

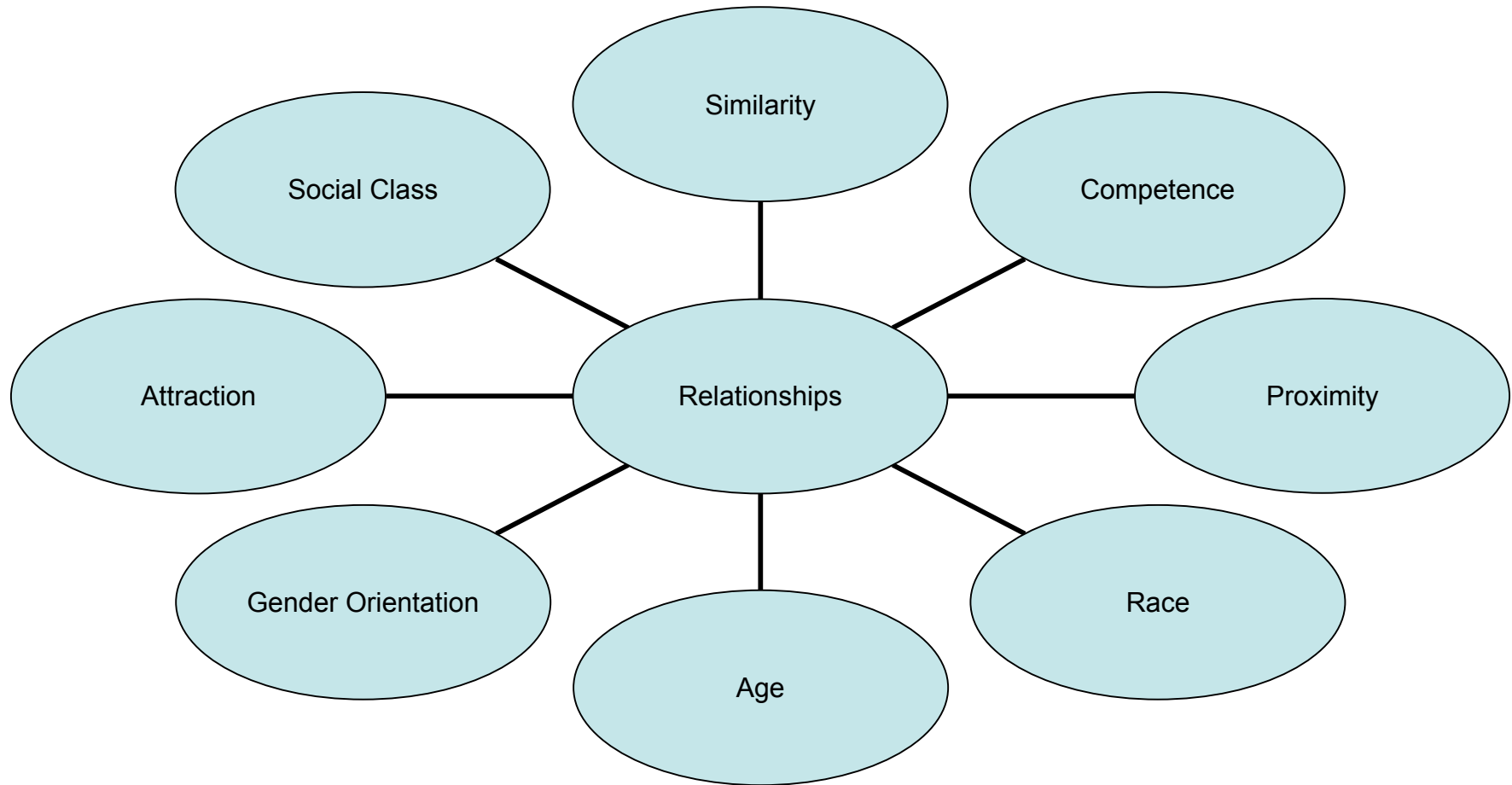
Romance, Dating and Marriage



Romantic Love

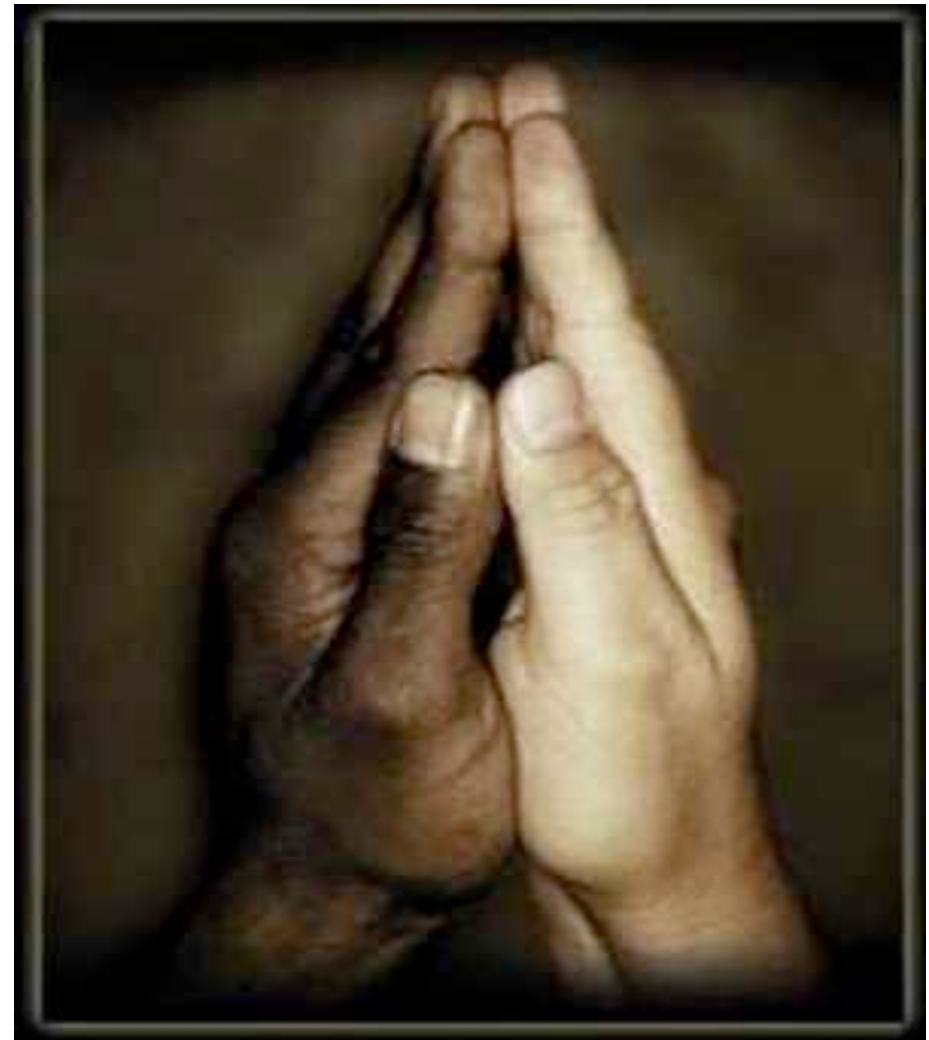
- Primarily a Western Concept
- Is new historically
- Possible because of excess time, resources, power and gender equity
- Is not the cultural norm

Why we form Romantic Relationships



Inter-Ethnic Dating

- Legal Social Norms
- Group Status
- Group Identification
- In-Group Out-Group Numbers
- Physical Attractiveness Based on own group comparisons
- Power -- Powerlessness



Relationships Prior to Marriage

- Utilitarian Arrangement: Convenience
- Intimate Involvement: Love and Sex
- Trial Marriage: Test Compatibility
- Prelude to marriage: Waiting for Marriage
- Alternative to Marriage: Substitute for Marriage

Modern Strains on Marriage

- Economic Insecurity
- Individualism
- Dual Careers
- Spatial Distance
- Loose Social Norms
- Loose Gender Expectations
- Extended Adolescence
- External Distractions

Probability of Divorce

- Marital Age
- Premarital Childbirth
- Religious Differences
- Socioeconomic Status
- Parental Divorce
- Childless Couples

