

ASK GWEN... My Ex-Wife Wants To Come Back To me, But That's Not Going To Happen!

By Gwendolyn Baines

Dear Gwendolyn:

We have never met, but I have been reading your column for quite awhile. Your column features a lot of couples with marital problems and problems even if they are just dating.

This is my problem: My ex-wife and I have two wonderful sons. When they were small, she left me for another man and took them away. I'm angry because she never explained to them what happened. They claim she never told them why she and their father were not together. Although they are grown now, I just want to let them know that I didn't desert them, but that their mother

deserted me.

After being gone for more than 15 years, she wants to come back and the children think I should let her. I told them "no." I said, "Sorry, but that's not going to happen." The man she left me for recently died. When she left, our younger son was 10. To prove my love for her, she had two children before we met and I was father to them as much as to my own. After she left, I paid to her alimony and child support for all the children. I educated all of them. I told my children that I'm not trying to seek revenge. I just don't love her anymore.

When she was in the process of leaving, she confessed that she had never loved me. Those words

really did hurt and I hurt to this very day.

Gwendolyn, I hope to be happy again in my life. I don't use drugs nor smoke. I am a church going man. I do hope I find Ms. Right so that I can go on with my life and be happy.

Paul

Oh, My Dear Paul:

I hope you are not just now looking for another relationship. Let me tell you this: Looking for Ms. Right could get to be another problem. You have spent 15 years grieving over the broken heart you received from your first wife. Therefore, to take more time looking for Ms. Right does not seem feasible to me. Enjoy your life Paul, with or without Ms.

Right. When or if you find the woman you consider to be "Ms." Right, I hope you make her "Mrs." Right. Sometimes a bad marriage leaves a man not wanting to move forward to the point of loving again.

Allow me to say thanks for writing to me and to share with me your problems in hopes that they can be solved. I want you to tell your children to ask their mother what happened that brought about a divorce – and a separation of the family. I say this because a man should not make negative comments about his wife to his children. But do have them to ask so that hopefully she will explain that the fault was not in you, but in her. That way they can see the

good side of you that apparently has been painted an ugly color through the years.

I agree. Do not take back your wife after being apart from her for over 15 years. Think about it. If the man she left you for had not died, she would probably still be with him. Your children will come to realize that when their mother left you, all she had to do was leave. But when she took the time to say, "I never loved you," then whatever love you had left that day. Although she is the mother of your children, do not have a sense of guilt. You did what many biological fathers don't do and that is provided for your stepchildren the same as your own. Fifteen years is a long span

and no matter how much of a "love ball" she felt you once had for her, she now knows – that ball hasn't bounced in years.

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HOROSCOPE...By Soul Vibrations

ARIES

Your mate has a sweet surprise. Open up to receive it. Choose your words carefully around a sensitive pal. Listen for good news about a loan or financial matter. Soul Affirmation: I let others toot my horn this week.

TAURUS

Enjoy the great insights you have in the area of career objectives.

Take a look at what's out there! An unanticipated financial matter may arise, find the good in it. Soul Affirmation: A cheerful soul should be wrapped in a cheerful package.

GEMINI

Be cautious and conservative with money. You are extremely witty this week. Allow others to enjoy your good humor. Your leadership

skills are very high, and others will follow.

Soul Affirmation: Luck is my best friend this week.

CANCER

This is a good time for you to seek agreement on a plan that involves a relative. Take the time to remind your lover how much you care. Get a little sentimental if you have to. Don't be too critical of that

softer side of your personality. Soul Affirmation: Self-confidence is the key to my success this week.

LEO

Push. Now is a good time to push. Your energy is higher than ever. Someone might get offended, but you can't please everyone. Hire a pro for something that you planned to do yourself, especially if expertise is involved. Soul Affirmation: Success is mine because I feel successful.

VIRGO

Review your "to do" list again. You may need to slow down to discover something that you didn't realize while you were in the flow of events. Your lover is going to be a little difficult to understand. Back off if an argument arises. You're probably the one who is too busy. Forgiving yourself is often harder than getting someone else to forgive you. Soul Affirmation: Two hats fit well on my big head.

LIBRA

Make a special effort to spend all week with your lover, husband or

wife. Your sense of the importance of relationships is keen and this is a good time to strengthen your passionate partnership. Take your lover to a party. Devote attention. Soul Affirmation: Change is my middle name.

SCORPIO

The flock will come to you for direction. Give it gracefully. Know that your insights will help a lot if you deliver them in the right way. If you are a mother, guidance will be the best gift you can give others this week. Soul Affirmation: Knowing I can do it is the biggest preparation for getting it done.

SAGITTARIUS

Most people don't know how often dreams and reality blend into practical consciousness. Knowledge comes from a dream you've had lately. This week is a good week to get started making that dream a reality. Soul Affirmation: My spirit gives me limitless possibilities.

CAPRICORN

Cooperation is key this week in your relationship with your

partner. Even if you know you're right, let your partner have his or her way in the early going. Your staying power will give you influence or control in the late rounds. Soul Affirmation: I let go and let the spirit run my life this week.

AQUARIUS

At home, projects flourish as family cooperates. They do love you and they are tired of being difficult. However, time spent by yourself leads to important insights. It's a favorable time for research and study. Soul Affirmation: I let my luck work for me.

PISCES

Lover, friends, relatives are in your corner. They just have a hard time verbalizing it. Their support gives you the boost you need if you'd swallow your pride and reach out for it. Their help may not come in the form you want it, but it is in the form you need. Soul Affirmation: I find joy in facing responsibility this week.

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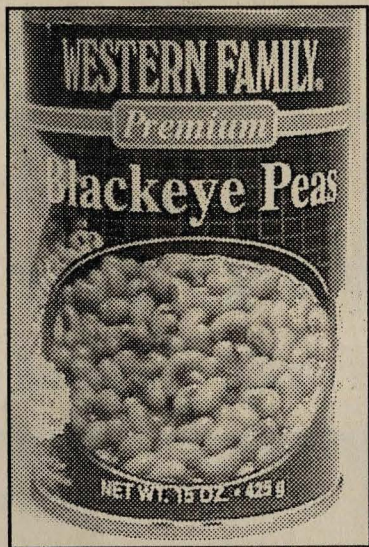
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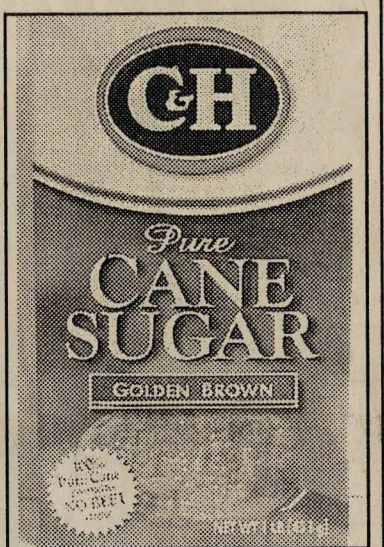
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