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A. Jolayne Farrell

Their children's objections give couple the wedding bell blues

Dear Joe:

I am a widow in my late 60s. The reason for my letter is to ask you what course I should follow in my present dilemma. It is rather a happy dilemma, as I have met and plan to marry a fine widower who is two years younger than I am. We have been seeing each other for three years now and are planning to marry.

Our problem is that our grown children are very much against our marriage. Their arguments at times are so convincing that we call off our dogs. Their opposition ranges from worries about inheritance (neither of us is particularly well heeled) to our supposed lack of respect for our deceased mates. Sometimes I feel just like throwing caution to the wind and getting married, approved or not, as soon as we can. Could you throw some light on this?

Mrs. E.

Before throwing caution to the wind, I would advise that you see a lawyer to consider drawing up a formal marriage contract. Marriage contracts are becoming very popular with couples of all ages. Many couples who have been married for years are now seeking legal advice in drawing up marriage contracts. Older people should be the most interested in them because of the complexities involved in ownership of properties, sharing income, medical expenses and interfamily relationships. Some sensible planning now will decrease a lot of problems later on. The services of a lawyer are required because

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Lorene Green

Dear Mrs. Green:

I am writing this partially in disbelief that much can really be told from my handwriting. I'm a basic "aloh" when it comes to penmanship and am trying to write this slowly so it is more legible than my usual notes are.

R.M., Livonia

One of your most valuable assets is probably a sense of humor. Without this, life could be quite grim. (Shown by half-circle i dots)

Another positive trait is your ability to concentrate on whatever involvement you choose. You do not like interruptions and have little difficulty zeroing in on the task at hand. Your concentration is well developed. (Writing size)

We are looking at a good mind here, one that is curious to learn and must analyze all that is learned. You do not accept things at face value, but must sort and sift information out for yourself. Two areas in which you might be quite successful come to mind. The first one is the field of research and the second is detective work.

There is just a suggestion of literary aptitude here. You are probably a reader.

Numerous things in your handwriting suggest wavering self-confidence. It seems evident you do not always perceive yourself the same in all areas.

You appear to be a complex man and I suspect there are a limited number of people who really know you. To many people, you are probably an enigma.

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Close relationships are not something with which you feel comfortable. In fact, you seem to be squeezing others right out of your life. Aggressive behavior and some selfishness serve to impede harmonious relationships at times. Also, you can be critical and suspect of other people's motives.

In the past, you have experienced some hurts and find it difficult to free yourself of these memories. However, your chip-on-the-shoulder attitude does little to endear you to others. I feel certain I am not the first person to suggest that you may be stubborn.

In the everyday functions of daily living, experience often takes precedence over precision.

I would be interested to hear your comments on this evaluation of your somewhat less-than-legible handwriting.

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