

Making Marriage Click

Jealousy, 'Loves Sentinel'
Protects Marriage Bond

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"What am I supposed to do when another girl throws her arms around my husband at a party and kisses him? My husband says I take these things far too seriously, if a girl really had designs on him she wouldn't give herself a way in public. I know. But I can't help my feelings, I just bolt over."

Ada.

different than a handshake. She may be a victim of the culture in which she lives.

Ada, it may be wise to discuss this column with your husband. I doubt that he has a right to interpret this incident at its face value. You definitely need the comfort and reassurance of his love which he may not be giving you.

Admit your own worries and insecurities. Talk over the possibility of challenging any custom which seems to be fraught with danger and paganism. There is a big difference between being conventional and being conformist. The one is good and does not sacrifice principles, the other is bad, for it rejects and destroys good principles.

We are endowed with certain protective emotions. Fear is one, for instance—it makes you careful as you drive a car. Anxiety is another—it makes you prepare carefully for an examination.



Monsignor DeBlanc

Jealousy is a third—it makes you watchful over the relationships upon which your security and happiness depend. Shakespeare called this type of jealousy, "love's sentinel."

But Ada you bring up a custom which is spreading and which is the source of much concern. I refer to the habit which is becoming accepted among some respectable groups who greet another man's wife with a long, fervent kiss, while at the same time some other man is welcoming and kissing his wife.

When a man kisses a lady it should express a sacred, intimate language. Just what right and reason does a married man have to kiss another man's wife in this way? What man can afford the risks involved in this type of behavior?

I AM NOT saying that every man who affectionately greets another man's wife is committing a sin, but I am definitely saying that the trend does seem to be an innocent one. It is frightening and ominous.

This is true not alone for the couples involved but for the children who see their fathers and mothers accept this ritual. The children must be shocked and confused, and eventually I am sure, affected in their own relationship towards the opposite sex.

Because this custom can lead to major crises, to serious changes on the Commandments, to the scandal of children, to divorces. It should be stopped. I see no one good reason for the risks involved.

In your particular case, Ada, if a girl had designs on your husband, your marriage would, of course, be in danger. In that circumstance it would be as unnatural for you to remain calm, serene and indifferent as it would be for you to remain undisturbed by a fire in your living room.

All the fire alarm bells should start ringing inside of you. At this distance one can never guess all of the emotions involved.

BUT THIS GIRL you refer to can be very insecure or immature. She may also naively imagine that her greeting is no



Actor, Wife Sponsor Deaf Clinic

Los Angeles — (RNS) — Screen star Spencer Tracy and his wife are sponsoring a clinic here devoted to the education of pre-school children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Mrs. Tracy, co-founder, president and director of the clinic, is shown with some of the young-

sters who are learning lip-reading at the center. The clinic is named after John Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy's son, who has been totally deaf since birth. Many Hollywood stars have contributed time and money to the clinic's welfare. The Tracys are devout Catholics.

'Slow Progress'
Reported In
Garb Changes

Vatican City — (NC) — Although the modification of the habits worn by religious women as recommended by Pope Pius XII is proceeding slowly, officials of the Congregation of Religious say that there is a definite movement in many orders and societies to comply with the Pope's wishes.

Father Agostino Pugliese of that congregation declined to say how many or which groups had already effected changes, but he did reveal that "many religious orders of women have requested and obtained permission to effect a partial adaptation of their original habit."

Suggesting that there has been some confused thinking on this matter, Father Pugliese pointed out that it is a mistake to regard the suggested modification of religious habits as being simply a tendency toward modernization.

"Actually," he said, "it is nothing more than a return to the original ideas of the founders of the religious orders adapted to the times in which we live. It is a return to the healthy old traditions of each form of life relieved in the present."

He repeated what the Holy Father said recently in his "invaluable audience" radio talks to cloistered nuns, that the religious garb is an external sign of a way of life, but it is not essential to it.

The religious habit is governed by the canon law of the Church as well as by the civil law in many countries. But with permission, it can be radically simplified, even to the extent, in some cases, of making religious hardly distinguishable from laypersons.

Children Expect
'Rules To Live By'

Pittsburgh — (NC) — Children need discipline and in fact "expect rules to live by," a Pittsburgh psychiatrist told 600 Sisters at the district's annual meeting of the Educational Association of the Pittsburgh Sisters of Mercy.

Dr. W. Glenn Strodes of Mercy Hospital here said that "too many adults have the idea that children should be allowed to express themselves without inhibitions." Speaking at the meeting's "mental health day" at Mount Mercy College, Dr. Strodes said that parents and teachers should give children a firm "no" when necessary.

Church Recognizes
TB Miracle Cure

Lourdes — (NC) — The 23-year-old cure of a tuberculosis-stricken pilgrim to Lourdes has officially been recognized, as miraculous by the Church and entered as such in the archives of the medical bureau here.

THE CASE, which became the 55th cure proclaimed as miraculous by ecclesiastical authorities in the shrine's 100 years of existence, dated back to October 10, 1930.

Lydie Brosse was a 4-year-old bedridden pilgrim who suffered from intestinal tuberculosis and tuberculosis of the bone. She made a pilgrimage to Lourdes from her home in St. Raphael on the southeast coast of France.

Doctors judged her condition desperate. Owing to her state of weakness, nurses at the shrine decided against the customary immersion in Lourdes water. They merely applied compresses soaked in the water to the sores that covered her body.

On the train on her way home Miss Brosse's condition improved with dramatic rapidity. She sat up on her stretcher for the first time in 18 months. Her sores healed, leaving only small scars, as she started walking around the train carriage.

In St. Raphael the patient attended nurses who had come to meet her by jumping off the train and walking with complete ease around the platform.

ACCORDING TO the usual procedure, the case was submitted to the International Medical Commission of Lourdes. The commission confirmed the conclusions of the medical bureau and declared that there were sound reasons for turning the case over to the authority of the Church, who alone could qualify the cure as miraculous.

A canonical commission was established in the Diocese of Coutances, in northern France, where Miss Brosse now lives. The commission examined the case and declared that her cure presented all the characteristics of a true miracle.

Sour
Face

La Paz, Bolivia — They say an army marches on its stomach. Missionaries share that sentiment.

But Father James L. Pruss, Maryknoll Missioner of Oakland, Calif., couldn't go too far on a recent delicacy dished up by his new cook.

Father Jim prided himself on the fact that he finally taught Maria, the cook, the secret of baking a good apple pie. Maria, flattered with the padre's praise, decided to launch out on her own for a repeat treat.

The fact that there were no apples wouldn't stop Maria. She cut up lemons, stuffed them under the crust and baked the pie. Needless to say, the padre went around with a sour look on his face after dinner that evening.

Father Hubbard
Marks Jubilee

Santa Clara, Calif. — (NC) — Father Bernard R. Hubbard, S.J., famed "glacier priest" residing at the University of Santa Clara, offered Mass to mark the 50th anniversary of his entry into the Jesuits.

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What About 'Subliminal' Ads?

Sydney, Australia — (NC) — Subliminal advertising is "morally wrong in itself," a nationally prominent Australian priest has declared here.

Father Leslie Rumble, whose radio Question Box Session has won a wide following, also labeled the recently developed method of hidden television advertising as "an unethical procedure even from the viewpoint of ordinary business integrity."

Subliminal advertising involves the repeated flashing of a key word or slogan visually during a television broadcast at such a high speed that viewers are not aware even of having seen it.

SOME RESEARCHERS have claimed that wherever the method has been experimented with commercially, it has resulted in a major increase in demand for the product advertised subliminally.

Dr. Rumble said that subliminal advertisers, like hypnotists, aim at affecting the subconscious mind by suggestion. But it is a far more subtle thing than ordinary advertising by mere repetition. Subliminal advertising is not an appeal to conscious thought and reflection, or a considered judgment of any kind.

It's a kind of brain-conditioning, not devised to gain conscious attention, but to create impressions unconsciously.

Two recent statements by Pope Pius XII have a bearing on this subject, Dr. Rumble said. In September, 1952, addressing a congress of neurosurgeons, the pope recalled, the Pope pointed out that patients have the full right to the use of their faculties and powers, and that a doctor has no right over another person beyond those that person grants him.

In April, 1953, Dr. Rumble added, addressing the International Association of Applied Psychology, His Holiness con-

psychologist into the depths of the personality."

He also recalled that Pope Pius had said, "it is wrong to invoke the priority of science over moral values and the interests of individuals," and that "it is a characteristic of the totalitarian states to give no thought to the means employed, but to use without distinction all that serves their purpose without regard for the moral law."

Applying this to subliminal advertising, Dr. Rumble said there is no doubt that, like hypnotism, "it is an effort to invade the subconscious areas of the human personality," and

it is unlawful as hypnotism itself when used for purely commercial purposes."

He continued: "As with hypnotism, of course, not all will respond to it. The method will probably be able to take advantage only of susceptible types. But that does not affect the issue.

"Secondly, it cannot be taken for granted that merely by having paid to be present at an entertainment, patrons have thereby consented to be subjected to the treatment," and the whole idea of subliminal advertising is that victims will be unconsciously conditioned in the way an advertiser wishes.

"Thirdly, even from the viewpoint of ordinary business ethics, it is difficult to classify such advertising as anything but a 'confidence trick.'

"We would all condemn a salesman who went from door to door, and relied on hypnotism to induce customers to buy what they don't need, and don't really want, and what in their normal senses they would never dream of purchasing.

"For all these reasons subliminal advertising cannot be approved as morally wrong in itself, and an unethical procedure even from the viewpoint of ordinary business integrity."

Learning By Rote
Method Scored

Washington — (RNS) — More than 1,000 teachers in Roman Catholic parochial schools here were told that "mechanistic methods" of teaching cause distaste and contempt for scholarship among Catholic students.

The Rev. Francis T. Hurley, assistant general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, censured the use of rote teaching methods in Catholic classrooms in a sermon preached at the annual teachers' Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral here.

The Mass formally opened the parochial schools of the Washington archdiocese for the more than 50,000 students expected to jam Catholic classrooms this year.

Declaring that "Catholic schools can never be glibly described as public schools with an

added course in religion," Father Hurley stressed that "the complete philosophy and psychology of Catholic education is different," and requires effective learning and teaching.

THE PRIEST scored the use of "excessive drill lessons; long and weary repetitions, automatic responses for arithmetic, cramming for archdiocesan tests, and pointless assignments like 'do the next 25 questions' in the book."

"Where such conditions prevail should we be surprised that students develop distaste, if not contempt for scholarship?" Father Hurley asked.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Dear Bishop:
To make up for a gold fish I killed I am giving a dollar to the Missions.
Brian

My dear Brian:

You have a good conscience. You know that because you did harm to one of God's creatures who should not have been killed, you ought to make up for it. So after being violent to a gold fish, you became violent to yourself and forced yourself to give up a dollar as you forced the fish to give up its life.

Other boys, if they killed a gold fish, might just "forget it"; others might have learned to kill other things, even man. But when you saw death you thought of giving life to others and particularly to the Missions. Your mind jumped from the waters of a tiny fish bowl across seas and oceans to the vast continents of Africa and Asia; when you saw a living thing killed you thought of the millions of human beings who have been killed by Communists.

Brian, think of how much better the world would be if people just stopped "forgetting" the wrong they did and began "remembering," as you did, to offer some sacrifice to balance out their sins. That one dollar you sent represents two things: 1) penance for a wrong and 2) charity to the missions. The last two sermons of Our Lord while on earth were on these two subjects: "Do penance"; "Going therefore teach ye all nations."

A fish made you think of saving souls, as it did Our Lord. When He saw fish He told the Apostles they were to be "fishers of men," that is, savers of souls. So, Brian, I pray that one day you may be a missionary priest, a fisher of men on the Missions.

Let us both pray that the grown-ups who have much more to make up for than the killing a gold fish will send some of their gold to the missions that God may forgive their sins through the intercession of converted Koreans, Indians and Japanese.

With renewed thanks, believe me,
Gratefully yours in Our Lord and His Mother,
Fulton J. Sheen

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