

# Importance of virginity in chronicles of a death foretold

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In " Chronicle of a Death Foretold," the bride-to-be, Angela Vicaro, was returned to her family when her future husband found out that she was not a virgin. The fact that she was not a virgin was enough to prevent a marriage from occurring, bring disgrace to the family, and cause a murder. Obviously, this was extremely important in the novel, and it is of some importance in society today. When a marriage is going to take place, some men feel that it is important for their future wife to be a virgin. Partly, this is because of an insecurity complex that men may have. If the woman is not a virgin, the man may fear that he will be compared to previous partners of his wife, and he may not live up to the woman's expectations. If she has been with no one else though, the man can be more confident, since his wife will have no one to compare him to. His wife is pure and untouched, and since he will be the first man she has ever known, the husband can feel secure heading into the marriage. Besides the jealousy and insecurity factors though, I think many men also want their wife to be a virgin because it is a way of the woman proving that she will be faithful to her husband once they are married. If a woman has been with other men before she is married, a man might see that as meaning that since she could not wait up to that point, she may be unfaithful to him in the future. But if a woman has remained a virgin up until her wedding, it shows that she was willing to wait for her husband, and is much more likely to remain a faithful wife throughout the rest of her life. By remaining a virgin until marriage, the marriage is made to seem more meaningful for the woman. The husband is then reassured that he is the only one his wife desires to be with. In the novel, remaining a virgin was such a big deal that the perpetrator, Santiago, was put to death for causing

dishonor to Angela and her family. In that society, this matter was taken much more seriously than it is today, since it was a matter of honor, and it was not acceptable for a woman to not be a virgin before she was married. Today, if a woman is not a virgin before marriage, it is not seen as a disgrace, but rather, is accepted and common. Still, as in the Christian faith, some men today still are very adamant about marrying a woman who is a virgin. Although it would not lead to murder today if a bride-to-be was not a virgin, many men would still desire his wife to be pure until the marriage.