



THE BRAVE NEW WORLD IS HERE

True love shall not disappear

A critical discussion about a dystopical vision of long-lasting relationships.

In his novel "Brave new world" Aldous Huxley creates a futuristic society in which long-lasting relationships are frowned upon and not accepted.

Promiscuity is highly valued and people follow this guideline without criticizing it. They simply don't know that things used to be different in the past.

Their past is our present.

Let's talk about our society. What do relationships look like today?

Long-lasting relationships are already less and less valued. Divorce is more common than 40 years before. Women are often financially independent and don't have to rely on their husband's income, so they can separate more easily. Also the range of partners has extended and you have more possibilities to choose your partner. Dating-pages on the web are used by many, for example to find a "soul mate". But these are also misused in order to find a partner for fun and sexual satisfaction. Since education became more open minded, sexuality is no taboo any more, either. People can have sex with everyone they want to.

This leads us to a slogan of "Brave New World":

„Everyone belongs to everyone else“, meaning you are supposed to become intimate with different people. In our society one calls this a "one-night-stand". Can you imagine changing your sex partner every day? We would call such behaviour slutty. But in "Brave New World" this is a common way of living, besides it is even part of their moral ideology. People *don't* even want to stay together longer than for one night, since they have been conditioned to have this attitude from the beginning of their lives.

Is this the way our society will end up some day? Is our state of development leading to Huxley's vision?

Certainly many people have already come to have this way of thinking. This can also be caused by the way prominent and influential people behave in the media.

A loose way of living has already become a trend in the younger generation. Freedom is one of the highest values and as we all know everybody can interpret values his own way. That might be a reason why some people believe that being sexually very active is equal to being free.

We hope this freedom will not become an accepted social standard, because we love the idea of romance and real love. Spending time together, knowing everything about the other and finding every moment without the other wasted.

The life of people in Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" does not bring along this kind of true love. This we consider a really sad and superficial way of being.