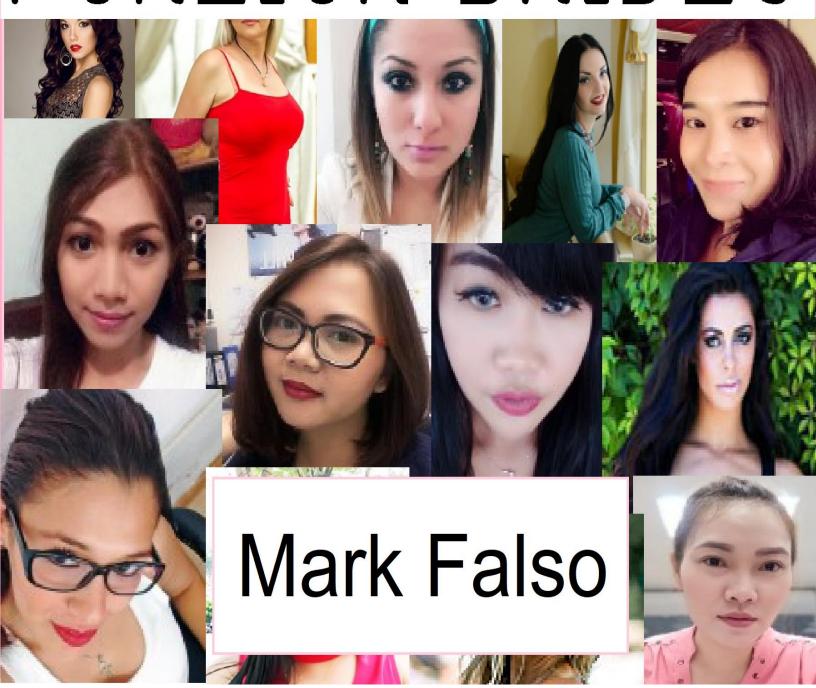
TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY FOREIGN BRIDES



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DEDICATION

To the One and the Only LORD Jesus Christ. God, the Matchmaker.

And to all the singles, divorced, and widowed who are seeking for their mates God provides for them.

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Introduction

Chapter One: Understanding The Concept of Foreign Brides.

What is foreign brides? Quite clearly the term, "Foreign Brides: as stated that the brides are from another country. Does not matter where the bride is from, either overseas or just cross the border. They are from another country where there are political boundaries separating from the groom's native country. For instance, an American groom finds and fall in love with a Canadian bride. They are just merely cross the border. And she is considered foreign because Canada is an entire different country than the United States. Both have two separate constitutions. Laws and regulations

are quite different yet, they both are western industrial states that they mirrors slightly similar.

But on the other hand, when an American groom finds a Filipina bride, again, she is considered foreign because the Philippines is an entire different nation than the United States although it had American influence politically, socially, and militaristically. Although both countries are quite different. Like Canada in the previous paragraph, the Philippines has own government, own currency, and entirely different people ethically. It is said true that the Philippines economy are vastly different than the United States and because of that, it is considered, no offense, third world nation. Likely the most Western or Americanized Pacific Islands nation than any other nations in that region except for Australasia which is a continent and two nations. That is, Australia and New Zealand. The Oceania and Asia are largely responsible for the majority of foreign brides. Of course, there are many other nations and continents where foreign brides are including North America. That is because millions of American females are on dating websites and matchmaker websites. This considered as foreign brides if the ladies welcome foreign grooms to wed.

However, that assessment is quite opposite of Asian-Oceania brides who are seeking to wed foreign men who are established, well-off, and are living in western nations including the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australasia regions. The same parallel with the Latinas from Central and South America, and Africa. The main factor of why this occurred. There are many factors coming from dating sites will only tip to the supportive of foreign brides while opposition are from other sources throughout the internet which prefer to suppress the concept of a western man marrying foreign brides.

Mainly there are three factors of why western man prefer foreign brides:

1. The foreign brides are having socio-economic hardship. (McAndrew PH.D. 2015)₁ There are millions of foreign brides who are in poverty and unable to gain

^{1 &}quot;Mail Order Brides" Still Exist. Is A "Mail Order Marriage" Doomed To Be A Bad Match?

employment. They live in deplorable locations such as shanty houses, no water plumbing, and dirt floor. It all depends on who, where, or what.

- United States and some western countries are very strict on work visa and/or immigrant. (Kerri Fivecoat-Campbell 2017)² Bridal visa is one of "better" means to enter the country because of difficulties of entry due to search for specific needs.
- 3. The Western women are very liberal and liberated, thus, feminism making dating quite difficult for men as well as stringiest "requirements" to be grooms of theirs. Therefore the flexibility for men to find a bride is forced to look overseas.
- 4. It makes selections for Western men to choose women from other countries where they still maintain old fashioned and even Christian values that men could not choose from their own country. Similar to number three.

The four assessments are mainly the point of what and why this occurred as means of better effects than marrying someone from own country. There are many factors but they are mainly four at the majority of why this occurred.

Of course, many wealthy nations do attract the foreigners to countries for work. For instance, in the Philippines and in India, hundreds of thousands of people work overseas to other countries for employment. Even for those who are living in other countries. For instance maybe an Indonesian is working in Singapore, for instance.

The tough countries for entrances are making foreigners attempt in different means of entering a country such as people in Latin America enter the United States through Mexico, Gulf of Mexico, and State of Florida coast lines. They know how to enter illegally with much help with a "coyote"- a person who is a human trafficker smuggling foreigners enter a country such as to enter United States of America.

In fact, there is another factor of foreign brides. Kidnapping for illegal act human trafficking the ladies for sexual activities such as soliciting, prostitution, and even selling women to become slaves and/or "brides." It is more common in Middle East culture for

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this illegal act due to their cult that believe in kidnapping children to become child brides and slavery. This is why millions of young children, young girls, and even young women are kidnapped daily and are never heard from again. This act of foreign brides are illegal and unwanted by the females from both in the United States, and every other countries around the world.

The facts are stated when this occurred with even unwanted factors of international marriages with the fact of human trafficking. This alarms international communities with the rise of kidnapping, grooming, and illegal act of sales. Portraits of this hideous acts are seen often in cinemas, documentaries on social media and television. And of course, the standard news media through television, radio, and newsprints as well as online media. Criminals who done this horrible act are to be blamed for kidnapping, sexual murders, sold off, and for causing disappearances. Abuses are also another factor. All covered shortly. Even this horrendous act is found in Western nations including the United States, Canada, and Europe and other large industrial nations and regions.

The concept of foreign brides or international brides are that they marry men from another country for the sake of security and welfare of family needs. The fact that occurred when those other factors caused men to find alternatives in their own means. For instance, maybe a gentleman had harder time finding a spouse in his own country due to rapidly changed culture influenced by Hollywood standards, and by Western cultures that can include feminism, equal rights, independence, and immoral substandard such as, according to men, women turning homosexuality called Lesbians. Also women are having babies as they wanted to skip parenthood without giving opportunities for men they want to love to give those babies. In another word, they got pregnant when they were young then decided to get tubes tied and then fall in love with a man who wanted to have babies. Unfortunately, as women's stern beliefs, not to get untied.

This is why men turn to foreign brides. The choice are greater overseas. Russian brides outnumber men as well as found in the Philippines. Reason: Russian men are usually heavy drinkers, abusers, and still fuel anger as result from living in the Soviet

Union-the Communist ruled country and under Vladimir Putin Dictatorship. Communism do brainwash people, make people be the same as "snowflakes" or zombies. But for the example in the Philippines, Filipinos are either married or are poor and they do not have the economical means to provide. Many are also overseas working to earn money. This cause men not to be available for single brides in The Tiger Economy of the East. For some in another hand, like in Africa and even again in the Philippines and other countries, scammers pretending to be women and some are truly women have scammed men. Often on dating sites they say, "WARNING, DO NOT SEND MONEY OR CASH TO..." and this is to warn men not to be fooled and they could get scammed. Scammers are quite frequent every day and even on good clean sites, they are still there. Paid and free websites both have scammers but more so on free sites because it is easy to register and not have themselves exposed that they are scammers. However, many do get booted for spamming mails.

The line between honest women overseas and scammers have become quite vague in past decade than it was in the year 2000. Because of this, scammers have gotten smarter. It makes the dating scene quite difficult.

Upon observation on a dating site chat room in Spring 2017, people were talking about dating and marriage that many observed that many are afraid and do not want to marry. Why? Some gave valid point they are afraid to marry and because this is great investment to marry a foreign bride, they need to be extra sure. Often more than not, they are afraid. This is a huge commitment that they realize that by marrying a foreign bride cost a lot more than someone they met in own church or at their employer, or out in the public such as festivals, grocery stores, shopping malls, or at the singles functions such as singles dances.

Historical Foundation of Foreign Brides

The trend of foreign brides maintain to this day. The term most people call it, "Mail Order Bride." The history is long with this. The evolution is even longer with how they get brides overseas. Not much history on that however, we must turn to the Bible for

history and are found there. Genesis chapter 24 spoke about long distance. Biblical first ever long distance relationship.

Genesis Chapter 24 KJV—

- And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.
- And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:
- **3** And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:
- But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.
- And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?
- And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.
- The Lord God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.
- And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.
- And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

- And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.
- **11** And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.
- And he said O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.
- Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:
- **14** And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.
- And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.
- And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.
- And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.
- **18** And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.
- And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

- And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.
- And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not.
- And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;
- And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?
- And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.
- **25** She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.
- And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the Lord.
- **27** And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren.
- 28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.
- And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.
- And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

- And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.
- **32** And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.
- And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.
- And he said, I am Abraham's servant.
- And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.
- And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.
- And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:
- But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.
- And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.
- **40** And he said unto me, The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:
- Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath.
- And I came this day unto the well, and said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:

- **43** Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;
- And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the Lord hath appointed out for my master's son.
- And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.
- And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.
- And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, the daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.
- And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.
- **49** And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.
- Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the Lord: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.
- Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the Lord hath spoken.
- And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord, bowing himself to the earth.

- **53** And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.
- **54** And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.
- **55** And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.
- **56** And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.
- **57** And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.
- **58** And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.
- **59** And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.
- **60** And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.
- **61** And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.
- **62** And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country.
- **63** And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.

65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

As you can see, the chapter I call it, Long Distance Relationship Chapter. The chapter is about Isaac and Rebekah and how they met. It was romantic. But in spiritual sense, it shows that God the Father send the Holy Ghost to call up the Bride of Christ to Jesus Christ. It is quite symbolic in terms of both perspective.

When Rebekah arrived, they got married. This was world's first known recorded long distance relationship.

There are more. Including Jacob, their son, the twelve sons who also married foreign women. There are also Moses, David, Solomon, even Samson. They all had foreign brides. Some were good and blessed, others were not, unfortunately.

Long distance tribes and culture were developed after the Tower of Baal were being under constructed. History has shown human spread around, invasions, barbaric lifestyle that they would capture foreign women and brought them back as slaves, maidservants, etc. Babylonia, Rome, Greek, Egyptians, among others throughout in Eastern Hemisphere in pre- and post-Christ era ruled. This was quite common at the time.

Invading armies would slaughter men and see opportunities to seize children and women since they see them as "weaklings" and easier to control them for several

purposes such as women become "baby machines" to mass reproduction to get more babies to become soldiers and slaves to do constructive work such as building buildings, infrastructures, heavy farm work, building weapons, horse husbandry, and carpentry, in my opinion. Also women to become slaves and maidservants as well as wives of soldiers, even the elites and nobles. Human trafficking were quite vast at the period and legally.

Likely the possibility of bought and brought women to become wives as well.

Globally this form of foreign brides were through human trafficking, unfortunately. Also polygamy were quite common at the time. Since many soldiers were killed in battles, male siblings would take in place of their dead brothers to take widows as spouses to continue their linages. Also widows are taken by other surviving soldiers, elites, and nobles. Usually the elites and nobles such as leaders are commonly older and would take in young women as wives, mistresses, and legally theirs for their dominance.

Roman baths were quite common as a "meat market" even in toilet facilities. They share toilets and engage conversation and sexual function while others needing to use toilets. Others would meet in a little more formal places such as the forums to meet each other. Some travel afar and meet. But those are all reserved by elites and in power. Forums and amphitheaters were likely locations as well as on any streets captured women and children were sold. Rampant sexual lifestyle were common so much in fact in Pompeii, they discovered brothels in every other corner! At least one per block or more. That is quite common throughout the Empire as they discovered with Pompeii. The freed or poor women were resorted to this lifestyle since employment options were severely limited. No high technology, no equal rights, no feminism, no education, and no opportunity to do anything and harder to escape. You would escape from one totalitarian state to another if you were to attempt to escape during the Roman Empire era.

As for the Jewish people, in 70 AD after their Revolt, many Jewish people dispersed from Jerusalem and Jewish lands to all over the world. Many went to Russia, others to Northern Europe, Germania Empire, others to Africa, and some rumors said a tribe went to North America. That has not yet proven but the point was they spread around the

world. Many Jewish people married foreign people as they are not being orthodox Jewish because they became non-traditional Jewish with liberal mind of marrying anyone else who are not Jewish.

Keep in mind that many foreign women were sexually murdered and were impregnated by soldiers, elites, etc. And by what "Sexually murdered" means that they were raped. The children, both by capture and illegitimate became soldiers as well. Boys young as ten or younger were trained to be soldiers. Little girls were enslaved and became child brides common in many empires such as Rome and Islamic.

In Islamic religion, the Muslims married child brides to follow the example of their founder, Mohammed. The format repeated with Joseph Smith who founded the Latter Day Saints which later, the splinter group, FLDS-Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints followed the same principle until recent the American Government banned that. Barbaric lifestyle which was the norm till the early Renaissance period due to the fact people rebelled against joining military and many turned professionally such as in art, design, industry. Pre-Industrial age as well. People like Leonardo daVinci who himself was an illegitimate child went on to become the best artist, illustrator, orator, and designer of his time. Likely as result of an affair. Not much information on that part. Many political and religious people like Martin Luther, Calvin, and other Christians reignite to spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which revitalized Faith which demolished the need of being barbaric of gang rape, sexually murdered, human trafficking, and, pregnancies out of wedlock. Also this diminished the need of long distance relationship as people were able to freely find each other in their city states and new countries where they were more freely to roam rather than being in fortified castles and city-The golden age of forced international marriage ended with the height of states. Renaissance era.

Colonialism and the Americas

Cristobol Colon-known as Christopher Columbus who sailed West jumpstarted the rush of Colonialism which was named after the famous Italian-Spanish Explorer. The new Golden era of exploration began brought explorers and their teams to survey new lands

and new cities but not on friendly terms though. Practically most of them came for the purpose of lawlessness overseas away from strong paramilitary forces that policed the streets of Europe and United Kingdom.

The Silver era began even began with Colon's crew had intercourses with the natives in the Americas, Caribbean, and the Bahamas. This began as truly modern era of interracial and international marriages and carnally relationship with the native females. This is what resulted today with the Hispanic, Latino communities came from explorers and their crew giving illegitimate children and even for a few, marriages with the natives. Mainly Native American females from United States down to Central America and to South America. This is the result of newly tribe of Latino race.

As result, slavery by enslaving Native Americans, and enslaving the Africans and were brought over in Seventeenth Century and ended as late as 1860s. Three hundred years of slavery in entire Western Hemisphere along with foreign brides.

In fact, with slavery in Americas and Europe with Africans, owners would have affairs with black women. It was not that common on record but likely they were.

After Colonialism, the formation of countries and their independence or became territories of Europe and United Kingdom. Canada was still under United Kingdom while United States fought for freedom and won the Revolutionary War.

South of the Border, as part of United States, they were part of other countries such as Florida was part of Spanish colonialism as Louisiana was part of France as Texas, a state of Mexico. Slavery and new prosperities for foreigners were found. Many heard from families who were resettled in the Americas were told to come and join with the family for better life. Beautiful nature in many areas such as Niagara Falls, Thousands Islands, the Adirondacks, the Wetlands in Florida, the Appalachians Mountains, and the beaches along the East Coast may have contribute the effort of many immigrants to migrate to America. United States is called the "Melting Pot" although most of the America nations are Melting Pots because of the resettlements of Europeans, Asians, and Africans. Because of this, perhaps many American men who were working in road, trails, and rail infrastructures as well as construction in the Western part of the

Americas, they were quite lonely. A few found Native American women attractive and were married to but many were placing ads in newspapers seeking for brides from the East Coast and from Far East Asia to become brides. This began the actual "Mail Order Brides" format which is true to this day. This began the Golden era of mail order brides. They placed personal ads in publications of its day to announce their search for a bride to wed who is willing to relocate in hopes to start a family in ravished locations surrounding with lack of sound law enforcement, lack of military presence, a lot of resilient Native Americans, and of course, nature such as climate, and strenuous geographical features such as the mountains and the deserts.

Battles with Native Americans, the winter storms, lack of medicine, unknown territories and route west without any markers. Yet, many Americans, not just the United States, but all America nations one way or another had difficulties for their people to resettle in new locations. Still, they seek for brides to wed and start a family in those tough areas. They needed wives so that they can have children to work on their farms.

As for Chinese women coming over, the men would turn to Chinese females because of the lack of American women in the Eastern United States because the American women are already settled in their lives, getting started to have higher education for the ladies, many married wealthy men in the East Coast that the Midwest and West Coast men do not have the means to be wealthy because they were there for another reason: Gold Rush, Silver Rush, Copper, Zine, and any other expensive minerals and gems were discovered in the West. Many men failed and bankrupted unable to become rich. Women tend to stick with wealthy men in more established towns like Syracuse, NY, Boston, New York, Richmond, Fayetteville, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia.

With the Chinese, this is the actual start of the "mail order bride" era.

Now population grew quickly in the Americas thanks to improved powered ships that brought a lot of immigrants to the Americas especially in the United States since many were seeking for better life. Mostly people whose families were coming over with their children. According to genealogical websites, they showed actual Ellis Island signatures and list of names and children, where from, what ships, etc. Too few single women came over. Why too few? Likely many men either already have settled for

Chinese in Nineteenth Century. Many Italians, Germans, and Irish came over by the turn of the Century but most of them were, of course families and single men. Women, on the other hand tend to be less travelled. But that all changed again with the advent of the World War One that the Doughboys and Allies went over to fight in Europe brought home wives from Europe. This began mass tour to find brides overseas. This would be equaling to matchmakers' tours to visit the ladies in their cities. The evolution shifted from Chinese to Europeans because of that war.

War Brides

Then everyone was happy and celebrating life in 1920's which gave away to new kind of bar called night clubs which far cry from the taverns and there were Speakeasies. People were quite happy to find each other locally. The Great Depression that ultimate put mail order brides behind for a while since majority of the people were broke. However, that did not stop the mail order brides by turning locally. While traveling made impossible due to expenses of the Great Depression, men turned to women locally. But that all shifted and made it much easier again for the men during the Great War or better known as World War Two. Millions of men were send overseas from United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United States, and other allies to fight in the European and Pacific theaters. That gave opportunities for the soldiers to meet women overseas in war-torn areas. They fought for Freedom and gave those women security from already twice-war torn Europe and the Pacific area. This opportunity made easier to have foreign brides to marry soldiers for military-secured strong nations to live in both Republic forms of government and democracy countries rather than totalitarian, communism, and dictatorial states.

The Twice-World Wars have re-established the interest in foreign brides. After the war, economy improved greatly in Western nations that made possible for returned soldiers and younger baby boom generation men to go overseas in the reconstructed war-torn regions to serve in the military and later, peace corps and many Christian missionaries were send overseas as well to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ were able to meet the foreign brides and wed them. There were numerous American bases globally in 1950's

The trend continue to this day that American military and the Allies still have military personnel-soldiers, leaders, and staff find brides in the countries they serve in.

Wars brought spikes in War Brides. Since World War One, all wars soldiers brought home were War Brides or in this book, Foreign Brides. Korea and Vietnam Wars brought renewed interests in Asian Brides for first time since Wild West of Nineteenth Century. The Pacific Theater of World War Two was mostly mainstay in the sea. Korea and Vietnam Wars brought soldiers on land.

This sparked the interest of one man during that time. The founder established a new kind of business: the first and oldest continuing mail order bride catalog business. The original story was according to my memory, and correct me if I am mistaken, the founder served Vietnam War and found how beautiful Asian Brides were and married one. By 2001, it became entirely online business. No longer printing catalogs. That is the oldest continuing service for men interested in brides from overseas without having to serve in the military or fly over for some other reason than looking for a bride. This sparked a trend of true old-fashioned Mail Order Brides first time since Nineteenth Century. The trend continue today through the internet.

The original owner sold the business and the company still in operations. But before that mail order bride business, in 1950's and 1960's there were computer dating, not internet dating. Huge difference since computer dating was more about computer analysis of people and match up people for a date.

By using computers of its day, they put data into the system such as location/address, interests, backgrounds, etc. and the result were to match up based on those background. It would print out cardstock cards with dot matrix printouts. It was founded by a few college professors working on very expensive rare computer. That one service began in 1964 is still around but as internet dating site.

Many internet services began in 1990's. The 1990s had personals ads websites catered by internet service providers which gave away to true mail-order brides- type of services. Today, there are over twenty-five thousand websites just catering to all kinds of services such matchmakers, mail-order brides, free services dating sites, and paid-

service dates. Since there are many different kinds of services, to generalize, it is now called Foreign Brides because catalogs are absolute in this day and age. Only ecatalogs in forms of internet websites that can help potential suitors to choose more specific brides they are seeking for.

Today, both sides are still seeking each other. Brides are seeking for suitors as suitors seeking for brides. The Silver Era of Mail Order Brides ended with the dawn of the internet as internet dating Golden era began in 1990's but it has passed as people now are networking, using social media, and introductions through family or friends locally and internationally. Today, that trend continue. There will always be a new method for men to find foreign brides no matter what or rather, how they meet. Thanks to telephones, internet, and social media sites, and chat rooms made finding a bride has become transparent. Suitors still have to fly overseas to meet their brides. That would still be expensive, time consuming, and a challenge but many do get marry after all.

There were laws passed throughout past few decades that really alter how dating services are presented and to protect people after bad experiences in other countries. The negatives really damaged reputation for foreign brides due to the fact women became victimized by abuses men endured.

Not just abuses such as domestic violence, it was because of murders and because of scammers overseas who wanted to hack into desperate and defenseless men who wanted to marry thought they can share money with. "Married in our own eyes" syndrome that can cause men to be swayed to give their accounts. Women too were swayed as well.

Looking forward to the Future

Internet dating will continue and all depends on socio-economics, political sway, and online cameras have caused political, cultural, and even mental caused reshaping societies today. Cyber-bulling, pulling-the-crab syndrome, and mockery caused society to change format of dating. Being cautious and the mentality caused changes such as questioning themselves more about marriage with a foreign bride. Religion cults taking over forcing Christians, Jewish, and even unsaved souls to convert. Religion caused

societies to change from standard community or society interaction to extremism forcing cult members to only pick those within their own faith. Political also brings limitations such as in North Korea, interactions are forbidden because of the dictator and for any embargo and many countries' travel advisories not to enter their enemies and that being the case with North Korea which is forbidden for Americans to enter or they will be subject to arrest, torture, and send to work camps.

This, if any foreign females and if any, their own children escape from war torn areas or because of like, with North Korea which is not heard of, refugees due to political situation that forced them to escape or an exodus, many file political asylum, often those females are already relocated to another country and end up falling in love with that countryman she had relocated. For instance, in Syracuse, New York, there are a good number of Burmese refugees settled down and make their lives productive because of political unrest and likely many of the Burmese refugees will marry Americans. This is not new in the United States. First the British refugees which was the Puritans, then the British, and the Dutch, the French which settled mostly in Louisiana, the Spanish in Florida, later, Irish, Germans, Italians, Jewish, Russians, Chinese, Japanese, Europeans, and then Koreans, Vietnamese, Indians from India, Cubans exiles, and more recently, Burmese, Muslims and Middle Eastern people, and many third world nations. Ironically, Africans were brought over unwillingly but were granted as Americans by President Abraham Lincoln as exchanged for freedom due to the criminal intent by Caucasian Americans. The trend for Foreign Brides continues.

Chapter Two. The Complications of Having Foreign Bride.

The complications would be enormous due to the fact it is more complex process of having a foreign bride. It is not just legal function as matter of speaking. It is from Day one of willing to search for a bride and ends with beyond the wedding day-marriage.

Reviewing the function of how one find a foreign bride. Usually starts with men who are from different culture background, different nationalities. Usually Americans, Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, Middle Eastern men, Europeans, and even Russians, South Koreans, Chinese men, are into searching for a bride. Usually, it is established men who can afford to travel to meet his potential bride and be able to wed her and bring her over at all costs and usually expensive considering everything. And older. Usually over 35 years of age up to about 70 years of age. More often mid-life crisis, but more often not. Usually those men are already homeowners, not apartment renters since they want to start a family.

Men are of various status-single/never been married, divorced, or widowed. But that is not entirely true. There are even some married men as well for the sake of having an

affair or for human trafficking purposes. Men may do but also may not have children from previous marriage or out of wedlock. Many men are of different ethical backgrounds such as Caucasians, Blacks, Asians, and even mixed.

In the past, men would order printed catalogs thick as a seasonal catalog for a mailorder products for a furniture, linen, or beauty supplies, or just kitchen supplies company. The concept is quite the same as mail order companies. They were around longer than the Mail Order Brides of modern times since 1974 when a famous mailorder bride business began the trend.

Modern times, it is online catalog of women. Matchmakers have the list too but they match up suitors to brides. There are various kinds of services suited for men seeking for a bride. And some are specific such as faith, weight, height, culture such as Deaf, Disabled, movie fans, etc.

When a gentleman is ready to search, they go online and search some variation of words in search such as, "Mail order brides", ""foreign brides", "Dating sites" with all improper grammar with the capitalization or not.

After they search, they see pages of different services and businesses, they research which is best depends on how pretty the girls are. In my research, it tends to be cliché. For instance, a chat club online has so many rooms and so many people and there are several kinds of women. All beautiful in their own rights and quite different than say, in a Russian matchmaking service website because of the rigid selection of beauty are required for that service.

This term, "Cliché" may not be accurate however, for the sake of argument, this term is used. Like in Hollywood movies, teen movies showed a group of superhot model like girls hangout together compared to a group of geeks and nerds who are not pretty. The cliché repeated in dating world online. However, not by much. It is by dating services. For instance, a free Christian dating site shows beautiful Christian women and it shows no tattoos on there as well as no piercings. Maybe one or two but that is all. Compare to a local dating site that is very plain and boring which used to have a lot of questions. Well, that site has a lot of tattooed punks with piercings and many unattractive women.

This definition of cliché is noted. The people who sign up for this or that site, they will find their own types to chat.

Depending on what site and comfort a man uses. A dating site, a chat site, a matchmaker site, or just plainly old fashioned mail order bride site or even social media. There are mainly five categories of sites we will review shortly.

He signs up and start searching for his bride. He finds a few he thinks are attractive, and has good profile with enough information to jump start having in conversation.

When they do get in touch with each other, they talk. It increases each day more conversation. After they talk, they already planned on meeting each other. Locally, it is easiest to plan to meet and do meet. The further the bride is from the man, the longer time it takes to plan and schedule time off from work and fly out to meet the bride.

Usually when you meet someone online, according to sources I asked online, average time is one month after they first meet online when both are living close. Same town, state, or even country. But out of country, it is usually six to twelve months to plan. Reason for this is because men are more cautious and needs to put aside money to fly out of country and meet her for at least two to four weeks in length. A week is not enough.

After meeting, if truly in love and with even parents' approval, they will plan the wedding. A few wedding occurred while the man is still in her native country. Others will wait till her arrival in his country to have wedding.

Others just wanted to meet the ladies or did not work out. Most of the times, it will not work out. Just a few successfully. On a TV show, they showed one couple successfully get married in her country and had to wait till her visa is approved for six months then she came over to United Kingdom. This bride is from Thailand. The other two couples did not work out. One man is a player and the other a real nice man who had been a victim of catfishing since the bride's family wanted money. She was already cheating on that nice man and already pregnant. Her family wanted 2000 pounds a day for her spending time with him. That is extortion and human trafficking. Although parents usually expected the groom to give something as a gift. Most foreign countries outside

United States, Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada do expect the groom to bring a gift or something similar to dowry like in Genesis chapter 24. That tradition continue but not Western nations except for those still horning in their cultures, they expect something.

When the man arrives, they meet, and for some, hit right off right away but others, hesitated due to being cautious or because of confident. Many men from Western nations who are seeking for foreign brides are more likely have less confident because of abuses of rejections from women who are Liberals, Independent, or most of all, Feminists and others, Lesbians.

The odds are greater for grooms finding a bride in another country is greater than their own native country due to the confident and functions. Therefore the alternative increases the choice of a bride is preferred than own country.

It is depending on situations whereas the grooms prefer someone from own country. Then some dating sites are catered for that. They are American companies with goals for locals to meet each other locally. Dating people in own country are common but they tend to find each other out of town rather than in town. For instance, maybe a gentleman from say, Syracuse, New York which is not much of a growth city because of manufacturing has left and shrinking a little bit and many younger generations have moved out of town so likely that gentleman got tired of the ladies in town so they want someone quite different due to culture in another city. For instance, they say Jersey girls are quite loud-verbally, fashionably, and wears much make-ups. As opposite to say, Hispanic woman from Los Angeles are quite more naturally without makeup, already multi-cultured-American-Spanish and can be very Hollywood. But say, a girl from lowa who is quite conservative, farm-reared, natural beauty, not overly fashioned but modest. Not quite simple yet. Everyone is different of course. Not all Jersey girls are jersey girl type. Not mean to be disrespectful with that term "Jersey girl" however, that is the character of the type.

It is more possible to find someone from another country faster than those in their native country because of the socio-economics, political, and values increased opportunities which are presented.

For instance, say an American gentleman finds a female on a dating site that is geared, say a Christian site, they are seen more by foreign brides and men see that opportunity as the equation presented in viewed profiles. Not only that, the American gentleman would do in search and maybe write just a few. Likely he will get responses from foreign brides than the American counterpart in those other sites or even in the same website. Any sites, this is the norm that you are being viewed more likely by foreigners than American version.

This means the American gentleman would likely get responses more than the American females. Often research show more females from another country would see profiles, write, and likely get replies from men than the American females. But then again, American women DO the same if they are seeking for men their age. It is tend to be older men seeking for younger women and women too. It all balanced out however, the case here is how it is done. Older men – younger women. Older women – younger men except for much older women – men their age. Younger women – their age or older men. This is the norm.

Again, the Cliché was reviewed that each site has different ethics and goals. For instance, some dating sites tend to be more for parties on Saturday nights. Sites such as a "meeting" site is designed for groups to have activities and functions including singles groups to do. They meet the old fashioned way instead of dating sites would do. Dating sites is more forward. More on this later.

The example say, in a Christian site has more foreign ladies viewing than American counterpart for an American dating site. Say, one site is harder to get views and fewer people viewed your profile than another site. You would get a lot of thumb ups on site compared to popular social media which is the fewest of all since social media network is not a dating site and it is a social media. However, they do have pages and profiles of different companies that are dating services, matchmakers, and more. They do have a very limited members through that site because of privacy issues that the members do have families and friends that are also on it. It would generate embarrassment when you do sign up. This is why they focused on more privacy at that social media. But if

there is a dating social media, then that is different. That would be sites catered a social media network style format to encourage different functions.

Different Dating Services

There are several kinds of dating sites, services, and functions online besides the old fashioned way which is practically almost non-exist.

Speed Dating. Speed dating sites that have online 3 minutes chat or even for some, have their own franchises that singles meet in person at a bar, club, or public place for a three-minutes dates. Usually for some, they can be connected to professional lunch dating sites. Depending on what sites, most of the time, it is local venue where singles can meet in person. Focus on locals only.

Professional Lunch Dating services. They are tailored for professionals who do not have the time and wanted to meet during their lunch breaks. Sometimes, they do have functions after work. And weekends. Their focus are for locals only. Designed to be a matchmaker service and high cost. This segment has generated controversy with a professional lunch dating service since they usually have high cost to join membership as noted in a website that is designed for people to complain.

Singles Groups. Usually found in a meet website or for some, they have their own websites and usually may not have profiles on some of them but list their future functions, events, and activities such as singles dances, Sunday Brunch, movies nights, and band nights. This is by far most common and most numerous than dating sites alone. Geared for locals only and there is no profiles so most of the time, people needed to attend functions. Far different than Singles Ministries since they will do serve alcoholic beverages, singles dances, and night out to the bar.

Singles Ministries. Similar to Singles Group, this segment is designed for Christians to fellowship with God and attend church together, fellowship together, Sunday brunches after church services, Saturday afternoon fellowship to parks, taking hikes, walk in the park, more cleanly and usually serve no alcoholic beverages. Usually go out to restaurants for fellowship. Jewish and other religious groups function similar to

Christians but at their own methods such as fellowship on different days, do things differently. As for Christians, usually go out sometimes to witnesses souls to Christ.

Singles Dances. This was very popular in around 1985 to around 2010. Like attending roller skating rinks in 1950's and 1970's, the trend has faded. There are still a few number of singles dances where singles can attend. Usually hosted by a few singles groups, or a local dating services but sparse. They are still around however, not as much popular.

Matchmaker Services. This is usually more expensive services and in person. Usually found in large cities with large elites found such as in Los Angeles, New York. Usually very expensive matchmaking services. They tend to interview clienteles for a potential match up. They usually go for professionals, celebrities, and the like. One well known celebrity matchmaking service was featured on television. Some of this services are usually connected with Professional Lunch Dating Services (see above).

Singles Chat Sites. This is unorthodox dating services which is not really a dating site at all. Just chat rooms for singles. Usually they are free but some sites, they add features for extra cost. Usually those sites are not monitored and can generate controversy and scammers and bullying. They are not very effective sites and are more geared for red-light district lifestyle. Usually free. This category has a subcategory-Cam Chat.

Cam Chat. This is similar to singles chat rooms but the difference is that it is more geared for men to pay to view young and quite dangerously close to or are under-aged women on cam to display their nudeness. This segment is more in digital red-light district and not really have a goal to be in marriage. It is pornographic material.

General Dating Sites. This is general and main featured sites that is generalized for everyone who is seeking for someone to marry. Most popular of all. There are thousands of sites and many are unheard of. The market is overpopulated with too many businesses catering for singles. This is the offspring from Mail-Order Bride services that began in 1974 as a catalog oriented service. There are at least 25,000 dating sites overall.

Mail Order Bride Sites. This is direct offspring of original mail-order catalog business. Many made switch to online in the decade of 2000's. Many newspapers used to have personal ads but many phrased that out, unfortunately because of scammers, lack of interactions and the cost of services as well as distaste of calling 1-800 or 1-900 numbers to leave a message. It was featured in many weekly and even local newspapers in 1980's and early 1990's but has long since phrased out because people turned to online personal ads and dating sites.

Personal Ads. This is the very original from 1800's to today. Personal ads were found in back of magazines of all kinds as well as newspapers where the men from the West submitted to have their ad published to find a bride for marriage. Today, they are found on websites that are classified ads sites. This also has generated controversy that those ads are now showing pornographic pictures that are supposed to be private and many are prostitutes and escorts on those ads these days. Some are even actual undercover law enforcement ads. This also precedent the dangers occurred such as Killer stalked and killed a few women when he answered the advertisements in Boston. Personal Ads today are its worse ever, a far cry from 1800's.

International Matchmaker Sites. This is truly a mail-Order Bride services today that is a hybrid of Mail Order catalog and matchmaking services. This involves with staff who matchmakers are recommending the brides to male suitors for marriage. Again, this involves expensive membership and services. They include letter reading interpreters to translate the female's native language to English or another language the suitor is from. They also have tours for men to join by arriving in their destination for a tour. They meet their potential brides and they would either stick with her or dump her. Some of them do come as players and would hurt the ladies' feelings. Staff usually warns members not to toy with the ladies.

Niche Dating Sites. This format is for specialized dating sites that catered special needs such as quizzes, questionnaires, and sometimes, they match up what they recommend. They usually attempt at local only but also can be in-country dating. There are generated problems because members who paid for this service are quite picky on what they are seeking for forcing the matchmakers to choose what the clients

want. For instance, as researched, many short women prefer tall men and this leaving out short men on that site and they did not do any well. This may be safe due to paying but the results are unfavorable because members cannot choose who they want.

Specialized or Ethic Dating Sites. Christian dating, Jewish dating, Indian dating, Bigand-Beautiful Women dating, Deaf dating, Disabled dating, science fiction fans, specific movie fans, and many more. This is popular as well. And usually sub-category with Generalized Dating Sites. About half of them are free membership and other half paid services. Most leaning toward free membership. Also there are adult-themed sites and usually cost membership due to its nature.

Foreign Brides Dating Tour Sites. Similar to the Mail Order Brides services and International Matchmaking Services. The difference is that they rely heavily on tours to meet the ladies. Very similar. But focused. Usually expensive but cheaper than International Matchmaking Services.

Interest Related Sites. This is quite limited and falls into this group is meet or gathering sites. This focus on many different interests. Many singles do join any groups that would also be helpful in their search when they are not labeling themselves as desperate singles. There are business groups, paranormal investigation groups, swim club, reading clubs, horse-riding, microbrew tours, wine tours, and many more interests.

Interest-Related groups. All in person. For example, many singles join children related groups, Clubs, Lodges, and of course, societies as well as secret societies. Joining a gym, roller skating clubs, and gun clubs, yacht clubs. Many singles do go on missions, join missionary organizations, local missions, and many groups that are not established through or communicated with a meeting site.

There are seventeen different categories singles can choose to join or do function. The final two are even better for singles who do not want to display themselves as desperately seeking someone.

Trends of Dating.

There is a trend as we can see in past fifty years. In 1974, as said before, first ever truly Mail Order Bride catalog service which lead the way to other services then the internet invaded the world, many of those services switched to online. Many new ones kept coming up. Dating sites have evolved. Many mergers, as well as closed. Such as internet providers sites that were free were sold to a popular paying dating site. That killed off many free sites which cost money to maintain operations. This is the purpose of why many ceased operations or sold.

Political situations can hurt sites as one of once popular dating site pushed for a bill to have background checks on members by dating sites. That certain site is no longer around and others are still around. This may be the reason why they folded because of their demand for such action. That was seen as a turn-off. However, it was more of financial situation in 2004 that it had to cut its workforce. Another popular dating site faced same fate but the latter survived. After 2004, that dating site who invented background check had layoff two more rounds including closure. The class action lawsuit nailed the coffin more.

Many sites faced same fate. There are many more unknown that may have faded for good. There is a reason for the demise. Like department stores, electronic stores, the economy, lawsuits, and business practices such as overcharging people for services or keep charging people after the suspension of memberships. Also there are too many dating sites. There are numerous reports saying that there are twenty-five thousand dating sites.

That latter practice was common with many services that caused lawsuits and backfired their reputation as such the case with a dating site. Others faced similar actions. As for free services, they are free to use and there is another problem that members do not like: scammers. On free sites, scammers are more frequent presence than the paid services would have although scammers can be present in paid services if they have already ripped off credit card accounts. The scammers take advantage of free services

because there is no background check, there are no credit charges, and very minimum contact with the business administration of such sites.

People are usually feeling stuck with between "two worlds"-Paid services and the free services. Either get rip off by the dating sites by overcharging members and/or monthly credit charges ongoing beyond expiration or suspension of services/cancellation. Or face getting rip off by scammers. Both sides are literally scammers one way or another. People prefer to err on the side of paid services and easily can sue and get money back. But a few state laws do made clear very limited of three or so days policy that people can request for a refund. New York State and California has such three days window to request for a refund. Some services do rip off and one of them is a class action lawsuit against a professional lunch match making services. They charge thousands of dollars in membership. Ranging from 1,000 Dollars to 2,000 Dollars per date or more. According to complainers on business complaining website, they clearly explained situation of what happened with them and there is a lawsuit.

There is no safe internet services with any services. Generally speaking, to be honest, it is not just dating services, there are financial services, online retailers, auction online services, and more that they do similar practice. Maybe a pirated DVD, a counterfeit purse company, Ponzi schemes, and fake vehicles for sale.

There is no regulations for such services for anyone. Internet is about thirty-five years old. Computers is only seventy-five years old. Non-internet computer dating goes back to 1959. More on that shortly. Like automobiles, it took about 75 years later to enforce seatbelts! There will be a possibility of dating site users' rights. The airline industry has not even have a passengers' Bill of Rights yet and flying once in the friendly skies are now over 105 years old. Passengers are now being demanded to deplane even by force. It will take time before regulations will be enforced on dating services to ban scammers, Identification requirements like having a driver's license at a bar before entry, and strict usage.

They already have regulations for mail order brides though. Bills after bills passed in the United States. The Philippines have most strict of all-the Anti-Mail Order Bride Act which forbid any paid services to lure Filipinas to marry a foreigner. The women cannot

advertise however, there is a reverse and a loophole, women has rights to view men's profiles.

Dangers are also present other than just financial and emotional destruction caused by scammers. Mainly referred to husbands abusing and murder wives and girlfriends from another country. Human Trafficking is another factor. Black market mail order brides common found such as in Vietnam selling wives to Chinese men. The Filipinas are sold to South Korean men. Governments there are trying their best to crack down.

The dating sites size may vary. Most of them are just merely one administrator and a staff of two to three others who are paid workers. Others with bigger names with bigger memberships, are more likely bigger payroll with many employees. Perhaps size of two dozen or more working. Depends on how much advertising and membership fees, their earning varies. Facebook which is largest social network has Billions of Dollars thanks to advertising and clicks.

Some companies were successful in past has faded.

There are two types of services. One is paid and the other is free but loaded with advertising. The paid services are geared more toward matchmakers, introduction services, matchmakers/introduction websites, and professional oriented. They also have for Generalized Dating Sites if they are large and less advertising bases on their sites and more likely have television and radio commercials and announcements. Some of them even made into movies but rarely.

The paid services are more likely last longer and increase database because members would not join sites that are free and loaded with scammers. This minimalized the potential of being victimized by a scammer. The controversy is that often a few may rip off if they are high priced like a professional lunch dating company. They are more negative than positive on the net regarding that company. A New York city-based national newspapers even spoke about this. It is often more than not with high services you would not get guaranteed dates you are seeking for. Often bad choices.

The other part of paid services for some, they charge less than the more expensive ones but the problem is that with the credit cards charges is automatically charged per

month rather than a bundle at sign up. This method at dating sites are a failure with the method of charging credit cards. A word of advice, sign up for one bundle, not monthly. If they only charge you once per month, stay away from them. It is better you try out one month at a time and charged for that month. That is understandable that the charges will be much higher than the charges broken down into six or twelve months in a payment plan. Try to ask if they do can charge once for a year if you can and then you make monthly payment on your credit card directly to your credit card or bank. Simple as that.

The other hand, the free services are usually basically similar to the paid service but it is cheapskate. In another word, you will get scammers, spammers, and time wasters and catflshers. Financially, it is better on the budget planning but the negative aspect is that you would not get good quality potential mate.

In another word, you would be better off a website you can afford to pay and date actual person. Not a scammer or maybe not a catfish. Catfishes would pay for sites just that they either are on the fence or has a sin they desire to do so – just to get into bed with and leave in the morning.

The best solution of all is to meet someone in person than online. But if you have to, you can but proceed with caution. Therefore, you need to make best judgement. If safety is best choice, usually the paying subscription to the website is best compared to free sites which you will receive scammers.

Often more than not, scammers do not answer questions. They will market themselves rather than answering you because they know if you ask them questions, they will mask themselves by not answering and instead, they will promote themselves in order to beat you down to get your money.

The Consequences of Cost

Having a foreign bride is quite more expensive than having a bride from your hometown. Consider the factors here that will be discussed.

Having a bride at home is quite cheaper therefore, budget wise, it is best to find someone in your town if money is all you think about. However, the con is that you do not have much choice in dealing with the woman you seek for. In Western nations, women already know what wealth is and already experienced it and for some, money is gold to them and can be gold diggers if they focus on well-established gentleman. For others, money is gold but necessary for living better life. Who would want a husband who is working at your favorite fast food restaurant making 11 Dollars an hour in the year 2017 working at 20 hours a week after already cutting hours? That would be 220 Dollars a week, 880 Dollars a month, or over 10,000 Dollars a year compared to someone making at least 35,000 Dollars a year as full-time retail sales associate? Even better as more professional without a degree maybe at highest at 45,000 Dollars a year. Not much choice at that level.

Unemployment in the United States technically stands around 45 percent. Not at 4.5 percent according to the Department of Labor statistics in May 2017. The real factor of is that they do not count those who are not presently seeking for employment. They also do not count those who are already working around ten hours a week because it is not enough to count as one full forty hours work week period to count as full-time. They focus on full-time only.

The data is flawed in the United States Department of Labor. The point is, life is already difficult in this Post-Great Recession and Post-9/11 era. Recessions, massive layoffs at factories and retail store chains closing, and people giving up searching for employment.

The numbers can be quite similar in Canada, many Western nations in Europe, United Kingdom, Russia, Japan, and Australia and New Zealand. There is understanding that it is social-economics play role of how family are formed. The more well-to do a gentleman is, the more likely he will marry a foreign bride if he cannot find a bride in his own country who is business minded or well established in similar industry.

The reason for this is because the established gentlemen can afford expensive investment in a bride from another country. Say, with the author's hometown, Syracuse

to compare the economics between a gentleman who makes good money and a gentleman who is living on welfare called Social Security.

A business executive in Syracuse, New York earns, in a median of \$67,715, as of May 30, 2017. This is without benefits and bonus incentives. There is a range of pay between \$59,643-\$78,071 not including bonus and benefit information and other factors that impact base pay. He can afford a new foreign bride. He would have to have at least a week or two to visit her but the flight is roughly 24 to 30 hours to fly between Syracuse, and say, he likes this woman in Manila, Philippines. As of 28 June 2017, according to several flight websites, the cost to fly the friendly skies would hover around 1800 to 2200 Dollars round trip.

Then he would *not* have to pay visa to enter the Philippines if it is 30 days period. Then assumedly he already reserved at least a five-star star hotel in Manila. Ah, he found one for October 2017 to stay for 79 Dollars per night. So, this is going to cost him 1,106 Dollars for a good 14 nights stay. This is before taxes to be collected. The golden rule always is to add 15 percent because that is standard in the United States for hotel taxes anywhere. This means 165.90 Dollars to be added to the 1,106 Dollars. 1,271.90 Dollars. Now, add transportation riding in a jeepney and motorcycles or even bus. This would be unknown depending on what. Golden rule is to bring another 500 Dollars for that alone. Oh, do not forget the food. And dinner for taking her out a few times and dinner to take her family out to celebrate engagement or to propose her there. I would recommend 1000 Dollars. Because a good meal cost almost American prices, not the cheap rice for meals that cost one Dollar. Yes, American Dollars go farther than Philippine Pesos or known as PHP. About 30 to 45 Dollars a day. Then add the bride's meal. 60 to 85 Dollars a day. Hence, the 1000 Dollars is necessary.

1 "Mail Order Brides" Still Exist. Is A "Mail Order Marriage" Doomed To Be A Bad Match?

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This does not include entertainment expenses. Oh yes, you want to visit museums, national parks, the beaches. Like in the United States has both state parks and national parks. Bring that at least another 500 Dollars. Now the engagement ring. Since crime is high there, better off give her a good simple diamond solitaire ring in a neighborhood of 500 Dollars.

The total is over 3,700 Dollars for two week stay. Then your captain will say thank you for flying as you get home after a 24 hours total flight.

Now this does not end. Say, he wants to marry her already and the proposal is done. The Bridal visa which is formally called Fiancée Visa. This is American version. Each country has their own version so please check with your home country for further information.

The Fiancée Visa is when both the bride and the groom have already visited and fill out application. They must submit more information about themselves for background check such as if any, divorce papers, death certificates, and if any other papers, such as in the Philippines, papers such as Certification of Clear of Marriage. All are submitted and they will be reviewed. They do have qualification such as in the United States that the man has to sponsor the woman by making at least 15,000 Dollars annually to support her. So, for the case of that Syracusan executive in this example, he can afford her. The U.S. Government will require you to provide bank statements to show proof you can support her. Not only that, provide your IRS tax forms. For any other nations, likely the rules apply similar. The waiting period is one year if you have a lawyer.

Now, when that gentleman who is making good money is likely will hire a lawyer to expedite the process of his application to get an approval. Lawyer fees may vary but in one case cost 5,000 Dollars just for lawyer fees. It is quite expensive. Already totaled the amount from the trip, plus government fees which is unknown plus 15,000 Dollars to sponsor his bride plus 5,000 for an attorney. This means over 30,000 Dollars during first year.

That does not end there. The quick to get married such as simple wedding because of the limitation of time to get married is within 30 days window of opportunity. Therefore, he pays for her wedding dress, likely 99 dollars plus tax from a known wedding dress chain company and a tuxedo rental of about 100 Dollars plus best man suit expenses.

A pastor usually cost 50 to 100 Dollars to wed the couple. Say average is 75 Dollars. Dinner with his family, the bride and himself. If it is very simple close to family. Likely the number would be roughly ten people. Already reserved to a nice restaurant. Say on the Boulevard or on Route 31. Unless you count maybe Route 11 or 57 or on Burnet Ave. This is generation of locations of many restaurants.

Then the cost per dinner reserved, not the ball room. Just dining area. It would cost about 20 Dollars per person for nice dinner with taxes and tips. That amounts to 200 Dollars.

Honeymoon for first night at Carrier Circle region or Seventh North Street area. Say average is 75 Dollars a night per room. Maybe just the couple. This means with tax, 100 Dollars plus some nice wines and gift partings given by the hotel to congratulate. Maybe. If not, wine bottle offered on menu at the hotel could run as 50 Dollars. This does not count the actual honeymoon elsewhere.

Then they will have honeymoon likely on the cruise in the Bahamas. This means with upgrade cabins with balcony, 6000 Dollars. Airfare included and their transportation are provided.

The grand total after spending money spend in the Bahamas shopping or whatever. This means roughly 37,000 Dollars for everything till they get back home at the airport. What an expensive investment! This would be roughly half of his year pay that year. It will be cheaper after their first anniversary.

On another hand, a guy from Syracuse who is cooking some awesome coney hot dogs. But he is making 11 Dollars an hour. Uh oh. He is still living at home with his single mother. He used to play video games at long defunct arcade on Teall Avenue where he loved to play games.

Now, with that much money, no college education. He is quite stuck. He could not find a girlfriend because he is considered a bum working at a local fast food restaurant in Liverpool. That got to be hard.

The women saw him as a geek, a nerd. And not having any money. He is having a hard time. So what can he do? Sure, he may have heard of those gorgeous brides overseas. It is a dream. Far-fetched. He knows with this amount of money. Maybe he is working 25 hours a week. What that going to do? He is making 275 per week before taxes. Maybe 225 after taxes. That would amount to 900 a month. That would amount to equal to Social Security benefits monthly. Then he pays his mother maybe 200 a month. Poor mom. She has to work hard for her 35 years old son still living at home with all of his superhero and comic book characters displayed on the walls and shelves.

He would not qualify to support his bride because he only made 11,000 Dollars a year. 4 thousand Dollars short.

He would also spend so much time on line chatting in chatrooms especially the ladies who are like him: not have a job or working like him- part-time, making minimum wage pay, This is quite common found in many chat rooms and dating sites that also have chatrooms.

Does this happen that they would marry each other? Due to the restraints this gentleman has because of lack of actual career and only working part-time making your favorite coney hot dogs and fries, his opportunity to find a bride is likely severely limited to his social class. Likely end up with someone who is like him on that regard. Not able to have well established marriage with someone because they will both end up living in an apartment, struggling budget-wise. And likely he will marry someone locally because he cannot afford around 37,000 Dollars like that example with the business executive. Therefore, finding a bride overseas will or may not happen.

Rarely can it happen and the author's friend was fortunately to marry a gorgeous Filipina and they both are Deaf. He was living on Social Security and they have met online and married like that. For this case, fortunately for her, she has a degree and is

working. On the advice of the lawyer, she had to apply as work visa. This was during pre-Trump Administration era.

They are still happily married and has a son.

Now the Syracusan who works as a cook making those awesome coney hot dogs, he would have been best advised by his own lawyer if he ever met his foreign bride in a chat room and they fell in love. Likely she would have to apply Work Visa. In the United States, it is nick named as "Green Card" and this routine is best offered for that guy making 11,000 Dollars a year.

This can happen if and when she has a college degree. Many foreigners are working as nurses, caretakers, and teachers and for some, even doctors.

So, if that Syracusan cook is fortunately to marry a Filipina when she applied for Work Visa- that would be great. Still, he would need to see her in the Philippines and he will. He would have to work hard and fly over there. He would have to still pay far less than the budget the executive paid for. Likely no hotel, maybe that cook is a Christian and would either do this way-raise funds to go on a mission trip to the Philippines and his church will pay for it and other Christians will pay by donation or love offering. Praise God. But say, he is not a Christian, his options are bit harder.

He may can stay with the pastor's house or another missionary's house in the Philippines and still be able to see her. He would spend more time there such as maybe a month in length.

Weddings are far cheaper in the Philippines than in the United States. He would marry her there. Already airfare, passport, bringing to 2000 Dollars, meals cheaper at about 10 Dollars a day. 300 Dollars a month for meals. Budget wedding and engagement rings at 300 Dollars. His own black pants or tan pants and bought a 10 Dollars Barong wedding shirt and his bride bought 100 Dollars wedding dress with her own money. Reception very simple. Family of hers cooked and potluck style dinner... maybe in backyard of her parents' home. Zero money spend for the Syracusan cook.

Those are his own expenses, not mentioned to mission expenses. He would give maybe 200 Dollars to the Pastor for staying at his house. A gift but actually to cover expenses such as maid, clothes washing, water, utilities, and transportation.

Without a lawyer, applies a special immigration application for his newly wedded bride to bring her to the States so he can get back to work as a cook or a new restaurant job if his employer refused his request for a month off.

Another choice for the Syracusan because of his Godly love, he would be willing to stay in the Philippines as giving up the American Dream.

Sometimes Americans, Canadians, and Europeans who are well off will retire in countries such as the Philippines because of the economics sense that it is cheaper to live in third world nations than their expensive industrial nations. Retirement benefits are not as much as their income so one the wise would resolve that living in another country would benefit themselves better off.

Here is the comparison of cost of living index between Syracuse, New York, Lakewood Ranch, Florida, and Angeles City, Philippines. This is to give you a general idea of why they would do this.

Syracuse, NY which has one of lowest cost for housing which is at 42 out of 100 on the index in the United States. But the expenses of everything else is over 100 which is unfortunately hurts the score. Nevertheless, Syracuse scored at 82.80 according to Sperling's Best Places on the internet. This is very good for Syracusans despite the infamous snow amounts which is one of highest in nation according to Golden Snow Globe, a website dedicated to the amount of snow annually. In 2017, Syracuse won the most snow.

Now, compare to Lakewood Ranch in Florida which is a retirement haven. The cost of living is higher. 102.50. That is just 2.50 higher than national average. What is wrong here? The retired people could not afford that. Only very successful people can afford to live there. It is very modern, clean, gated communities with the golf courses, and yes, nature share with the residents. And that is alligators, and the pelicans, and other

amazing animals roaming in the neighborhood. Syracuse has deer, and even rare, bears.

Now, on another site, it explains the cost of living in Angeles City, Luzon, Philippines compared to Syracuse, NY. It is far cheaper. They did not have an index score. Likely about 58 percent average after determined how much percent cheaper on each category. To determined that amount cheaper with 82.80 of the score for Syracuse, you would get about 45.0 score. So, to an average Syracusan who researched this wanting to retire will say the Philippines is better choice to live than Lakewood Ranch/Bradenton. No offense, Lakewood Ranch/Bradenton!

But the safety or the distance are the factors for the snowbirds in Syracuse, NY would prefer Florida than the Philippines. Yes, there are other countries they can consider to live like in Costa Rica which can be cheaper for airfare but cost of living may be little different. In 1990's, it was far cheaper to live there than in recent times thanks to the overflowing of expats and vacationers/holiday travelers in Costa Rica. It would be a little higher cost to live in Costa Rica than in the Philippines because of the distance between Costa Rica and North America and Europe who can afford to fly and the distance they go for.

If money is the issue for the retiree, then the Philippines is the choice however, have to consider the airfare. That is a huge difference. Consider 2,000 Dollars compared to 314 Dollars on January 31, 2018 and back in a month later (As of June 30, 2017, Cheaptickets.com). To San Jose, Costa Rica, same site, and dates on same day of research- 529 Dollars.

They are called Ex-pats. In the Philippines, some foreign people are called afam. A gay lingo means A Foreigner Assigned in Manila. But properly call them Ex-pats.

Many foreign men would be willing to live in his bride's country for the sake of the bride's need to be with her family. Of course, there are women who are in desire need to relocate to United States because of the Green Card so she can work here. Yes, the American Dollar goes far however, it is most difficult to get in the country because of

strict rules and even got strict because of the abuses and the 9/11 situation. Even with President Trump, it makes it harder to get in the country.

So, the alternative choice is the groom can live in her country. She will be thrilled with that because she can stay with her family but also has financial security from her husband.

Now, to compare with the two Syracusans, they would be willing to live in the Philippines or another country wherever she is from. However, the cook would not make that much successful in the Philippines because of the great unemployment situation in that country that people are literally moved out of the Philippines for employment. The majority have gone to the Middle East and Asia. The females tend to be a caretaker as the men construction workers. But not always. The reason they go those regions is because laws are more lax in those countries in the regions but bridal visa is option for the NATO region-North America, and Europe.

This prompt that more developed countries are more modern and have strict regulations and laws than in the United States.

There is third option for brides wanting to get in is to allow the groom to marry at her country and then apply for special immigration visa form. The easy part said to be that the cost to get married is cheaper there and easiest but may have some complications when applying to bring her.

There was a case that there is an error that it is not good. This couple did get married in the Philippines but the husband is in the United States because of an error in their application and there is a long process. Perhaps they did not have an attorney. It is advisable to have an attorney than not for the sake of time and the agony of not seeing each other which can lead to infighting or the hope for a reconciliation is shrinking. Only that the husband will have to fly over often. The best bet are first two choices: Work Visa and Bridal Visa.

Now the Syracusan who is a cook would have to explain to his bride to apply for a Green Card (work visa). He would lay off the sponsorship for his bride and let her

employer in the United States to let her in. Maybe a favor. Who knows? This can work. Then when she comes in, then get married.

The executive would apply for a bridal visa but the cook advised her to use work visa application to come to the country.

Chapter Three: The Bride's View.

As described in last two paragraph, the view here is this: she thinks you are wealthy. That is the norm in aspect that there is American influence in the past three hundred years. This is rather may be an understatement but this is the normal school of thought that was misinterpreted thanks to Hollywood movies and television stories. You see

police officers driving expensive cars which is not true and for some, winning lottery means instant wealthy. All in the movies.

There is another view-news and social media that they think you are wealthy. You have nicer more modern automobile than their counterparts in their native country. Nicer homes without much broken-window effect. Nice siding, modern looking, nice and cleaner neighborhood. Every one of them have cars in more suburb area than in the city. In the city, depends on where, there are no shanty houses in the United States. They outlawed that in the United States as World War Two began in 1939 in Europe. However shantytowns are making comeback in the Lower 48 States as they are called-sandwiched between Mexico and Canada.

Even in the Puerto Rico had a huge problem with this tin metal town in 1970's and the hurricane in 2017 destroyed the island territory. That is a territory of the United States. There are a growing number of homeless people since the Great Recession of 2008 which effected everyone since the Great Depression. The similarity between the two is acknowledged with the situation regarding jobs, real estate cost skyrocketed twice at the start of economic downturn. United States, like any other countries even in the Middle East DO experience Depressions and Recessions and will experience the Great Tribulation. Liberal Media will call it "Greater Depression." That would be closely correct.

Therefore, Western nations including United States, Canada, South Korea, European countries, United Kingdom, even China and Middle East are not economically proof. In the Bible, Egypt experienced twice in Old Testament. First was During global seven-years "Dust Bowl" during the time of Joseph who was the "Agriculture Administrator" period of time when his brothers came back (Genesis 41) and the Great Exodus at the time of Moses (especially Exodus 11:2; Exodus).

No one is immune economically or financially. Lottery winners have strangely disappeared, died, or killed usually after they win millions of Dollars. Then there are people who are famous went bankrupt even they made Millions starring in movies or in sports. It is their lack of wise money management or their employees such as an agent or business manager stole and spend a lot of money. So, therefore, no one is immune.

Others get faced with audits from the Internal Revenue Services or their country's revenues departments. Then there others went into crimes such as tax evasions and usually cost them more than being honest to pay their taxes.

Many wealthy people do bankrupt and file bankruptcies. Yes, there are wealthy people forcing off to sell their famous objects such as movie props, important papers they worked on, their businesses, homes, cars, and yes, even the loss of their spouses because they themselves do not want to live in poor lifestyle.

In the United States, there are increasing more casinos and many people do bankrupt after they gambled their lives away. Yes, lives. According to a source who worked in a casino said that this Native American Casino do receive deeds to gamblers' homes, businesses, cars, assets, anything you can think of. Why you think they boomed so large adding golf courses, RV park, expanded their casino, hotels, gas stations, and numerous of night clubs? All because of the gambling gamblers gave away.

Yes, unfortunately many foreign brides are leechers or many call them, "Gold Diggers." It may be vulgar term but sadly, it is true. This is because they wanted to come to the United States just for employment and for easy access to the country for better life.

However, not all brides are like that. Many are willing to love a man who has more sense of responsibility. In Russia, the men are usually abusive in relationship and their alcoholism. In the Philippines, the men are unemployed and they could not provide and usually leave the family even still married. You need to understand the marriage laws in the Philippines which forbad divorces. Only option is separation or annulment.

Other countries have other purposes such as to escape war-torn regions or easily crossed over the border to seek for better life illegally. That would also be a concern. There are no solid evidence of any illegals entered the country and married an American to stay in America. This would be pretty much underground and not surfaced for any legal status. If so, then any illegals married Americans and stay underground this way or fraudulently make fake licenses and passport and uses fake birth certificate for marriage licenses which are required.

This is possible that they do this way. It is unknown because it is usually hidden. It is complicated law when researched for this. Best answer is to consult a lawyer who by all means can explain clearly verbally. It is legally to marry an American if you are an illegal immigrant. So, a female wanting to cross the border or overseas by ship, and marries an American, can do so by applying for a 601A Wavier. That is the form they need to fill out and perfectly legal. This law on April 30, 2001, section 245(i) of the *Immigration Act* was expunged. That section explained that undocumented immigrants had to remain undocumented —even if they were married to a legal US citizen. This was under President George W. Bush. Ironically, that was less than five months before the infamous history-the 9/11.

But in March 2013, 601A Waivers emerged under a different president who was very liberal. This is only when that illegal "alien" or immigrant is unable to gain a green card legally in the United States due to extreme hardship to their U.S. Citizen Spouse.

There are Factors that are various reason:

- Their family connections, both legally and illegally in the United States of the US
 Citizen Spouse
- Declining Health or disability of the US Citizen Spouse.
- Length of residence in the United States of the US Citizen Spouse/US born US Citizen Spouse.
- Political and Economic Conditions in the county to which the Illegal would be returned.
- Couple's business/economic status in decline or unable to recover such as debts, and credit history. Also employment status which the US Citizen Spouse is layoff or early retirement.
- Expansion of family such as childbirths which affected their economic status.
- Illegal's immigration and likely background including criminal history.

Therefore, it is legally. It may change again under President Trump but we will see. For now, it is legally for the woman to enter the country. If you harbor an illegal foreigner who is a criminal, you may will and can be criminally charged for harboring a fugitive. So, the best measurement of wisdom is to actually do a background check on her since you do not know her that well when you are marrying a foreigner. You may have seen her at least a week once and came back and applied and by the time she come here, you have had a total of seven days of seeing her out of 365 Days or more since you last arrived there. Add another 365 days before your visit as well. You are talking about 730 days of having a relationship with her and only 7 days to see her. This means much less knowledgeable of her compared to someone you met in your town say... At a church or your work employment.

Your odds are better off getting to know her is in person than chatting through your computer monitor or your cell phones.

Now, as you know, the 601A Waiver helps but here is the trick. The foreigner has to depart to go back to her own country to be interviewed at the U.S. Embassy IF she cannot be qualified to get a green card while in the United States. Say, she is from Russia, she has to go back to Russia if she failed and be interviewed at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

If she came here illegally because of political asylum, she has to go through that routine first before marrying otherwise, she can be deported if not properly but by international law, she has to say she is seeking political asylum and do so.

The border crosser or undocumented immigrant must leave the US to obtain an immigrant visa abroad when ineligible to apply for a green card in the US.

Now, if any illegal person in the United States spend over six months here will be subject to deport and closes the door on that person for three years but if she had spent more than a year in the United States illegally, she will have to be banned from reentry for ten long years. If that the case, the husband will more than likely will want to relocate to her country. However, if he does not want to, they will have to wait three or ten or so years before she can come here. If they want to have children, they should

have considered the consequences of coming here illegally. Should have gone by the laws and regulations.

Marrying Your Bride.

So, the bride will need to be here legally. Either apply for work visa or bridal visa. If her work visa was denied as I recalled a few have, they have no choice to do the first one and focus on bridal visa as only means.

Most of the time they do not know about the third choice- the groom can come over and marry her and live there. Also there is the fourth choice- marry her overseas and live there then when ready, the husband apply for her immigration visa. Let's see the three main choices that you will determined which best option is for you when it comes to your bride.

The choices are:

- 1. Get married overseas/cross border and apply for an immigrant visa to enter the U.S as a lawful permanent resident. It did not say what kind but next two does.
- 2. **Nonimmigrant (K-3) Visa:** Get married overseas and obtaining a visa to enter the U.S. and then applying to adjust status to become a permanent resident.
- Nonimmigrant (K-1) Visa: Apply to enter the U.S. as a fiancé, then getting married and applying to adjust status to become a permanent resident. This is properly called, "Fiancé Visa"

Getting Married Overseas: Choice of Two Visa Options

When you both planned to get married in her native country where she lives, there are two choices you can do.

- 1. Your spouse will still resides outside of the United States until an immigrant visa is issued and she can come over.
- 2. You have another choice- apply for a K-3 nonimmigrant which is a temporary visa which allows her to come to the United States while the main visa petition is

being processed. It allowed for her to be with you while waiting for a permanent visa is approved. This allows your spouse to complete her application within the United States without having to return back to her native country for any further interviews or process of application.

In either cases explained above, first of all, you need to submit a Form I-130 called, Petition for Alien Relative to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Applying for a Visa From Outside the United States:

When your spouse applies for a visa at the approval of I-130 petition, the case will then be transferred to National Visa Center (NVC) which will issue a packet of forms and instructions. This is the second stage of forms you need to fill out.

Your spouse will complete some required documents, pay fees, have a medical examination, and be fingerprinted for a criminal background check. You will need to submit an Affidavit of Support proving that your income is sufficient to keep your spouse off public assistance. Typically at least 15,000 Dollars or more.

After all background check is cleared from both spouses, the NVC will send the case to the appropriate U.S. consulate/ embassy at her country. Your spouse will be notified to appear for a visa interview. This is the main case that the bride has an appointment with the staff at the U.S. embassy at her country. This is the critical interview that both of you need to pass. Do not be surprised if they asked very personal questions. "What is her pet-peeves?" "What does he likes?" They want to know how much you know each other. Right down to the details.

Upon completing the interview, your spouse may be issued an immigrant visa. It may not approve at the very minute of your interview conclusion. It may be any day. You can, if you wish, accompany your spouse to this interview, but you cannot bring an attorney. With the immigrant visa, your spouse can enter the U.S. as a permanent resident.

Applying for a K-3 Nonimmigrant Visa Outside the United States

If you marry outside the U.S. but want to do most of the processing for the green card inside the U.S., you may wish to use a K-3 visa. After you file Form I-130 with USCIS and get your receipt notice, you will send another petition to USCIS, on Form I-29F. (It's the application for a fiancé visa, but don't be confused -- what you're applying for is a hybrid of the fiancé and marriage-based visa.) Once the I-129F is approved, USCIS sends word to the NVC, and your spouse completes some paperwork, pays fees, and attends an interview for a K-3 visa at the U.S. consulate or embassy abroad. The consulate must be in the same country as you got married.

Upon approval, your spouse can enter the U.S., at which time he or she should immediately file an application for adjustment of status. This requires filing Form I-485 and other relevant forms and documents, including a medical exam and an Affidavit of Support proving that your income is sufficient to keep your spouse off public assistance, with USCIS.

Your spouse will be called in for fingerprinting shortly thereafter, and have to pass a background check. Next, your spouse will receive an interview notice. You and your spouse will be able to attend the adjustment interview together, at a USCIS office, with an attorney present if you wish. Your spouse's permanent residence may be granted at that interview or shortly thereafter.

Bringing a Fiancée to the U.S.

The K-1 nonimmigrant visa permits the foreign citizen to enter the U.S. specifically for the purpose of marriage, with the option of applying to adjust status in the U.S. after the marriage. In order to qualify for the K-1 visa:

- 1. The foreign fiancée and the U.S. citizen petitioner must have met in person within the past two years (with few exceptions), and
- 2. You must marry your fiancée within 90 days of the visa issuance.

For more information on the basic qualifications for a fiancée visa, see "Who Is Eligible for a Fiancée Visa."

To start the application process, you would need to submit Form I-129F to USCIS. After that is approved, the case will be forwarded to the NVC, which will send your fiancée a packet of forms and instructions. Upon completing and submitting those, your fiancée will be called for an interview at the U.S. consulate or embassy nearest to where he or she lives. Assuming that goes well, your fiancée will receive a K-1 visa. Because the K-1 visa does not lead directly to permanent residence, fewer questions are asked than with an immigrant visa.

After entering the U.S. and marrying within the 90 days allotted, your spouse must then submit an application to adjust status with USCIS. As described above, that will require not only submitting forms and documents, but taking a medical exam and passing a background check and attending an interview.

Can I Get a Green Card for My Spouse's or Fiance's Children?

Your stepchildren (your spouse or fiancé's minor, unmarried children) may be permitted to immigrate with the parent. However, the eligibility rules and procedural requirements that apply to each category differ and warrant thorough consideration.

Children of Spouse Who Will Receive an Immigrant Visa.

If your marriage took place when your spouse's children were under 18, then they qualify as your stepchildren, and can immigrate along with your spouse as long as they are unmarried and under age 21 when you file the Form I-130 visa petitions. You will need to file a separate Form I-130 for each child, and each will submit a separate visa application. Under the Child Status Protection Act, their ability to obtain an immigrant visa will not be affected by them turning 21 after the visa petition has been filed -- but they must not marry before obtaining the visa.

Children of a K-1 Fiancé

The minor, unmarried children of your K-1 fiancé can enter the U.S. on K-2 visas if they remain unmarried and under age 21 through the day they enter the United States. They can also adjust status to permanent resident status along with your new spouse providing that the Form I-485 application and related forms are filed before each child reaches age 21. (Note that unlike children applying on an immigrant visa, it doesn't matter how old they were when the marriage took place.) If the adjustment of status application is not filed before a child's 21st birthday, however, the child becomes ineligible to adjust as a derivative of the spouse.

Children of a K-3 Spouse

The minor, unmarried child of a K-3 spouse may be granted K-4 status to enter the United States and attend the wedding. However, USCIS does not provide the same derivative benefits as with the K-2 visa; a K-4 beneficiary risks "aging-out" (losing eligibility for the green card) if he or she turns 21 before adjustment of status takes place. In addition, if the K-4 applicant is not the biological child of the U.S. citizen, but a stepchild, the qualifying marriage must have occurred before the child turns 18 instead of 21. For these reasons, if you haven't yet married, the fiancé visa may be the safest way to ensure that an older child is permitted to obtain permanent residency.

Whether an Attorney Can Be Present

Many people prefer to have an attorney's help with applying for a green card. While the attorney can attend the interview if your spouse adjusts status in the U.S., attorneys do not ordinarily accompany people to visa interviews at a U.S. consulate, except at the discretion of the particular U.S. consulate or embassy. (Having an attorney travel to the consulate could be expensive for you to arrange, too.) If you prefer an attorney to be present at the green card interview -- particularly if your case presents any complications, such as difficulty proving sufficient income -- the K-1 or K-3 visa may be preferable.

Spouse is Denied a Visa / Green Card, is there any Appeal?

If your spouse is denied a visa during consular processing, there is **no** appeal process. An advisory opinion can be requested through the Secretary of State at the U.S. Department of State in Washington DC; however, even if a favorable advisory opinion is issued, it is not binding on the consular officer. By contrast, you can appeal a USCIS decision on an adjustment of status application in the U.S. with the DHS Administrative Appeals Unit (AAU). Again, for this reason, the K-1 and K-3 petitions are often the preferred method of immigrating.

The K-3 visa was designed specifically because of delays in the immigrant visa process, to at least get applicants into the United States more quickly. However, no one visa choice is always faster. The speed depends on how backed up the relevant USCIS office or the consulate in your fiancée/spouse's home country is at the time you apply. If speed is important to you, ask an attorney for the latest information and an analysis of your options.

Two-Year Testing Period for Young Marriages

Note that, regardless of which type of visa you choose, getting a green card through marriage may lead to one of two results in the short term. Your spouse will receive either permanent residence or conditional residence (which expires after two years unless renewed), depending on the length of the marriage. If the marriage is less than two years old at the time your spouse enters the U.S. on an immigrant visa or adjusts status, he or she will receive conditional residence. For more information on this topic, see our article on managing conditional resident status.

If You Need Legal Advice

Always seek for legal advice for any best method depends on both of you. If you know you have something that may affect you, a lawyer can help but also a lawyer can give you best routine for your money, your time, and your needs. For example, like that Syracusan cook, his pay is not good so therefore, if his bride already earned a degree, the attorney will give best advice-to go for Work visa, not bridal visa. A real life case

this occurred and this is best way and he got his new bride when she came to the United States. They are happily married and have a son.

Since I am just an author, not an attorney, <u>always</u> seek for legal advice. This book is to give you general idea what you need to be prepared. Like the Scouts motto. Therefore, be ready.

Chapter Four: What to Bring and Beyond.

It is all depends on which country the bride is. As for the Philippines, there is one thing differ than most countries is that you are required to submit a Certificate of No Marriage (CNM). Since you are a foreigner, there is no such form for you to bring so you will need to seek your own embassy in Manila or even in Cebu if any, and ask the staff at the embassy that you are applying for the Affidavit in Lieu of a Certificate of Legal

Capacity to Marry; Certificate of No Marriage. You show your forms you bring over with you, the divorced papers if any, death certificate if any, and show the staff along with your birth certificate and passport, of course, and file form there and they will provide you the Certificate of No Marriage and then you can go with your bride to the city hall where the bride lives.

When you do, you are applying for marriage license. It does not mean easy way into another country because you got married. For a country like United States, you still have to apply to bring her here and still have to do the forms the same idea if you applied for her to come to the United States to marry. Different forms but still same waiting period. So, this is something you have to think about.

Some countries requires you attend seminars or marriage classes. Some even requires sexual disease testing. Even for Sickle Cell Anemia (New York State for Blacks and Hispanics only). Others may have hereditary illnesses that needed to be prevented.

Since there are 225 nations, you will need to do research yourself to see if they have any qualifications, requirements, and the like needed to process prior your wedding day. If your bride knows, that would be helpful and ask for websites in her country for rules that apply. Even right down to the town or city that may differ than the whole country.

It is advisable to request for more than 30 days stay depending on which country that allows easy stay longer. This way, the pressure for you to arrive, receive the certificate from your embassy in the main city or capital of the country, then meet her family wherever they live, and then propose to her. Then the real work begin, go to the city hall, then if any, and go to seminars.

But also at same time, plan your wedding. Make it simple. Most foreign brides prefer simple, not fancy for the sake of their lifestyle that they are simple. Simple women prefer simplicity yet, beautiful weddings. Most of all, they cannot afford weddings themselves while both of you planning. The simplicity is similar in the United States of America when you have your bride come over to wed you and because of the limitation of time when approval, you both have to get married quickly. Sorry, but it is necessity therefore you have to have very simple wedding, period.

Others are very materialistic because they expect you are wealthy and pay for it or you are willing to pay for it. Remember that foreign brides think you are wealthy in their eyes. You need to be honest upfront you are not wealthy and poor. You have to "fix" the "painting" so that the foreign brides will paint a different picture about your native country (such as United States, Canada, or Europe in this example).

The List You Need to Bring:

Of course, you need to bring your documents and your money both in cash and credit cards and/or traveler's checks. You will see some quite familiar needs on the list that you would know you need to have but some surprising as well.

- **1. Passport.** Be able to travel!
- **2. Round Trip airfare tickets** (except if you are living in a country near the border and she is just cross the border. Ie- Living in say, Ithaca, NY and you can drive 2.5 to 3 hours to Canada, say she lives in Hamilton, Ontario. In that case, your car.
- **3. Your birth certificate.** This is necessary to show the city hall you are marrying in her town just the same you are in your town/city.
- **4. Your other identifications.** Such as Driver's license. You will need that depending on where and they will want another identification such as applying at the U.S. Embassy when necessary along with your passport. Such as enhanced ID to use when you enter Canada for example. But also you will need it to drive in her country if you are going to rent a vehicle. But to drive, you must obtain your International Driver's License which is available at AAA or your closest automobile association. If you do not know, ask your motor vehicle office nearest you.
- **5. Your personal documents.** Such as divorce license/decree or your spouse's death certificate. They are required at all countries including your own country. Say you are going to get married in Vegas, Nevada, you will still need those papers if you want an Elvis impersonator to wed you and your next bride. Even in your hometown if you are going to marry her in the United States or your native country other than her native country.

- **6. Currency.** You need to bring your cash, traveler's checks, and credit cards for your awesome trip of a lifetime. Hotels, taxi, automobile rentals, marriage license fees, Embassy fees if necessary, and if you are going to marry in her country, besides marriage license fees, you also have to pay fees for becoming a dual citizenship or if you desire to quit your citizenship, pay exit fee. But if you are going to marry in your native country, you still need to pay for your trip! Not only that, buy her a ring there, engagement dinner, reception, wedding, attire rental such as tuxedo or purchase her native country traditional attire so if you want to dress in her country's style as part of a theme, wedding reception, and more. Dinners, grocery shopping, dowry to her parents, and more.
- 7. Your medical records. Yes, some country may requires you to release your HIPPA if you are an American or your medical records if you are from another country. This is to prevent any sexual diseases spreading. Or even hereditary diseases that may can cause health problems. In Australia, they are very strict on health and they only want the healthiest people to live there so they can keep their universal healthcare to a minimum. In Cuba, they isolated all HIV-positive victims to a hospital which they treat them like they have TB. So, be sure you are healthy before you travel. Travel can even cause illnesses. There were stories people died of heart attacks on the plane including a famous actress. Say from Syracuse, NY, you have 24 to 30 hours flight depending on what airline and what city you want to fly to transfer to. This can cause your sleep pattern messed up, fatigue, and exhaustion.

And finally...

8. Visa application for your bride. This is sometimes needed to bring printouts for her if she has no printer and for your bride to fill out after you depart so it can be properly dated on to apply to wed. There was a story one who went to meet his bride in the Philippines from Syracuse, NY and then the very next day after he arrived back to Syracuse, they applied Fiancée Visa and they got approval in a few short months and they got married in Syracuse. Likely he brought her the printouts of the application so it can be done quicker likely together but was mailed after he went home. Ask for legal advice on this regard.

Compare to just a local wedding you met someone in person. All you need is your birth certificate, your driver's license, maybe an electric bill or water bill to show you are living in that same residency, money to pay for license fee and your wedding and honeymoon. That is it. If some states or country requires more. Usually it is your health exam for sexual and hereditary illnesses. That is merely 4 to 5 steps opposing to 8 steps for foreign bride. The time period is just 3 days from applying to your wedding if locally compared to bringing your bride to the US which can take about a year to a year and half from the day you depart your city to her country to the day she arrived in your home city to marry.

Here is the comparative chart on how you plan to get married depending on whom you met. And the cost and period of time. Green indicate best/Yellow cautious and Red no good unless specific reasons no colors.

<u>Specifics</u>	Local Bride	Bride cross country	Foreign Bride
Advantage of	Easiest of all; in	Half-half depends on	Hardest-internet
seeing her	person.	how.	(unless met her in
			person first!)
Calling her	Easiest-free	Long distance calls -	Long distance calls -
	local calls.	costs	costs
Local Marriage	Required	Required	Required
license			
Airfare	NONE	Yes if out of state/town	Yes, required.
Hospitality	NONE	Yes	Yes
(Hotel, place to			
stay) even			
staying with			
pastor of her			

town.			
Visa for trip	NONE	NONE	Yes
Fiancee Visa	NONE	NONE	Yes, expensive
Officiant fee (to	Yes	Yes	Yes
wed you both)			
Attorney, for	Yes, not too	Yes, not too	Yes, not too expensive.
pre-nup	expensive.	expensive.	
agreements			
Attorney for	NONE	NONE	Yes, expensive
visa purposes			
Dowry	NONE(if non-	NONE(if non-tradition	Yes, most countries still
	tradition in the	in the US)	have traditions and
	US)		some religions/faith as
			well still practices
			dowry. Research!
Cost of	Depends due to	Depends due to size,	Depends due to size,
Wedding	size, location,	location, etc.	location, etc.
	etc.		
Cost of	Depends due to	Depends due to size,	Depends due to size,
Honeymoon	size, location,	location, etc.	location, etc.
	etc.		
Airfare for	NONE	Depends if she wants	Necessary to pay for
bride.		to pay or not.	her to fly to the US.
Waiting period	1 - 3 days	1 - 3 days depends	Longer if you marry in
to get approval	depends on	on state.	her country but to marry
of license.	state.		in US, Much longer.

Interviews.	NONE	NONE	Yes
Requirement of	NONE (but best	NONE (but best you	Yes. Required to
income.	you need a job!)	need a job!)	sponsor her no matter
			what visa!
Easement of	Depends on	Hard unless you	Hardest. Depends on
brining her	custody with	relocate to her town so	age and government
children into	her children's	she can have fair	regulations and
the new family.	father set by the	custody rights with her	separate visa
	court. Easiest	children's father.	application process,
	due their father		extra cost, etc.
	being local.		
Her employment	Easiest.	Easiest if you are	Hardest of all. Visa
status.		relocating. Harder if	process, discrimination,
		she relocates unless	her being a foreigner.
		she give up	Education requirements
		employment to be full-	may differ than in own
		time housemother/wife.	state education
			requirement and state
			licensure for
			employment.

The Risks.

As you can see what are the risks. Now the downfalls of marriage with a foreign bride. There are issues for everything of course. The downfall is this: divorce. Many foreign women do want to marry but will divorce just to get into the country. That is some statements in the media. There are myths that many brides come over just to be a gold digging green-card hungry women. Yes, marriages are ways of coming into a country that is very strict on having people coming overseas. United States is very strict on this

regard and marriage is one way to do it. However, this is a myth. Yes, many women do want to come to United States to have better life but they know that American men do listen, do like the old fashioned women, and good Christian upbringing than the American women do. That is the reality.

There was a study on Wikipedia once but it was removed according to a website. And from my understanding online, the actual result is this. Here is the quote from the The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Study gave a result-

"...marriages arranged through [mail order bride] services would appear to have a lower divorce rate than the nation as a whole, **fully 80 percent** of these marriages having lasted over the years for which reports are available." The report also states that "... mail-order bride and e-mail correspondence services result in 4,000 to 6,000 marriages between U.S. men and foreign brides each year."

80 percent! Compared to American women marriage with American men, the divorce rate is "50" percent. That is another misconception about the 50 percent. It is hard to measure what is 50 percent of marriages. Too many people married and too many divorced so you the measurement is more difficult this way. But the marriages between foreign brides and American men survived better. Two more studies gave the agreeing results that 80 percent of marriages succeed. The study from Switzerland was one of the two other and the other is Center for Immigrant Studies but that center has a very old online article from 1997. However, let's be educated here for a moment that it is still the same today.

The reasons for this: foreign brides do listen and obey the husbands like the American women used to before the women revolted in early 20th Century for equalization. The foreign brides finds American men who are much happier with them than their ex-American wives or former American girlfriends.

Another possibility is that the foreign brides understood the risks of deportation if divorced in early marriage and/or know they are home-sick and complaining will force themselves to be send home by their husbands. Living in well-established modern

country like United States, Canada, and Europe are attractive and comfortable because of the availability of washing machines for clothes and for dishes, dryers, showers, bathtubs, Jacuzzi, swimming pools, automobiles, cable TV/streaming, computers, cell phones, kitchen appliances, and automobiles. Foreign brides never had most of those luxury items. I spoke with one foreign bride interviewing and she has no stove. They had to cook similar to what you would cook under hot candle at a campground camping. Or in the woods. Very poor. She needed escape from that poverty. Likely wants a ticket out by marriage. And dangerous place where she lives.

Another foreign bride I interviewed was in fact poorer. Her friend was the one who had to be talking to because she has no education and no English skills. Has a baby though. And her home as I can see has NO walls. Just a shelter-like with counters, and 2 more I think has to be their "beds" No mattress, some half-walls, no windows, and all basic rudimentary appearance of her home with just palm leaves for her roof. Dirt floor. And she needs a husband to take care of them financially.

There are women who are leechers of course. They want money. Another female wanted to come in the States easily asked for money to be wired to them. Actually a few have. Most dating sites if not, all of them states never ever send or wire money to the women since they could be scammers.

Some women are innocent and their husbands were murders. That is a fact. Many women were even kidnapped or lured into by "agents" to marry Chinese men, South Korean men, and other Asian men. Some in tunes of hundreds of thousands of dollars just for one bride. No, the bride does not get the money, the "agents" get those money themselves. That is human trafficking.

A Filipina woman who married a South Korean man was murdered and was on the news in the Philippines and in South Korea but the Philippines government could not arrest him. Something about international law and stuff.

Yes, murder occurred in the United States. A man from State of Washington married a Russian woman but she wanted out of marriage because she was not interested in him

but he wanted her because he loved that Russian look on a woman. He and someone murdered her. Both are serving in prison.

Another murderer occurred that he would date or marry foreign brides from other countries or even foreign women already living in the United States and murder them. He is serving in prison.

Ironically, murders like those guys prompted a few laws- Two for the United States and another in the Philippines. They are International Marriage Broker Regulation Act of 2005 (IMBRA) and Congress in October 2000, the Violence Against Women Act for the United States and for the Philippines- Republic Act 6955 of the Philippines, commonly known as the Anti Mail-Order-Bride Law.

The IMBRA and the Anti Mail-Order Bride Law are aimed mostly against agencies for fraud, to protect women in the Philippines and protect men in the United States from being hurt for marrying wrong women, or as result getting scammers. One woman seen on a TV program that was aired on TV and on streaming that she was really pregnant and was with another man and this groom choose her and was falling in love. He cried on the show and returned home empty. This program was likely in mid-2010s but I am not sure now how he is. I believe he has a daughter from previous marriage and he is from United Kingdom (England). Therefore, he left her country all broken for a while. This was through a dating website.

The red flag began when her mother was asking him for money to be send per month but he felt this is not right and really exposed her that she was pregnant and all. Clearly a scammer.

Gentlemen, never ever send women money. Ever. Until you see she is for real, you do not send at all. Meaning never ever till the day you marry her. Then you both share. But always keep your bank account separate from her. Always because you never know you would be scammed.

Yes, I am sure those twenty percent of divorced marriages failed because she was scamming or leeching her husband for money. Funny how women change once married. Believe me, I know. I have seen this happened.

Matchmaking Dating Scams.

There are matchmaking dating scams that they are "matchmaking mail-order bride services." The women are innocent but some are scammers too. Scamming agencies themselves usually charge so much money and/or make you buy the brides' email address, cell phone numbers, and addresses which may be out of existence. For example, say, a bride signed up in January 2017 and it is already April 2018, she may already have been chosen or quit or even God-forbid, death say, in October 2017 and the pictures and her details are still on the agency's list and you buy it in April 2018, you would never hear from her ever or she will kindly response to you that she is already married to someone else. You would blame the services.

Another thing, the agency would be a fraud when they do steal your money and the list is a fake with just models' pictures. Many of those agencies have women dress and pose so sexy compared to selfies on a non-matchmaking sites. Try to compare them and you will see the difference of how they appear. A matchmaking site would offer photos of highly sexy women compared to non-matchmaking dating sites.

Also the wordings from the women on matchmaking sites are not hers but of the management themselves. Why? They "translated" for you.

Yes, they even have translators and you would have to mail to them to translate letters so the women can read and vice versa when you get the letters from the women through the agency.

If you met someone on a regular online chat room or dating site that is not a match-making, you would then be well pleased that you talk directly and know how they talk. In fact, they would be kindly teach you her language. Now I know how to say in several languages the words, "I love you" in French, Italian, Spanish, Tagalog and Visyan (both are Philippine) and Swahili (African).

Now there is a new law just passed recently regarding about sexual scammers including sex trafficking. On March 21, 2018, the US Senate passed Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act, or SESTA and the US House (Congress) passed Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act in the Communications Decency Act (CDA

230). The bills was passed to ban such advertisements in social media, classified ads online, and even dating websites. Not even a discussion online. Curtail Freedom of Speech but it is not. It is curtail moral sin. It IS a sin.

This method is to crack down online sex trafficking, not in person. This will bring back the old street method. No more web girls, no more online pornography, etc.

This is to crack down on immortality that men and even women are exploiting sexuality and online dating.

Biblically view on sexual immortality.

Yes, the Holy Bible has details regarding sexual immortality such as committing adultery in heart in Matthew 5:28.

Matthew 5:28--

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Jesus spoke that because God can see in your heart. God knows you because God created you. And you need to know what you are doing. Finding a bride is great and you need that if you cannot control. Your body does not belong to you but to God's and when you are a Christian, you should know better not to fool around.

1 Corinthians 6:15-2---

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

- **16** What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.
- **17** But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.
- **18** Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
- **19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
- **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Therefore, you need a true Christian woman, not a harlot. A harlot is a prostitute. It also can be a cheap woman. Yes, a cheap woman who is not a Christian and not saved. Maybe she loves to fool around a lot and you are tempted by a woman like that and have sex. Same in modern ways- web cams girls, pornographic videos, and more. You need to focus on God. Not women. Satan knows mankind's most weakness-females. It began with Adam as said in Genesis chapter 2 and 3. Then there were others in Biblical history including David, Samson, and Solomon. You can see the price they paid for. Adam turned to dust, Samson blinded and not obeying God. David lost his first born and his blessing to have a temple. Solomon-the ironically that Solomon was the son of David and his affair-Bathsheba. Born after Solomon's brother passed away before Solomon was born. Like father, like son. Solomon's faith faded because of his wives were not of God's. In another word, they worshipped idols and witchcrafts.

See what they paid with? Only Jesus Christ has his perfect bride-the Bride of Christ which is the true Believers. Now, as you can see, only price Christ died was to take our sins and then threw all that in the Fire forever and then Jesus Christ rose from the Dead because of his perfection that He is God and he went to be with the Father and the Holy Ghost in Heaven. He will return for His Bride of the New Testament.

You will need to read, "**Are You Sure**" book that I wrote for more in-depth details regarding finding your bride. This book deals with finding a foreign bride which is more specific what you need to look for because of their faiths. Depends on their backgrounds and how faithful they are.

Now, the marriage chapter-1 Corinthians chapter 7. It is a pick up where 1 Corinthians chapter 6, verse 15 to 20 left off.

1 Corinthians 7 --

7 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

6 But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment.

7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I.

9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

- And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:
- But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.
- **12** But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.
- **13** And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.
- For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.
- But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.
- **16** For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?
- **17** But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.
- Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.
- Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.
- Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

- **21** Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather.
- **22** For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant.
- 23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.
- **24** Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.
- 25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.
- **26** I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be.
- **27** Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.
- **28** But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.
- **29** But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;
- **30** And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;
- **31** And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

- **32** But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:
- **33** But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.
- **34** There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.
- **35** And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.
- **36** But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.
- **37** Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.
- **38** So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.
- **39** The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.
- **40** But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

Now, you see you are not supposed to touch a woman! It means not to kiss, hug, and all. Because that is what Satan wants you to do! You need to focus on God. Again, the book, "Are You Sure" is excellent on this regard and you need to build your Foundation, see "Foundation of Cs in Relationship and Marriage Volume 1 and 2."

Women online today can be very tempting. Here is what you need to be aware of.

Like I said a few pages ago, matchmaking agencies have translators. Actually they would have translators read your letters and write. It is not the woman. You are actually talking with translators! Not women. Big mistake. Perhaps this is what happened with the murderer who killed the Russian bride of his because he found her through a matchmaking agency.

Sure you are talking with women in chat. But actually you are talking with translators. This tool they are using is to drain your hard earned money. My advice is for you to either fly out there yourself very first thing if you want a foreign bride. Never through those agencies. It is against the law in the Philippines to have matchmaking agencies to advertise women but men can advertise and women can response. You will need to focus on meeting them in person in another country first. My sister's good friend who wanted to marry an Italian woman. This story she told me was about 25 years ago, just the start of the internet age with emailing and all. Well, this was in 1980s that her friend went to Italy by moving there to be there a year and work there but actually he moved there to find a beautiful Italian woman. By sixth month, he found her. Si, found her. He married her by end of his term there in Italy. And brought her to the States.

This is best advice I heard from my sister. This is what I should have done years ago but financially impossible for me at those days.

You need to be financially ready to relocate yourself in another country to find your bride for a while. Best is to stay a year. If your employer or you are the employer, relocate for a year in the country of your choice and find your bride.

Stay away from bars. Worse possible place. They have under-aged and unsaved souls there. Best choice is in your church you attend overseas. Say, you are Independent Baptist that follows KJV to the letter, there are Independent Baptist churches that follow

KJV to the letter overseas as well. Assemblies of God? There are Assemblies of God churches overseas also. Maybe Methodist, sure, they are overseas too. Maybe contact your church sponsored missionaries and make arrangement for you to go over there. Maybe become a missionary. That will give you tons of opportunities to meet your bride but remember this, being a missionary to take advantage to meet your bride is not best intentions. Why? You are serving God. God first. So, maybe better you can ask missionaries overseas to invite you over but allows you to stay with them for a year. Maybe six months. Or at least three months that a visa allows. You can meet her at churches there.

When you make an arrangement with a missionary for you to stay, you can and help them out some but also you work. If your company has offices overseas, ask for a year transfer to work there. Or permanently. They allow that. There are numerous of American companies have offices globally. Check them out. Ask your human resources manager for advice or ask them for contacting human resources offices overseas if they have any opening and you can apply for transfer of your position or apply for promotion.

If you are the employer owning a big company, that opportunity is greater for you. You can be able to travel the world and maybe you can open a plant or offices overseas and that would give you opportunity to meet your bride. Maybe visit your factories or offices overseas and it is a great opportunity for you to meet her there.

If you are an employee seeking to transfer, you can. You can meet other employees in the same company and never know. Be sure they are Christians.

Remember you need to be equally yoked by faith only.

You can even try to apply for employment overseas or in another state/providence where the population is stronger with different backgrounds. For instance, San Francisco, California has Chinatown and it's excellent for you if you like Asian females right in your neighborhood in your own country rather than overseas. But remember women here are quite different than women overseas. Hispanic? There are Miami and New York City and Los Angeles. German? Syracuse, NY, Lancaster, PA, and some

towns in Michigan. Like Irish? Boston, Syracuse, New York City. Ah, Italian women are found in New York State, Chicago, and Rust belt areas. You get the idea. How you like those?

Women are different here than overseas as you have to remember that. American (or Canadian or European) Culture are quite different than African, Asian, and Pacific Rim culture.

The point is that we should focus on in-person first than online because of the true colors of the other person. You should really have a buddy system when you meet someone. Yes, because if you are alone, you are easy to have infatuation.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 --

9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

Noticed verse 10? This way, if you are infatuating with a female, the other will "hit you in the arm" to make you aware of what you are doing. This is to protect you from falling in that wrong direction with a woman you may not know she is trouble.

You see, this is what I wish I had when I met Tara, my wife. Had I a buddy system of my own, I would perhaps been married to someone else. Or maybe married Tara but sometimes we do not listen to the Holy Spirit guide us when we focus on someone. We are too blindly when we do that.

So, technically it is not just the online, it is offline too. A buddy system will help you watch out.

Listen to your parents. Even you may disagree but listen. Respect them as the scripture tells us so.

Being Comfortable with Her Culture.

Are you being comfortable with her culture? You both look so different and yet, cute. But the point here is that both of you have quite different cultures and may confront issues daily with this norm. For instance. Even foreigners resettling here legally, they focus on American culture. For instance, in Asia, you are to bow to people before you as in greeting. They come here and understands we do not bow. We shake hands.

But when you are there, you follow her culture to the letter even if you disagree Biblically. I agree and understands that no man is to bow even the Ten Commandments said so but this is not what the scriptures says. Bowing to other people in Asia means "to acknowledge" their presence for introduction. Literally, handshaking is in same manner. It is bowing with the handshakes.

Another thing you need to understand when you visit, you are to eat what they offer. Even if they are starving, please do eat! If they offer you a dinner at some franchised greasy fried chicken restaurant, and you are strictly on a diet, eat those fried chicken and sides.

Prefer to eat white meat? Sorry, they will offer you a nice thick steak that they cannot afford and maybe first time bought it before you arrived and they will cook in the cookout that they used a dried up cow manure for coal to cook your yummy steak. Got to eat it.

Hey, a word of advice, they will offer you meals that you will have scars in your brain. Dog food, cat food. No, I am not talking about a bag of dog food your dog eats at home. I am talking about eating dogs and cats. They will also offer chicken fingers (feet), even some animal genitals to eat. However, they will know you do not eat them because you are from one of wealthiest countries in the world and you do not need to fret about eating them since they will know not to offer them. But you will see those at the farmers markets. Watch on online about food/farmers markets overseas before you head out there.

You will need to understand culture by doing your homework. Research them. Learn and live like hers because you see, you will be marrying her because of her background. She will also learn your culture and will set differently. As end result, you

will see perhaps a different female when she is married to you and living in your country.

So, you will need to learn about the do's and the don'ts of her culture, comparative between the two and eat, sleep, and dress like they do. You need to adjust to be more comfortable when you want to travel to her country.

The Friendly Skies.

You want to travel to her country, you will need at least three months advanced because flights are booked and you will also want to get best seat available such as near the bathroom. The flight is quite long depending on where you live. From Syracuse, New York, United States to Manila, Luzon, Philippines, most flights starts from twenty-four hours and up depends on the airlines, stops overs/transfer and you will need to adjust this long flight.

The further west you live from Syracuse, NY, the less flight time. But from London to Manila, there is a new non-stop flight from London to Australia on their new composite airplane which is a 17 hours flight. Transfer time is two hours in Australia and get to Manila a good six hours flight. Total time will be 25 hours or more.

You need to be well rested before your flight. You also need to visit your doctor for a check-up and if you need to have travel medical advisories such as anti-malaria and prevention of having hepatitis, it is required.

My experience when I was planning to go to Central America, I was advised to take shots for hepatitis. Each mission trip was annual and each year, I took different class of hepatitis shots. That one year we were smart to take our shots at least a month before our mission trip in 1998 that when we arrived, our missionary friend fell ill with hepatitis B I think. And you should see how ill he was. He contacted this illness in Cuba on his mission trip at least a month before we arrived. He fell ill the same day we arrived. We were unable to travel to other countries with him. He was bedridden for a month. Instead, we worked around his hometown and his church since he was unable to

preach. We were protected from this illness. His family had to get medical shots to protect themselves from illness.

By the way, the missionary friend is fine now. Thanks to medicine.

You need to be cautious when you are in another country. Their health department is almost non-exist therefore they were not able to function to be strict on cooking and lack of inspections. Word of advice, ask your potential bride where to eat. But best is to cook at her home if she has modern appliances. If she is extreme poor and only cooking with candle. Stay away from that. You may get hepatitis or even tapeworms. A North Korean soldier who defected was starved and had tapeworms. He is getting better thanks to modern medicine in South Korea that North Korean government does not offer.

Stay away from countries that are very unfriendly to Christians and the countries especially in the Middle East with the exception of Israel, as well as North Korea, China, Soviet Union/Russia, Cuba, and most countries in the 10/40 Window including Indonesia, India, Vietnam, and others. Those countries have poor healthcare as well as horrors of political pollution such as riots, protests, violence, gang wars, and drug wars.

If you do not have a passport, apply for one immediately then when you receive it, then get a plane ticket, especially round trip which is required by law. If you request for one way, you will be red flagged by your government. Even you are planning to travel for a stay, you still need a return because her country's government also requires that if you are going to marry her in her country.

Stay at a good hotel or resort. Depends on your budget and how long you are staying. Maybe you can stay with the missionary or pastor which will save you much more but you should still offer financial incentives for your hosts.

A good clean hotel usually are pricier and very Americanized/Western European feel with full bathroom including toilets. Some third world nations and cheap hotels do not have toilets. They have holes in the bathroom. No, it does not mean they are broken. Those are toilets! They do not have financial means to purchase a 300 dollars toilet for

you to sit on. A hole. Ten dollars or even less just for the workers to make a hole and titles around it. That is it.

You have to stand up going number two. Or if you can, bend your knees like a baseball catcher does and go bathroom. That is how they do it.

Also they are wide open, no dividers.

I experienced one of those in Nicaragua at a pastor's house whose bathroom was literally outside and exposed with half walls around under full moon. Good thing had a moon to see that night.

Some people who are very poor, no windows, no painting on their cinderblock homes, some even straw homes with just palm leaves and all.

You need to understand the economics that they are very poor. You are considered wealthy to them although you are poorer than the wealthy people in your country.

Always obey their laws and regulations since you are a guest. Follow traffic laws there or you are going to be ticketed or even deported! There are twenty-seven countries not allowing Deaf people to drive. A Deaf couple were extremely upset that when they had a minor traffic violation driving on a Japanese highway and the police officer realized they are Deaf, they were told they cannot drive so they left Japan the next morning rather than staying for another week. They canceled the rest of the trip because of that bad experience. Therefore, research before you travel to see if your bride's country allows what you can do or what you cannot do such as driving if you are deaf. Another example, if you love to chew tobacco and you want to spit out on the street, it is against the law in a suburb town of Manila, Philippines or you can be ticketed and or arrested for spitting on the street! They are very clean and very strict.

Speaking of bathroom, you also need to understand they do not have showers as per se no plumbing, you will need to use a "pan" to wash yourself in their muddy backyard.

Here are images next page regarding pan with bucket, and cooking with very simple "stove." All that in order. I will not show image of toilet hole because it is very traumatic for some of you.

They use a bucket full of soapy water and wash themselves with a scoop. You will see a gentleman washing himself with soapy water in the photo.

Next one you will see is how they cook food.



(Photo courtesy of NPR.org) A young man bathing self in his home in India.



(Photo courtesy of unicefusa.org) This photo shows a Syria refugee camp.

Those two are clear pictures to show you how blessed you are with modern bathroom facilities you own and uses. Compare those two with the next two you have no matter how nice you have. I am using nice modern ones just for the purpose of this book.



(Photo courtesy of smithandsmith.com.au)



(Photo Courtesy of minosadesign.com)

Most of you do not have those two very modern rooms in those photos on this page but just generally you do have those needs.

She will have culture shock when she relocates here. For instance, the toilet she can sit after all instead of the hole. Second of all, she can actually use sink in kitchen to wash dishes, and cook your favorite dish on actual stove and oven. Oh, she also will be shocked to do your clothes in merely 2 hours opposing all day wash clothes by hand. They use similar bucket you washed yourself in in those countries.

In some countries, they wash by the river. Thanks we do have modern appliances in our homes.

(Photo Courtesy of dailymotion.com) A Filipina washing her clothes.





(Photo Courtesy of houzz.com) A modern laundry room in Toronto, Ontario (Canada).

So Where the Best Place to Meet?

The best place is church and secondly, employment. Please stay away from Matchmaking services since they do markup costs of revealing addresses, scamming markups for flowers, gifts, and translations. They are scammers.

However, church offers best solution. Because both of you are equally yoked as said in Bible.

2 Corinthians 6:14 --

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

You need much prayers. I recommend you read, "Are You Sure" e-book for your next step on how you find the right woman but also to make sure you have the right one. Then read the 2 part e-books, "Foundation of Cs in Relationships and Marriage."

You can join in a Christian group going on missions but that is short term compared to just a few month short and the Christian group is merely focusing on missions unless you find one that is just solely for finding someone special.

Since buddy system is best, why not you start a group of yours to go on a trip to stay a month if all of you can afford not to be working and drain that money just to find your bride. If the Lord allows you, then you can do that.

Remember, your group would be Christian men going together. If you have friends who are married, have those couples come along because they do understand the fundamentals that you will need guidance such as in dating and relationship.

Inviting Mark to Speak

You can invite Mark Falso to speak in your church relating to dating and relationship. Mark is available at any time. Mark is Deaf however, he speaks clearly and he can sign in ASL as well. Please ask mark for details at bigheartministries@yahoo.com

Also if you like, you can ask Mark to guide you and your group of Brothers in Christ to go to her country of your choice and we can arrange a trip at least six months advance and we will spend a month there.

Please understand there is a fee involvement for a group of five (5) men, the fee is 5000 Dollars for Mark to lead. 1,000 Dollars per person 6th person and up going on same trip.

To arrange, please contact Mark at the email, <u>bigheartministries@yahoo.com</u> and then make arrangement at least six months advance plus a fee by five months before the trip is arranged.

We will attempt an arrangement to stay with a pastor's or Christians' home if they welcome them in at the pastor's discretion. On such trips, there will be Bible studies

Sundays and during the week with the group and even with the group's new potential brides. Arrange for fellowships, dinners, outing to parks, museums, and more.

Your sponsorship will be appreciated.

Thank you and God bless!

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- During your conversations the woman online that she tells you she doesn't have a cell phone, Wi-Fi signal or a computer to make you write letters or even distract you. It is ironic that they even posted in their ads online that she does not have any means to communicate and yet, they posted!
- The foreign bride tells you her laptop or even desktop is broken and asks you for money to she can buy a new one. It is an expensive gift for you to give her but yet, her income to purchase the laptop would cost her a month or more salary.
- She would tell sober stories about sick family members, dying members, and car accidents injuries or deaths which are too common of stories. Usually have dead parents. This is to tug or pull your heart toward her.
- She realize the expensive visa to visit you or come to the country, she will request money wired to make this happen. She will even request you pay for transportation that are quite odd. Say she is from Mexico, she will rather ride the bus if you are from Detroit, Michigan! This means getting off the bus for good in El Paso, Texas and never see you.

Scams you want to avoid:

- You need to find a site that cater a few clients rather than giant companies with thousands of overwhelming sexy models that are photo shopped and being sexy.
- When visiting your bride, request for an interpreter from church or bring someone from your own church or hometown to go on a trip with you to interpret for you. One thing though, pay for that friend of yours to come to interpreter for you and her. Either speaking language or in sign language.
- Ask the lady you are interested in to see if she prefer you to stay in her country, then you know you got a good one. The ones who wants to come over to your country in quite hurried manner, stay away from them.

One more thing, always ask if you both can meet before you fly over there because what if she is a scammer and you arrive and you find she is not there.

Use any social media to check her background and request for cam so you both can chat through video.

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That is the question many men from Western nations have in mind if they should marry a foreign bride as alternative to women from Western nations due to cultural differences and being spoiled. A Christian perspective on the take of marrying a foreign bride. Like Rebekah and Isaac, Christian men can marry a foreign bride or should not?

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