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"The sermon was good, but I think you could've used a couple jokes to jazz it up a bit.

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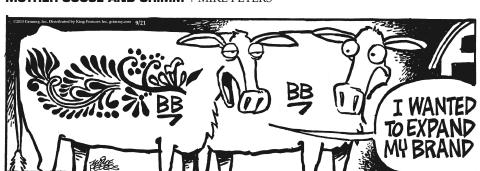




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Husband's Nonstop Nature Wears On Wife's Patience

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DEAR ABBY: I am fortunate to be a stay-athome mom. My days are spent doing chores and taking care of the kids. I also volunteer extensively at their schools, but I do find time for other pursuits, such as reading and

My problem is my husband. "Bob" is the

kind of guy who can't sit still. When he's home on weekends or taking a day off, he constantly needs to be doing something. This involves projects around the house. Other than spending time online, his hobbies are active ones. Because he's always on the go, he insists I should be equally "productive." He constantly wants to know what I'm doing, and if it's not something he thinks is useful, he becomes passive-aggressive.

Bob initiates big projects and then complains that he gets no help and has no time for himself. He says my volunteerism takes away from time I should be doing things around the house. In addition, Bob is incredibly neat and often insists that our immaculate house needs to be cleaned.

geles, CA 90069. I dread the days he's home because I have to constantly justify my activities or feel guilty if I'm not busy the entire time. Don't misunderstand — Bob is a great guy, a good dad and my best friend. But I'm afraid I will soon resent him to the point of dislike if I must live my life according to his unrealistic expectations. Any advice other than to seek counseling? — NOT A LOAFER IN CHICAGO

DEAR NOT A LOAFER: Nope. It appears that your great guy, good dad and best friend is so controlling he makes you miserable when he's home. I agree that if this continues, it will have a negative effect on your marriage. The person who should explain it to him is a licensed mental health professional who can provide the counseling and/or medication he may need, because I suspect he may have OCD.

DEAR ABBY: I reconnected with my dad two years ago. I hadn't spoken with him for almost 10 years, following my parents' divorce. I'm thankful he's back in my life again. The problem is his wife, "Kathy." Ever

since we reunited, I have felt she resented me. It's like she doesn't like sharing Dad with me. She had him all to herself for 10 years, so I guess I kind of understand.

Kathy recently found a job across the country, so she and Dad sold their house and moved away a few weeks ago. Her family lives here and she had job offers closer to home, but she chose the one farthest away. I can't help but feel she did it to put distance between Dad and me, and it hurts me deeply. How do I talk to my dad about it without damaging the relationship? — LOVING DAUGHTER IN WISCONSIN

DEAR LOVING DAUGHTER: What do you think talking about it to your father will accomplish? You don't know for certain that she accepted the job to separate you and your dad. Remember, he AGREED to the move.

The problem with family estrangements is that you can never get back the time you lost. Keep in touch with your father via cards and letters, texts and emails, video chats or other social media - whatever you and your father are most comfortable with. But I do NOT advise saying anything negative about Kathy.

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JACQUELINE 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 Virgo and a Moon in Aries if born before 3:33 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, 2013:

This year you often go from being cautious to impulsive, and then back to cautious again. You have a lot going for you -- more than you've had in many years. Be careful what you wish for, as you are likely to create just that. If you are single, and you wish to change your status, know that you can. You will meet someone through a friend, or a friendship could develop into a romance. If you are attached, the two of you will achieve one of your major long-term goals. Celebration will be a given nearly all year long. TAURUS is earthy like you, but he or she is very stubborn.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ A partner might be very reticent and unwilling to share. You would like to change this and establish a safe environment. You will try to inspire this person to get out of him- or herself by offering to help achieve one of his or her long-term desires. Tonight: Make it your treat.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You seem detached and content. You know how to make a point without triggering others. Use the present moment to get together with a key person. The arts will be involved, whether you decide to visit an artist or simply do some finger painting. Tonight: Be expressive.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★ Lie low for a few days. You might be more tired and cranky than you have been recently. Your ability to resolve problems and ease tension might be off right now. Realize that you might need a break. Make a call to an older friend or relative. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★★ Surround yourself with friends; you will enjoy being part of a crowd. Consider going to the movies, a concert or even a ballgame. The change of scenery will renew your energy and set off more fun and adventure than you might've thought possible. Tonight: You are the party.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You'll take the lead and follow through on an important matter involving a loved one or

your finances. Don't forget to check in with an older friend or relative. This person might have some important information for you. Catch up on a partner's news. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to reach out to someone at a distance who you care a lot about. You'll realize how long it has been since you have seen each other. Make plans in the near future to get together and catch up on each other's news. Tonight: Take in some music at a favorite place.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Someone will let you know that he or she expects your undivided attention. You might not feel as if you have a choice, so you'll decide to go along with the program. By the end of the day. you'll feel as if you have come to a long-overdue understanding. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You barely will have time for yourself, as so many people seem to be seeking you out. Devote the day to a special person in your life. The two of you could start acting like kids again. Share a new interest together to strengthen your bond. Tonight: Favorite place, favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You will have so much to do that you won't be able to socialize the whole day away. Someone close to you might be offended, and he or she will let you know in no uncertain terms. The solution will be to invite friends over for a spontaneous get-together. Tonight: Make it easy.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ A friend might seem distant, but don't take this person's behavior personally. If you do, a real problem could develop. Make plans to join several friends for lunch or a movie. You will unwind with ease under this scenario. Tonight: Enjoy the one you are with.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Wanting to stay close to home is very unusual for you. Ask yourself what you are trying to avoid and why. You simply might need more R and R. You always give 100 percent -- now give it to vourself. Reach out to a family member to arrange a much-needed visit. Tonight: Order in.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Realize that your words carry a lot of weight. In fact, you could cause others to pull back or close down. You know how to be diplomatic, so for everyone's sake, use those skills. Someone you inspire listens carefully to every word you speak. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

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