



ASK DEANNA!
*Real People,
Real Advice*

Ask Deanna! is an advice column known for its fearless approach to reality-based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

I've fallen victim to society's double standard that pertains to dating. I'm single and have no intentions of being in a relationship because it's not on my agenda. I feel I should be able to see as many people I want without being judged. Why can men go around the world and sample everything but when women do it, we're called out of our name and everything else?

Karla
Orlando, FL

Dear Karla:

A man leaves his dirt in the street but a woman takes hers home. You need to be honest and see your lifestyle for what it is. You're footloose, fancy free and aren't responsible. Women are expected to behave with morals and values when it comes to dating and life in general. If you choose otherwise, as only a foolish woman will, then you deserve all the hard knocks that come your way.

Dear Deanna!

I'm 34 and date older women. I have no motives behind my preference. I simply appreciate these women that have old school values. Recently I have fallen for a younger woman but I find myself dealing with a lot of frustrations. She's not where I feel she should be mentally when it comes to friends, money, and marriage. Am I comparing her to my past relationships or am I just set in old school ways?

Regretting
Online Reader

Dear Regretting:

You're very mature and you've learned a lot from the older women you've dated and that's a good thing. With your age, wisdom and old school mentality a small group of younger women can only offer you visual and physical stimulation that becomes old after a while. If you want more stability and structure stick with what you know unless you have time to be stressed trying to teach a young girl new tricks.

Dear Deanna!

I made a decision years ago to eliminate my relationship because I was saved and my longtime partner never gave himself to the Lord. Now that I've accepted celibacy, he's come back into my life as a Christian. I want to be with him but he wants to be intimate and he wants to marry me but wants to jump in the bed first. I've been fine without him for this long but although I love him, I can't sacrifice my faith. What do I do?

Mary A.
Denver, CO

Dear Mary:

You have an easy choice that swings left or right and will result in Heaven or Hell. Don't be fooled in the event your boyfriend is playing pseudo Christian, fake that is, just to get what he wants. If he's really ready to walk the walk, then he should respect you, know the Word and abide in faith to the rules of fornication. If not, you left once and it shouldn't be hard to leave again. By the way, between you two Christians, the word marriage hasn't been mentioned once. Stay true to God and keep it moving.

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Book explores facts of Black life

Family Affair: What It Means to Be African-American Today

Edited by Gil L. Robertson, IV; Agate Publishing; Paperback; \$16.00; 426 pages

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By Kam Williams
Sentinel-Voice

"Who am I? It's a fundamental question for everyone, of course, but for African-Americans, it has particular resonance. Since our history in America is filled with grand contradictions, marginalization, and grotesque lies, African-Americans have largely been left alone in the dark to grapple with the issue of who we are.

Our shared experience as people of African-American descent have been marked by an endless wave of mixed

messages, leaving questions that lack finite answers. How do we declare our humanity? How do we begin to construct healthy environments for our lives, families, and communities in the face of chaos and confusion?

Compiling this book was important to me because the Black community is clearly in need of healing.... Family Affair is intended to facilitate conversations, spark dialogue, revive dreams, and free our individual minds.

The African-American community has been mentally and spiritually fractured for much too long, and it's in need of revival and honest reflection. The voices included in this book take some steps in that direction." — Excerpted from the Preface (pages xiii-xv)

Attorney General Eric Holder took a lot of flak recently when he referred to America as a "nation of cowards" because we "simply do not talk enough with each other about race."

The backlash emanated from the feeling of many that the election of Obama proves that we have finally achieved that post-racial society envisioned by Dr. Martin Luther King where people would be judged solely by the content of their character.

The dilemma reminds me of the old joke where, finding themselves surrounded by hostile Indians, the Lone Ranger asks his trusted, native scout "What do you think we should do?" and Tonto responds, "What do you mean 'we,' White man?" Gil Robertson, author of

Family Affair, recognized that, although Obama has generated considerable "hope for change," the fact remains that most African-American communities still exist "in a state of almost perpetual crisis... in terms of a health disparities, political injustices, crime statistics, and a plethora of social ills."

So, he naturally started wondering how could the country have its first African-American president while the masses of Blacks continue to struggle with so many of the same issues the Civil Rights Movement had attempted to address a half-century ago?

Rather than attempt to answer that question himself, the veteran journalist opted to pose it to a host of prominent African-Americans (See Book Review, Page 7)

A 40-Year Journey: Faces and Places 2009 Photo Exhibit Las Vegas, NV

Internationally acclaimed photographer John Broussard has created an exhibit showcasing 40 years in photojournalism and creative photography. The exhibit is a collection of original photographs and poems covering 4 decades, showcasing his photographic journey. Having traveled throughout the USA, Asia, Africa, and Europe, Mr. Broussard welcomes the opportunity to showcase carefully chosen, thought-provoking images.

Featuring:

Judge Johnnie B. Rawlinson, Nevada Senator Steven Horsford, Dr. Sonya Douglass Horsford, Bubba Knight, Alice Key, Isaac Sawyer Helen Anderson-Toland, and others.

The exhibit will be on display March 28 – June 27, 2009

You are cordially invited to meet Mr. Broussard at a reception on Saturday, April 11, 2009 2-5 p.m.

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