

Ask the Doctor...

I've Been Struck By Cupid's Arrow...And It Hurts Like Hell!

As Valentine's Day had finally arrived, I would like to answer some of the gushy love questions that have been sent to me during the last two weeks. I have finally stapled The Doctor's Box to the wall of The Pit and am looking forward to a large response. I would just like to once again thank all those students who are sending in letters, as I enjoy each and every one of them. Now let's get romantic shall we.

Dear Doctor,

I have been seeing the same guy since grade Eleven and I would like to marry him (or at least get engaged) before we go away to work on our graduate degrees. Is this a good idea or should we just continue to just see each other like we have been? I think that he would rather not commit to me, because whenever I mention getting married or having children he gets really nervous.

Signed, Give Me The Ring

Dear Give Me,

"Distance makes the heart grow fonder, but lonely eyes often wander." This is a very reasonable question, but one that is not so easily answered. While you may think that an engagement ring will keep your man faithful, this is not always the case. It is very difficult to keep the spark in a long distance relationship, especially for the man. If the both of you are going to the same university then I say go for it, but if now, wait. The reasons for your boyfriend getting nervous when you mention commitment is not a fear of commitment, but rather a fear of making the wrong commitment. Guys want a commitment (among other things) but are afraid of making it to a woman that they don't really love. Either that or he hates your guts and is only using you until someone better comes along!

Dear Doctor,

I am a first year student and I am finding that sex is a major part of the night life here at the university. I am still a virgin and have a very strong religious background. I don't want to give away something as sacred as my chastity at a wild drunken binge, but I feel like that I am the only one here that doesn't.

Signed, Mary

Dear Mary,

Guess what! You are quite alone in your plight to retain your virginity, but that does not mean that you shouldn't. I know that there is a great pressure to have sex at university and that most, often succumb to this pleasure, I mean pressure. Due to the fact that I am a doctor, I think that I should set a moral standard that students can use to help them to decide and how to give up their chastity.

1. If you feel uncomfortable...get a pillow.
2. If you feel that your morals are being compromised by the situation at hand...change them.
3. If you have a fear of the dark, make sure that you bring your Mickey Mouse night-light with you at all times.
4. If whips, chains or other sex toys are involved make sure that they have been approved by the CSA (Canadian Standards Association). You don't want to get hurt now do you.
5. If your partner doesn't believe in safe sex, tell him that you would like to do it while bungy jumping. If he/she agrees, at least it will be exciting.
6. Finally, remember that everyone is beautiful...at least in the dark. So leave Mickey at home!

**In reality, you should never have sex unless you are in love with your lover, are willing to accept the responsibility that comes along with sex and feel completely comfortable with the conditions under which the act takes place.

Dear Doctor,

I hate Valentine's Day. I have never received a Valentine's card though I send out many of them each year. Every year I hope that Cupid's arrow will come my way, but every year I am left broken-hearted.

Signed, Be My Valentine

Dear Be My Valentine,

I know that people can often be cruel around this time of year. There are many explanations for your problems, but only you know the true problem. Perhaps it is that you have really bad breath or wear too much polyester. Are you in science? Do you sign the damn cards? Maybe those who you give the Valentines to are just very shy (or maybe they are too poor to afford to buy you one). All of these questions and thoughts must be taken into consideration before you get down on what has got to be one of the best days of the year, next to Groundhog's Day. Relax, send out some Valentines, listen to some Barry Manilow records and enjoy February 14th the way it was meant to be enjoyed (for some helpful hints on how to enjoy it, refer to the preceding letter)!