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Man Does The Right Things, **But Wife Still Feels Wrong**

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-old woman who has wanted to write to you for years. I'll soon celebrate my 20th wedding anniversary. I am very unhappily married.

I married "Bill" for all the wrong reasons. I never truly loved him the way a woman should love a man. I have remained in the marriage because I am "supposed to." I was brought up to obey the Commandments and do what is right

Bill is a wonderful husband and father. He has a steady job that pays well; I work part-time. Bill and I get along just fine. He is easy to talk to, and we're very good friends. I don't want to lose that. But there is absolutely no passion in our relationship and never was.

I married Bill because it "was time." He feels more like a brother than a husband. I don't want to hurt my children, but I can't pretend any longer. I am attracted to other men. I'm afraid I'm going to start hating him because I feel so trapped.

mother. Pauline Phillips. I don't know what to do. I just want to stop pretending. We have both spoken to professionals and I have talked to my priest. I told Bill a little about how I feel P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. - that I don't love him the way a woman should love a man. He just keeps on trying — buying me flowers, doing all the

right things. It doesn't matter. It just makes me angry. Could you please offer me some suggestions? I have read your column since I was a teen, and I value your opinion. Thanks. - HAD IT IN HARTFORD, CONN.

DEAR HAD IT: Let me get this straight — you married your husband under false pretenses and have lied to him for 20 years. Both of you have my sympathy.

The best advice I can offer is to think long and hard about what you have now and what you "might" have in the future. Believe me, there are NO GUARANTEES and expectations have changed a lot since you were in the dating and mating market. If you really cannot love your husband the way he should to be loved - and

ACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Gemini if born before 5:45 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon is in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 6, 2012:

This year you will have an unusual amount of energy, which you will express in your day-to-day life. You might decide to take up a new exercise program or try a new hobby. If you rely on your physical energy, there is little you can't accomplish. You allow others to see your boundaries more clearly, and your creativity is heightened as well. If you are single, you'll meet someone at a public commitment or through a work friend. If you are attached, the two of you will commit to a common goal or commu-nity activity. This shared experience will bring you closer

together. CANCER likes your high energy. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dy-namic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ Move quickly, ask questions and refuse to get locked into a close associate's thought patterns. Prepare to discard conventional thinking for a more effective process. Many people will share their thoughts. Do acknowledge their suggestions, both good and bad, as you work toward a goal. Tonight: A must appearance.

counseling won't help - then let him go. He deserves better.

DEAR ABBY: My mother died recently after suffer-

ing a stroke. Immediately following her death, one of my father's more painful tasks was notifying various agencies: Social Security, retirement benefits and so on. Dad shook his head in amazement as all but one of the people he notified simply fired off a series of questions, thanked him curtly and hung up. Only one civil servant proved to be truly civil, prefacing the conversation with, "I'm sorry for your loss."

Åbby, I know people who work in government and private pension departments receive many calls about deaths every day. That doesn't make each death less sad, or each call less difficult for the person picking up the phone and dialing. We can connect on a human level even through layers of officialdom and technology. A few simple, sympathetic words can make a world of difference in the dark days following the loss of a loved one. — NANCY IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR NANCY: Perhaps it's a self-protective mechanism when people who work with case numbers, files and statistics lose sight of the fact that behind

that information are broken hearts and grieving families. Thank you for the reminder. I'm sure no one meant to be cruel. What you have described is an example of people who have become desensitized.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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ing or just with one person. Understanding evolves with a friend when you decide to work together toward a mutual goal. The goal can be anything -- it is the process that counts. Do not let others interfere. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Take the lead, and encourage others to join you in a major project. Others seem to respond, yet your stress level continues to rise. Let off some steam, or you could end up having a spat with the family dog. Pressure will be increasing for about a month or so. Be ready! Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to others. Certainly, someone you care about appears to be withholding informa-tion. Investigate what is going on. Speak your mind, and know where you are heading. Let the person in question respond accordingly. Tonight: Others will follow your lead.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ A discussion is inevitable. Listen well, yet be sure to make your points -- you'll want to drive them home. This opportunity could be the last time for a while that you will have a conversation like this. Do not build barriers ... only bridges. Tonight: Let your mind drift to fun times.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

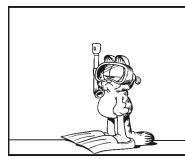
 $\star \star \star \star$ Say what you think and touch base with others. Mars enters your sign today, which gives you the gift of energy. If you do not use this planet in a positive manner, you could find yourself in the middle of several squab-bles. Be careful. Tonight: You might feel the Force already.



SWEET!



GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS







THAT HAS A LOT MORE MEANING

WHEN HE GETS HOME ON TIME

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MAYBE MOM

POSTED SOME

PHOTOS ON

HER FACE-

BOOK PAGE

BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSOM



TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ More than just your delivery, it also is how you phrase concepts that counts. Fortunately, you can be a reserved and cautious person when you need to be. One-on-one relating draws someone in and allows greater cohesiveness. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Listen to a boss or older friend to get feedback that is drawn from years of experience, and you only can gain. Communicate and share your thoughts; others will begin to participate in the same manner. Tonight: Do some shopping, and perhaps meet a friend or loved one for a late dinner.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You have been holding back, and for an effusive and emotional sign, this experience has been a test of your self-discipline. Finally, you will be able to express your thoughts. Others might be taken aback. Listen to forthcoming news. Tonight: Feeling your Wheaties? Act accordingly.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on your priorities, whether in a meet-

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



I TOLD HIM THAT HE COULD EITHER GET A GOOD EDUCATION, OR END UP DIGGING DITCHES.



DADDY

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IT WASA

ACCIDENT.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON









CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 29)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Get as much done as possible, and make it a priority to make key calls and finish important talks. You cannot force someone to be ready to talk, but you can encourage dialogue. Clear out as much as you can, especially responsibilities involving a key group. Tonight: Go with someone's suggestion.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Your imagination opens up new vistas. You might be a little overwhelmed by your own need to have some fun and touch base with your many pals. A loved one or potential new sweetie wants your full attention. Tonight: The party goes on.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ Acknowledge what you want. Lighten up the moment and allow a friend or loved one to move into your way of thinking. Accept whatever reasons this person offers. Isn't it more important to enjoy his or her company? Tonight: Love the one you are with.

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