## DISPUTATION CLXXIX

RESOLVED: CONSIDER NON-MONOGAMY

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## **Terms**

Monogamish First coined by sex columnist Dan Savage. Couples who call

themselves "monogamish" are often in a primary romantic two-some but choose to have sex outside of it. Terms and principles surrounding extra-relationship sex are often strict and detailed to ensure everyone is on the same page. This type of relationship has been popularized by gay men and

takes many forms.

**Polyamory** The philosophy or state of being in love or romantically in-

volved with more than one person at the same time.

**Polygamy** Multiple marriage, sometimes in groups, usually either pol-

yandry (woman with multiple husbands), or more com-

monly, polygyny (man with multiple wives).

**Monogamy** Originally meant the practice of only being married to one

person. Now generally referred to as the practice of having a

singular sex partner at a time.

**Serial Monogamy** The practice of engaging in a succession of sexual relation-

ships, each with one person.

Swinging Often called "wife swapping," nowadays "partner swap-

ping." In which two partners in a committed relationship engage in sexual activities with others socially (swingers par-

ties!). This arrangement is fairly common.

**Open Relationship** A partnership in which both partners agree that each may

have sexual encounters with others. (Again, the terms of this are decided by those involved and there are many different

forms.)

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**Primary partner** For those in monogamish or open relationships, this refers

to the person with whom one cohabitates or calls their signif-

icant other, above the others.

Group Sex/Orgies Sexual activity involving three or more people (can include

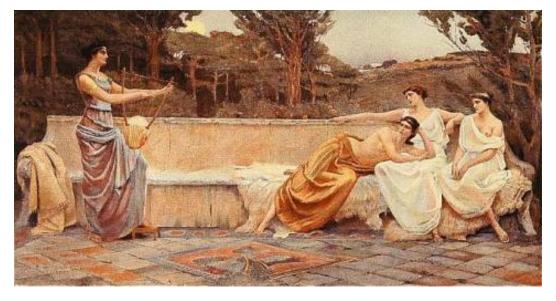
threesomes, touching, watching, listening, etc.).

**Polyfidelity** An intimate relationship structure where all members are

considered equal partners and agree to restrict sexual activity to only other members of the group (can include group

marriage).

**Compersion** Happiness in the happiness of others.



Amanda Brewster Sewell, Sappho, 1891

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