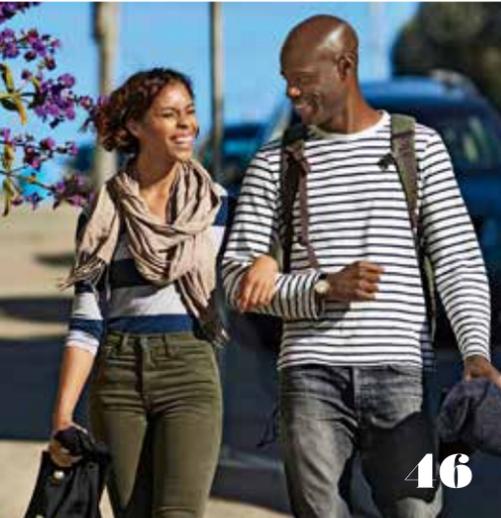


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➤➤ Marriage was once a practical affair: People married for financial security, to create family, to have a home. But today, the most enduring unions enable love and the chance for personal growth. In this issue, we describe the 21st-century reinvention of marriage, with input from researchers and therapists at the forefront of the field. Stephanie Coontz, who wrote the seminal social history of marriage, explains how love has emerged as a driving force. David Schnarch, who reinvented the process of sex therapy for a new generation, describes his new model of interconnectedness—in which partners can be independent while pursuing a shared life. And Aaron Ben-Ze'ev, preeminent philosopher of love and the author of the upcoming *Arc of Love*, explains how long-term relationships can enable flourishing, which is not possible when one skips from one passionate fling to the next. Of course, our issue on *The Science of Love* covers the gamut of pragmatic issues too: How to get along with the in-laws, how to collaborate on raising children, and how to refeather the nest when the kids have gone. Look as well for advice from couples married for 50 years or more. "Dance," one woman told us. "Keep talking," a man said. Finally, don't forget to peek at our world-class couples, who manage to keep it tight in spite of the public glare.

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