



Relationships On Fire

My news bulletin on how to avoid the *undesirable* sides of dating, committed relationships, separation and divorce...

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Please answer the following 3 questions in your post or email:

1. What has recently been your biggest relationship challenge?
2. What is preventing you from resolving it?
3. What is your question for me?

Ask Dr. Georgiana!

Dear Dr. Georgiana,

I am 35 years old and have always been attracted to "successful" men. Unfortunately, after dating them for a while, I usually find them to be excessively focused on their work, feel frustrated and leave. Do you have any suggestions on how to date men who are busy and successful? I want a partner that has me and our relationship as a priority. Is that even possible? Harriet.

Dear Harriet,

Could it be that you idealize a relationship with a successful man as stress-free and full of time for fun and play? If that is the case, you are not alone. Many women dream of finding a successful man who will focus on them as much as on their work. Unfortunately, it is not always easy to accomplish both things at once. Successful individuals do not usually have much time for relationships until later in life. Since you are 35, my guess is that you are dating men under 50 and therefore these men are in the midst of building or maintaining their success. So your timing for wanting them to make you a priority may be a little off. In order to get that kind of focus, you may need to date men who are closer to retirement or to wait until you find one who can give you what you are looking for. In the meantime, you could ask yourself whether there is anything you always dreamed of doing and try it. It will help you endure the wait.



Dear Dr. Georgiana,

I married a woman named Mary a year ago after a brief but intense romance. As a married couple we were very happy and passionate with each other for a few months and then I started noticing that she was less focused on me than before. I don't know if this is normal after being together for a while or if there is something else going on that I should pay attention to. What do you suggest I do? Jack.

Dear Jack,

I can imagine that it must be disappointing to marry someone at the height of your passion just to lose that feeling a few months later. But before you get too worried, have a conversation with your wife about what is going on in other areas of her life that may be grabbing her attention. You may also want to inquire about how she feels about you and the relationship. Sometimes we may not notice changes in our own behavior and believe that our partners are at fault for what is going on in the relationship. Ask yourself whether you have changed as well and what that is about? If you find that you are not doing anything differently, express your desire to keep the passion and ask what you can do to help the relationship get back to the way it was. Mary may appreciate your determination.



Dear Dr. Georgiana,

George and I were married for 30 years and separated a year ago by mutual consent. We have 3 grown children who now live their own lives and for the most part, have adapted well to our breakup. Since my separation, I have been feeling bored (and I think George also feels that way). George and I speak regularly and although we both have the intention of dating, neither has started the process. The idea of going back to my marriage is scary but I am even more scared of dating. How do I know what is the right thing to do? Amy.

Dear Amy,

If you separated by mutual consent, the relationship must have been stale for a while. It is understandable to feel bored after a breakup from a 30-year-old marriage. You are used to having each other as company. However, boredom is not a good enough reason to get back together. If either of you doesn't have a clear understanding of what went wrong and what could have been done to make the relationship work, it is time to have that conversation. This could help you either move on or get back together. I would suggest spending a minimum of six months sharing your true feelings with each other and finding out if you can both change before you make a decision.

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