- Reception paid by the groom's family
- Red envelopes
- Nine courses



Jews

- a) Bride and groom fast from dawn until the completion of the wedding ceremony
- b) Only the bride gets the ring
- c) Ceremony takes place under a canopy
- d) Jumping over the broom

Jews



- New soul
- Fasting
- Kittel
- Kabbalat Panin
- Badeken
- Chuppah
- Blessing of Bethrotal
- One ring
- Ketubah
- The Seven Blessings
- Breaking the Glass

Australia

- a) Brides and grooms get an old thing from parents
- b) Bs and Gs get a new thing from parents
- c) Bs and Gs get both, a new and an old thing
- d) They get nothing from parents

Australia

- ◉ Not many traditions – usually borrowed from native countries
- ◉ Typically outside – in the park / in the garden
- ◉ Newly married couple gets an old present from parents which is connected to a short story or symbolism
- ◉ Finger food
- ◉ A small present for guests and friends – obligation
- ◉ Maximum till midnight



- ◉ <http://www.australianbrideandgroom.com.au/sydney-2/>

Egypt – Islam wedding

What is the consistent custom with Czech weddings:

- a) A bride has something borrowed
- b) A bride throws a bunch of flowers
- c) A tradition of breaking plates

Egypt

- A relationship without any intimacy before a wedding
- Magnificent wedding
- A bride has two maids of honour and a bridegroom has two best men
- Religion
- A bride and groom are sitting on a podium on thrones
- Food – mostly only sweets
- No alcohol



Where Bali actually is?



Bali

- according to Hindu religious believes a traditional sacred ceremony is a “must“
- otherwise the couple will not be acknowledged in the society
- + they will be excommunicated from their village



Bali

3 kinds of marriage styles:

- ◉ “Ngerorod” (elopment) – fake kidnapping
- ◉ “Memadik” – the proposal; for the richer
- ◉ “Nyentana” – the groom starts living with his wife’s family



- ◉ the morning after the elopment/proposal:
- ◉ “mekala – kalaan” – similar to a small civil wedding
- ◉ a private affair
- ◉ the simplest of traditional Balinese clothes
- ◉ then they are legally married
- ◉ three days later:
- ◉ “Ketipat Bantal” – uniting of the families
- ◉ caste system!

What is Hmong?

- a) Chinese for “bride”
- b) Ethnic group from mountains of China, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand
- c) Nepali fortune teller

Hmong marriage

- south China
- exogamous – marriage only outside one's own clan
- Giving a gift to the girl
- Fake kidnapping = “making one's intentions clear”
- The bride price
- During the wedding, there are many rules a bride must follow:
- When leaving the bride's house, during that process, the bride must never look back.
- No pepper dish during the feast
- Gift(s) from past boyfriend(s)
- Bride's maid



