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USE OF KINSHIP TERMS

6.1 Kinship

The Oxford Dictionary of English describes kinship as 'the quality or state of being kin'. The relationship between the people may be based on either blood or through marriage. 'The bond of blood or marriage which binds the people together in group is called kinship' [Sachdeva and Vidyabhusan, 1979]. Kinship is of two types, namely,

1. Affinal kinship
- and 2. Consanguineous kinship

The bond of marriage is called affinal kinship. When a person marries, he establishes relationship with the girl whom he marries and also with the girl's family members. Thus by marriage, a person establishes a number of new relations. For example, a person becomes husband to the girl whom he marries, brother-in-law to the girl's brother and son-in-law to the girl's parents and so on.