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SO YOU'RE GETTING A DIVORCE!

Divorce (from the Latin *divi vorsus*, lit. to throw plates) is a legal procedure that terminates a marriage. Such a decision must not be taken lightly, especially when there is a child involved (although the child should probably have known what he was getting into when marrying at such a young age).

Common Questions

- ***I have absolutely no desire for a divorce, nor does my husband.***

Strictly speaking, not a question. But it sounds like you're very much in love. See Welcher and Welcher advice sheet, So You're Very Much In Love!.

- ***Can I remarry a spouse whom I have previously divorced?***

Yes, but do not expect guests at your wedding to cough up for another present.

- ***Who gets to keep the children?***

This is perhaps the most emotional issue associated with divorce. Different states of Australia have different custody laws. South Australia, for example, decides custody by a game of 'rock-paper-scissors' (best of three). In Tasmania, children are catapulted over 100 feet into the air and a spouse may claim custody of any child they can catch. Alternatively, if neither husband nor wife can be bothered, your lawyer can advise you of an orphanage in your local area.

- ***Do I have to try counselling?***

If the marriage has lasted less than two years then you and your spouse are legally bound to seek the services of a counsellor. Do not make the common mistake, however, of seeking the services of a councillor. While they might have some worthwhile advice to offer, they are usually more concerned with local politics.

How We Can Help

Divorce proceedings can be a very stressful time. At *Welcher and Welcher*, we endeavour to make divorce as fun as possible. Enjoy a complimentary cone of water upon your first consultation, a yours-to-keep dubbed copy (ads deleted!) of *Kramer vs Kramer* (1979 Academy Awards Best Film), 10% off membership at Russian Dolls Video Dating Service (men only) and a free colouring book for children, *Goodbye Parents, Hello Dysfunction*.

Further Reading

Niven, David – *The Moon's A Balloon* (1972)
Moog, Unke – *I'm OK, You're OK, But He's A Bit Odd* (1974)
Walker, Max – *How To Hypnotise Chooks* (1987)
Mitchell, Melanie - *An Introduction To Genetic Algorithms* (1996)
Mishima, Yukio – *Hello, Intestines!* (1970)