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SUBJECT: I want a happy marriage what shall I do?

How to have a happy marriage

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And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country.

And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.

For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a veil, and covered herself.

And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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I WANT A HAPPY MARRIAGE -
WHAT SHALL I DO?

- 1. When we marry, we have a plan, hope, desire for everything good in it.
 - for happy
 - not to divorce, bail
 - till death or both part
- 2. But more than 1/2 divorce; some in 73.
 - 60% of American mothers in the labor market
 - 6,000,000 children live in fatherless & wife parent home
- 3. Is this what we want? marry for that?
 - you never get over a broken marriage. Fear -
 - of children, trauma
- 4. How make it work?
 - 13 Rules for a happy marriage

I. Make God Your Friend, confident

- 1. God is for you. On your side. Will walk with you
 Prov. 18:34 where is a friend in distress
 than ten brothers.

- 2. His intention for you: your marriage happy forever.
 - In the beginning, I mean for 1 woman
 - First time divorce appears in marriage law
 - Jesus Matt 19:8 "because of hardness of your heart"
 - made instructive, divorce, polygamy
 - But God (Mal. 2:16) "hate putting away"



II. Begin With God's Definition of True Love

1. Amazing as surely Greek-Roman world was
we was for love, "Eros". Men and women met in that
Bible uses a word for "really serious" ἀγάπη

I Jo. 4:19 ὁ θεὸς ἀγάπην ἐστίν
Ex. 5:25 ἡμεῖς ἀγαπήσαμεν ὑμᾶς ὡς ἑαυτοὺς
even as X also

2. The world's definition of love, "Eros"
- man's sex-mentality was not an emotion
- an emotion alone; nothing you can do about it
- we are possessors of our sexual glands, animals
- nothing is morally right or wrong; so what but let's
- make marriage happen, divorce is not

3. God's concept of ἀγάπη
- a commitment, as X was to you, holy & forever
- a way of choice, a way of living, living
- "I will place your right hand in my left"
(a) Ann Lander

Drawing line between love and infatuation

ANN LANDERS



Dear Ann Landers: When I was in high school, you printed a column advising people on how to distinguish between love and infatuation. I clipped it out and carried it in my wallet for a long time. I received a new wallet for Christmas and would dearly love it if you would rerun that column so I can replace the old one that is worn and faded. Pretty please? — D.D. in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Dear D.D.: Here it is — one of the most frequently requested columns of all:

Love or infatuation? **Infatuation** is instant desire. It is one set of glands calling to another. **Love** is friendship that has caught fire. It takes root and grows — one day at a time.

Infatuation is marked by a feeling of insecurity. You are excited and eager, but not genuinely happy. There are nagging doubts, unanswered questions, little bits and pieces about your beloved that you would just as soon not examine too closely. It might spoil the dream.

Love is quiet understanding and the mature acceptance of imperfection. It is real. It gives you

strength and grows beyond you — to bolster your beloved. You are warmed by his presence, even when he is away. Miles do not separate you. You want him nearer. But near or far, you know he is yours and you can wait.

Infatuation says, "We must get married right away. I can't risk losing him."

Love says, "Be patient. Don't panic. He is yours. Plan your future with confidence."

Infatuation has an element of sexual excitement. If you are honest, you will admit it is difficult to be in one another's company unless you are sure it will end in intimacy. **Love** is the maturation of friendship. You must be friends before you can be lovers.

Infatuation lacks confidence. When he's away, you wonder if he's cheating. Sometimes you even check.

Love means trust. You are calm, secure and unthreatened. He feels that trust, and it makes him even more trustworthy.

Infatuation might lead you to do things you'll regret later, but love never will.

Love is an upper. It makes you look up. It makes you think up. It makes you a better person than you were before.

III. Boston Words of Appreciation Society

Crav. Sp. 25:11 "I was very happy to see you in person & believe me
Don't criticize, but fault

of cooking will literally show in the kitchen
if you're in cooking.

(a) "Oh, sweetest, in day at the breakfast"
"Don't worry, honey. We'll get another day."

IV. Never Criticize In Public

make him feel small
make her look cheap.

always build up, (even if a guy says
make him feel 10' tall

How a girl (wife, woman) can manipulate a boy

"Daddy, today I learned what girls are for"
"Oh Billy Bob, show me how & I'll be your girl"
"Yes, he, out. Kids are a
"cut-throat"

V. Treat as when Counting

Then, no way, surely, nice, affection
why change? why treat as a dog now?
Before married, loved to be together. Why not now?

(a) ? with ? were dead? st
st ? in the car, ? with ? were alone?

(a) Before I married Maggi, dear,
? was her pumpkin pie,
the previous period, her honey lamb
she offered her eye.

But after years, married by
This thought I've found to matter, UTTER
These fancy names are gone, and now
I am just the bread and butter.

VI. Plan little kindnesses, suggest for
each day

a gift - a dinner

not a waste of money

(a) ? and 10¢, ? would spend 5¢ for a
loaf of bread to feed my baby, and 5¢ for a
rock to keep my soul?

VII. How to Obtain Good, Happiness

Abou. Before your dream
Am. 12:10 "a highly motivated man & the woman... in their presence" ^{and another}
Seek to make the other as happy
will do your best good, having to be successful

VIII Talk, Discuss, Things Together

Talk, listen, communicate
No decision ever made unilaterally. Both
partners. & share it

The Couple Before a Marriage Counselor
TO MEN: "You call it 'negging.' Try listening & talk."
Harden to listen then & talk."

SHE says: "He always says his nose is a newspaper
& I read & TV & sleep. I just as well not be there"
"Then shake him, listen, I have something to say."
Then the woman took off... Then the
counselor understood: The man had forgotten
what is human as a "exceptional deafness."

10. Mrs. Smith says she found in her recent advice. Why today...
both of them. They, the man, that, you sit at 200 & 200 of today
then water: "no good. now bid your quest as a result."

IX News Speak (air) Problems of the Family Outside the Home.

Key themes there.
Others are not interested, period. absolutely.

- (4) "How are you?" "Fine." Actually not...

X Threat Away Far From You

Eph. 4:26 "Be ye angry & sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath." 4:37 "... to desire not, don't get angry." That unrealistic. (5) →
But, refuse to be controlled by it.
"I speak nothing you are angry & you will make the best speech you will ever regret."

Have a perspective point.
"I'm not in the most warm-tongued manner I can know. Just read all the time."

Lies in power, anyone to throw rotten eggs & dirt into domestic harmony.
Family travels most better of all
doing, says, things designed to hurt
inseparably bound to say, do. Driven to desperate
murder
suicide

We react in kind,
(4) of need, not strike back,
but a sting & victor pain.

(2) Convers is true
Eph. 4:26 "a soft answer..." Now both apply & counterpoint
are examples kindness, compliment...
(1) The woman for a divorce & don't
just fix

to larvae. I want to die 7
before. I want to live in the
world just say, what do you suppose?

Start showing his little complaints
when he starts you live his death
then say he will be done for
that as way to live his next

Two months later return to
rejoice on arrival. She had done
just what she says, now is
the time to go down with
the disease for.

Discovered in the woman. "Korea"
Max Gollan in her next life

with respect. She starts
exploring love to his, especially
in love, to begin to feel love
to begin to open her to his

XI. Never Live Beyond Your Means
 Watch that money problems.
 Watch that debt.

1. The Bible is never to say about possessions
 Jesus spoke more about money than almost any
 one else.

7. Why feel wealthy? American is financial freedom.
 To do it so much trouble
 this is the same old, with much more money - at home? - it's the way
 you do it. you do a job. The real world is the largest class - like
 a man who is in the world

2. Living on slavery
 These credit cards
 there and how payments - Ben Franklin
 "He who goes a borrowing is soon a borrower" - Ben Franklin
 Once as near anything, but to
 live on another ... i.e. beyond will able to pay
 of a house
 of a hospital body payment

3. Live again, discuss, choose, settle
 (a) Bayla: 10⁵, 13⁵, 18⁵
 (b) Maria: 25⁴⁰
 (c) Chi: 250⁴

"money is a just reward but a dangerous master"

XII Work, Strive, To make your individual life.

Beautiful

1. Equally agree: say alone seldom makes or breaks a marriage. But it has a lot to do with it.

2. "The Master Bedroom" well named
- of cool, distant, unresponsive... unresponsive
 - of warm, tender, congenial
 - of a storm brewing, appears first time
 - of flood-gates of unobtainable, unobtainable, opened like

(1) The man
Home - "where you can be yourself."
Business, party, social gathering, stimulating
But at home: needs, needs, activities, demanding
So the divorce comes: "you've neglected duty"
"mental cruelty"
"incompatibility"

Turn around. Be at home as at business
"tender companionship love can be appealing,
thrilling & loved by woman"

(2) The woman
She holds him by a silver cord though they are
drawn to share: she enters his heart, binds
his affections, controls the seat and makes him
of his will.

Then as life is largely of the making.
never used as a reward or denied as a punishment
"where you are the stake you play for, you play a
dangerous game."

XIII. Centre your marriage in Christ
and in the Church I Cor. 7:39 "marriage is the Lord's"
Eph. 6:4 "nurture your children in the Lord"

1. What I tell young couples
my four wishes:
 - say yes
 - read Bible, say yes
 - pray when other can't say yes
 - make attacks Christ's smoothly
 - accept & share responsibility
2. Test Sunday's attitude in these on
Lima. Rapid rise in Dallas. 2000, the
most, decline in church attendance.

2. Bore before the Lord.
Like slipping the car into gear, let & sign-
engine assume the load. The car do what we
could never do.

The three-fold blessing.

(1) 32:27,29 change of name (then = character)
through which self-reverence, a praise.

(2) 32:28 grows with God, with man
cf. Paul II Cor. 12:11 "... when weak, strong"

(3) 32:30 the man's beatific. period.

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