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Essay #5, Anonymous User submitted Mar 15 at 9:39pm

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Marriage in Declarations of the Perfected Thesis: Justified by the fated chains of interconnection, the goddess, Consort An, proposed a marriage to Yang Xi. Their incandescent spirits would ultimately merge and become greater, pure, and perfect union.

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- Yang Xi is considered the medium used by the Perfected to communicate to the mundane realm. As some text passages illustrate the way that mediums can connect macrocosmic spirits and experience improved serenity and wisdom, the unity of Consort An and Yang Xi's spirits would allegedly result in an enhancement of the spirits' amplified wisdom.
- Naturally, followers of the Dao often seek to achieve transcendence. This spiritual marriage between the Perfected, Consort An, and Yang Xi is deemed favorable as it appears to be a path towards the achievement of the aspirations of the two individuals. As the marriage is considered to be a predestined relationship by the Perfected Consort encourages Yang Xi to turn away from impurity and the evil practices of the human realm. Thus, at the completion of their marriage, they will achieve their ambitions of perfect transcendence through the unity of their spirits rather than the union of their physical bodies.
- Controlling sexual desires and practicing self-restraint

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In the *Declarations of The Perfected*, Yang Xi is informed that he shall marry the Goddess Consort An. The way Yang shall marry this goddess is like the aristocratic Chinese marriages of the time. However, Consort An will take the Yang (which is usually seen as masculine) and Yang will take the role of Yin (which is usually seen as feminine) because in the Daoist Celestial Hierarchy even though women are subservient to human men, human men must be subservient to female gods. The marriage between Yang and Consort An is a spiritual union rather than a carnal union.



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