

# News of old affair upsets man's image of wife

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 15 years to a woman I have always placed on a pedestal. I recently learned that when she was single, she had an affair with a married man. I can't get it out of my head. I'm afraid it will drive me to drink.

Yes, she has been a good wife and mother to our two girls (ages 11 and 13), but I no longer have the respect for her that I once had. We recently got into an argument that escalated into name-calling, and I called her a "slut" because that's what I feel she is. She dated at least seven or eight other men before we married, and knowing she had sex with a married man, I'm sure I can safely assume that she had sex with the others.

Our sex life is deteriorating. I feel I'm not making love to a "clean" woman, that she is used and dirty laundry. I told her she had cheated me the same as if I paid for a new car and then found out the dealer delivered a used one. She always claimed to be a good Catholic, and I told her she even ignored her religious teachings, as they teach you to be a virgin for your husband. I won't leave her because of the children, but I'm afraid I'll have a hard time staying even though I believe I love her.

Instead of having her on a pedestal, I now have her in the gutter. Please advise me before I go out of my mind.

— HURT AND SAD

**DEAR HURT AND SAD:** Hurt and sad? Imagine how SHE feels! Assuming that you are also Catholic, were you a virgin when you married your wife? Surely, the same rule applies to Catholic men as it does to Catholic women. If, after 15 years of solid marriage and two children, this is what your wife gets from the man who promised God he would love, honor and cherish her until death, frankly, I think she deserves better.

**Pedestals are cold, drafty places on which to live, and it is unfair and unrealistic to label your wife as either a Madonna or a whore because of a youthful indiscretion. These days, most people fall somewhere in between.**

**Please, don't be a "martyr" and "stay because of the children." Unless you can find it in your heart to forgive (as your religion preaches), give the poor woman a break and go. Name-calling isn't going to fix this; psychological and religious counseling for you might. Your wife does not deserve the abuse you have heaped upon her, and you need more help than anyone can give you in a letter.**

DEAR ABBY: My nephew recently married a widow with two



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• Dear Abby

teenage sons. His wife insists that he should have "a child of his own" — but through adoption. She does not intend to have any more children.

My sister has now informed all the members of our family that the adoption fee is \$25,000 and that we will be expected to make a donation! I have never seen this matter addressed in your column. Please tell us what to do, and fast. Our family awaits your opinion.

— MUDDLED

**DEAR MUDDLED:** You have never seen the matter addressed in my column because the premise is so original and outlandish that no one has sent it to

**me before. It is my opinion that if your nephew and his wife cannot come up with the money to finance the adoption, they should postpone it until they can. (Just what would your sister consider everyone's "fair share" of this project to be? And if you did buy into this joint venture, does that mean you would have a say in how the child is raised?)**

**There are too many questions that come to mind, and not enough answers. Tell your sister, "Nice try, though!"**

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I adopted a beautiful baby girl in an open adoption 14 years ago. "Sara's" birth mother, "Chris," was

trapped in an abusive relationship. We promised to exchange letters and pictures when Sara was able to communicate, and have done so since Sara turned 10. Sara and her birth mother talk on the phone four times a year.

Although the "open" agreement is not legally binding, we have kept our word. However, over the past year we have become concerned about the effect this is having on our daughter. Sara is sad and moody after contacts with Chris. Chris also sends poetry about the adoption, which upsets Sara. It's pretty heavy stuff for a 14-year-old.

Chris has rebuilt her life, obtained higher education, married and has two toddlers. Despite this, it seems she's still mourning the loss of her firstborn. We understand this, but feel it's unfair to unload this burden on Sara. Sara cried when she saw photos of Chris' two small sons.

Should we limit or sever the contact?

— NO NAMES PLEASE IN THE NORTHWEST

**DEAR NO NAMES:** From my perspective, the letters, photographs and the quarterly phone calls are excessive. And for the birth mother to send "heavy" poetry in an effort to offload her guilt and pain at placing her child for adoption is selfish. Because the contact with her birth mother is depressing your daughter instead of being uplifting, it's time to ask Sara what she thinks — and take your cue from her.

DEAR ABBY: Do you think it is inappropriate to leave a family gathering if another family member brings a child, or himself, to the gathering with a highly contagious sickness? This is causing a rift between me and my husband's family.

— DEBBIE IN HAMILTON, OHIO

**DEAR DEBBIE:** Let me answer you in this way: For someone with a contagious illness to put others at risk of catching it is selfish and inconsiderate. You have every right to protect yourself by leaving the gathering.

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## Papers may reveal Eisenhower's stance

Archivists have released tens of thousands of pages of documents from Dwight Eisenhower's administration that could refine historians' understanding of the president's positions on civil rights and national security.

The Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kan., announced Thursday that 40,000 pages of previously classified documents on a variety of subjects were being made public. That follows the library's recent release of 7,000 pages specifically related to the Eisenhower administration's civil rights policy.

The two-term Republican led the country from 1953 to 1961, during which the first two civil rights acts since Reconstruction were passed and the president used National Guard troops to uphold the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education ruling in Little Rock, Ark. Despite that, Eisenhower has not been widely viewed as a strong civil rights advocate, though historians say the release of new documents on the subject could change that.

"Eisenhower's often criticized for not being more forthcoming on civil rights," said Fred Greenstein, a professor emeritus at Princeton University whose 1982 book "The Hidden Hand Presidency: Eisenhower as Leader" helped change perceptions of the politician. "We may learn that there are quite different stories."

The civil rights papers acquired by the library were among the collection of Maxwell Rabb, associate counsel and secretary to the cabinet in the Eisenhower administration.

Karl Weissenbach, the library's assistant director and supervisory archivist, said they largely pertain to black and Jewish issues, with a small number of documents related to Native American relations. Rabb's papers include everything from citizen letters to annotated news clippings to official White House correspondence dealing with issues from military integration to the appointment of minorities to administration jobs to school desegregation.

"It demonstrates that Eisenhower was keenly aware of the issues," said Weissenbach.

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