

ABSTRACT

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The depictions of psychological well-being of wives in the interfaith marriages; (Khaira M. Petranto, MM, Psi, Dra. Ninawati, MM); Psychology Undergraduate Program, Tarumanagara University (106 pages, L1-L5, P1-P4).

The purpose of this study is to investigate the depictions of psychological well-being of wives in the interfaith marriages. The faith different factors between spouses might cause certain problems. Such as, problems related to the family and community, religion activities in daily life, children's existence, election and socialization of religious faith and its teachings to the children. Various challenges and problems that occur in interfaith marriages might support or restrict the attainment of psychological well-being of wives. Interview techniques were used in this study. The subject interviewed in this study is five wives in the interfaith marriages. The series of interview were committed during the seven months from 17 December 2005 until 17 June 2006. This study was analyzed using Ryff's formulation of psychological well-being (1989, 1995, 1996), measured in six dimensions that is self acceptance, positive relationship with others, autonomy, environmental mastery, purpose of life, and personal growth. The result of the study showed that interfaith marriages do not always decline the psychological well-being of subjects. The dimension that is not affected by the conditions of interfaith marriages is the dimension of purpose in life. Where as the most affected dimension is positive relationship with others especially relationship with the family in-laws.

