

For And About You

By Harriett Muhammad

DEAR HARRIETT: I've become very fond of M—in our short acquaintance. She's married and is a devoted, dedicated, loyal wife. She's the unhappiest bride I've ever met, and she has been unsuccessfully married for four years to a boy who's extremely irresponsible, unfaithful, disrespectful, abusive—and who is an opportunist . . .

She has been unfaithful both mentally and spiritually—not that she's found refuge in me through my understanding of her troubles and useless sacrifice—and she has confessed that there is love in her heart for me . . .

I have asked her to join me in marriage and I believe that she could be a courageous member of the Islamic faith, but she needs proper guidance to the truth—all truth . . .

I am certain that there must be something you can do to help us both through your sincere guidance.

—A TRAVELING TEXAN

DEAR TRAVELING TEXAN: Whether M— remains with her husband or accepts your proposal will depend on her faith and confidence in you. If you are trying to strengthen yourself through Islam and see that she gets proper guidance, why not visit a local Mosque?

In San Antonio, contact Mr. Able X Jacobs, 109 Libby Walk. Contact Mr. James



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X Jacobs in Houston at 1917 Ruth Street. They can give you the personal contact you need.

Meanwhile, I am sending you both literature that I think will help you through your period of decision.

DEAR HARRIETT: I have a big problem; it's like this: My husband is very sick, but he is not in bed, which makes life worse. He is in and out of the house all day long and I have to go behind him cleaning and picking up. I'm always very tired and I don't sleep well at night.

I was going to M.G.T. meetings on Thursday nights, but had to stop because of my husband. He likes to smoke in bed—so you see I can't go any place

I couldn't go in and right back out.

I would like to be in the Mosque for every meeting. I feel like that is my "missing link." Maybe your advice will help. —TIREB.

DEAR TIREB: You didn't mention whether your husband's illness is long or short range. If short, I suggest you be patient with him and hang on. If this illness is to extend over months or years, you'll need a male "husband sitter."

Check with the Mosque officials and see if some young man will be able to "sit" with your husband or go out with him once in awhile so that you'll have a chance to attend some of the meetings.

As for the picking-up sessions you go through—if you can't get your husband to be more considerate, try "picking up" only twice a day. There's no need for you to get sick, too.

DEAR M. G. of MARYLAND: You asked some very good questions, but they can best be answered by a minister. I refer you to Mr. Isiah Karriem, 514 Wilson Street, Baltimore, Maryland. I'm sure he's quite capable of clearing up the things that bother you.

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