

Wife Accuses Spouse Of Being "Cold"

Dear Carole,
I consider myself to be a thinker and a rational person. Therefore, I don't let feelings get in the way of important decisions that I make. My wife, on the other hand, let's her feelings get in the way of everything she does. She doesn't understand my way and I don't understand her way of doing things. She says I am a cold machine. I say that she let's emotions and feelings blind her so she can't think straight or see straight.
Which one of us is right?



Carole's Corner

By Carole Ricks

Dear Carole,
Please help me overcome loneliness. I can be in a room full of people and still feel lonely. Sometimes I wonder if I'm, afraid of people. When I'm with people, I feel so uneasy. Lately, I've been trying to avoid situations in which I have to face people. But the more I stay away from people the more lonely I become.
What can I do to stop being lonely?

Lonely and Afraid

Dear Lonely and Afraid,
It is difficult to suggest a method for overcoming loneliness without understanding the cause for your loneliness. A person may act withdrawn if they experience hurt

feelings from deception or mistrust of other people. The "hurt" may seem difficult to bear. A person may act withdrawn in order to protect him/herself from further hurt. If you can begin to trust one person you may soon trust others. Your loneliness may also be a response to self-doubt or lack of confidence. Begin to build your confidence by taking a chance at something new. Try to participate in an activity that will help you develop a skill. Crafts, swimming, learning to play a musical instrument will help your confidence to grow. As your confidence grows, you will feel less fearful of people. It is not necessary to have a million friends. But if you have a few, who are sincere, your loneliness will soon fade.

Carole

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"Know What I'm Talking About"

Dear "Know-it-all,"
Both of you have approaches which may work well for you. However, each of you should listen to the other and learn the value of a different approach. A person who is practical only but has no compassion, will turn people away and accomplish little that endures. A person who has compassion only but who lacks practicality will be stepped on and stepped over.

Carole

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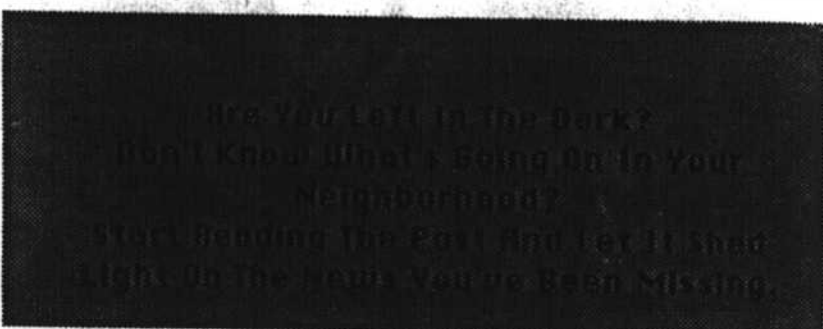
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