

Position of the wife during worship

The authorities are divided on the matter of the position of the wife during worship...

In the following instances the wife takes

her position on the LEFT of her husband:-

1. When the groom is applying Sindoor in the center parting of the bride's hair during the Marriage ceremony (Sindoor Daan)
2. When the bride is returning to the home of her husband for the second time after marriage (Dvira-gamana)
3. During daily routine prayers (Sandhya)
4. During the naming ceremony (Naamkarana samskara)
5. When performing expiatory ceremonies, calculated to remove calamities (Santika)
6. During the consecration of Deities (Pran Pratishta)
7. During the performance of rites on the completion of an observance (Udyapana)
8. When sprinkling hold water (Abhisheka)
9. When washing one's Guru's feet.
10. When performing rites on the fourth day after marriage ceremony (Chaturthi)
11. When giving donation (Daan)

In the following instances the wife takes

her position on the RIGHT of her husband:-

1. When performing the Vedic rites to mark the 4th, 6th or 8th month of the pregnancy.
2. In weddings.
3. When performing rites on the fourth day after marriage ceremony (Chaturthi)
4. During VRATA and PUJA

5. When giving donation (Daan)
6. During Shraddha ceremonies.
7. When dining Together.
8. In most religious rites it is agreed that the wife sits on the right of her husband.

It must be noted that it is practice in districts like Ayodhya, Basti, Bahraich (Uttar Pradesh) and other Northern Provinces on India **TO HAVE THE WIFE SEATED ON THE LEFT AT ALL CEREMONIES.**

The Above information is according to the Vivaaha Paddhati by Pt Kedaranatha Mishra.

A word of note from my side:- To avoid more confusion I would advise that we live in 20th century and make pujas simple and follow how the Ayodhya and other north Indian provinces do and the **WIFE MUST BE SEATED IN ALL CEREMONIES ON THE LEFT OF THE HUSBAND'S SIDE.**

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