

Catherina Ross via Katrina Prystupa

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Kathy:

I see three ways we can proceed:

Way #1:

I can see your depression, doubt and confusion about the situation we are in. I am not doing much better. We are here due to lack of communication, selfishness, avoidance of reality and lack of consideration for each others wants and needs on both of our parts. It's our own damm fault. If you agree with this, we should talk honestly, from the heart about what we each feel and think and see what happens. We have to live with ourselves and the effect of our actions on Khierstyn and Hilary. I believe strongly that there is room for discussion to at least defuse the hostility between us. Whatever happens, the kids need both of us and we must co-operate for their sakes. I believe I have behaved in an honorable manner up to this point, with the exception of taking all the stuff which was intended to hurt. Once I realised this, I returned it. I know you feel hurt with my getting statements from your family and disagree with the opinions therein. Please understand, I was looking for facts and understanding. I believe you see the truth in my position and are beginning to see some of the mistakes you have made. You have not given me enough information to be sure of my mistakes, but I believe it was mainly in not acknowledging your needs. My motive has never been to hurt you.

Way #2:

It's time for us to be adults about this and to recognise that we share some mutual goals which can only be achieved by opening up the lines of communication between us. In particular:

- Assume the truth will come out and stop the lies. I am not and have not been abusive to you. My only crime was in not meeting your unrealistic expectations and demands which were the result of your lack of self esteem and demanding that I prove your self worth to you. This character flaw will torment you all of your life until you recognise and deal with it.
- We must look at the situation realistically and get beyond the blame. We are both to blame, in different ways. We must face this and move on with our lives.
- We have to minimise the stress on the children by getting things over as quickly as possible and defining the shape of our new lives.

- We have to preserve as much of what we have for the children's sakes. This means that we should try to reach some of our agreements by face to face discussion. It is not effective to fax papers back and forth with lawyers in the middle. I suggest we start as soon as possible. To prepare for this, we should present a list of our expectations to each other, based on discussions with our lawyers. It should be based on what we can expect from a judge, which is well defined. I know you don't trust me. It doesn't matter, our final agreement will be checked by our lawyers.
- We are going to have to get along to do well by the children. This means that we are going to have to share and understand our perspectives about how we failed and start the healing process.
- I realise that you feel you are incapable of dealing with me at this point in time. Please try to find the strength.

Way #3:

- If you choose not to take the path of dealing with reality and your demands remain unrealistic, then we proceed on the current course which will result in the loss of everything we have to our lawyers. What is the point of this destruction?

Regards;

Bill

This is Exhibit "L"
of the Affidavit
of Catherine Ross
sworn November 21, 1994
A Commissioner, etc.

