

Women

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MARY HAWORTH

Mate Confesses Having Affair With Co-Worker

DEAR MR. HAWORTH: My husband and I have been married for 15 years. He is 46 and I am 41. We haven't been blessed with children.

Ours has been a warm happy relationship, or so I had thought. Recently my husband confessed to me that he had been having an affair for more than a year with a young woman in his office.

"I love you; I always will; but this is just one of those things," he stated.

He then cold-bloodedly asked me to stand by, patiently, until the affair "runs its course."

What course? Isn't it unusual for a man to burden his wife with a guilty secret?

My reaction: Anger, jealousy, but most of all, a deep, deep hurt. I am beginning to lose confidence in myself, though I am an attractive, intelligent and loving.

I am still very much in love with my husband but feel he has terribly betrayed my naive trust. I find myself brooding, not able to sleep or eat properly. Before I sink into utter despair please advise me what to do.

W.R. DEAR W.R.: Unnatural isn't the relevant word for your husband's behavior in confessing his "guilty secret" to you. Morally weak is the more aptly descriptive term. I think.

The element of weakness in his make-up that allows him to daily with a protracted affair, meanwhile fully convinced that he loves his wife and always will, is likewise the flaw in his character that permits him to exploit the young woman co-worker for whom he feels no serious responsible regard.

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Thus, in telling you about her, before someone else does, he is moving decisively towards you, psychologically, as best he can, in his presently divided emotional state, which finds him addicted to habitual coyness with his paramour, meanwhile urgently mindful of his desire never to be parted from you.

In short, he is voting, nominally at least, for marriage to you as his preferred way-of-life, even while indicating, by his weakling policy of waiting for the affair to run its course, that he hasn't the moral force, the overall personal discipline, the essential manhood, to bow out of the affair as a first step towards fighting the wrong being visited upon all involved.

It could be that his paramour has been nudging him to get his cards, or their cards, on the table with you. She may assume, without contradiction from him, that they would marry if he were free, and that only your prior claim to his care and protection stands in the way.

Possibly she has been voluntarily taking up the subject with you, if he hesitates. His abrupt disclosure may represent an anxious scramble on his part to line-up on your side, before she can strike that type of blow, with its implication that she and he are closer in mind than you and he.

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Donald MacLeod, Victoria. Mrs. Burda is the former Donald MacLeod.

counts she also has made several short commercial films.

Dale joined her sister following extensive experience in advertising and writing. She decided to be a writer while attending school in her home town, Wetaukwin, a small city 40 miles south of Edmonton.

Shirley does the designing, layouts, art work and some of the writing. She started her career with a Wetaukwin weekly newspaper and 19 years ago began working for an Edmonton company involved in advertising.

The two not only work together, they share a house in west Edmonton. Summertime may find them working around their cottage, by Pigeon Lake south of Edmonton, gardening or just "having people over for a barbecue."

During the winter they enjoy reading, concerts, theatre and working around the house. Shirley also was active in the Canadian Women's Press Club and Dale is public relations chairman for the Progressive Conservative party in northern Alberta.

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