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Chapter One – What Is Infidelity?

Infidelity, the greatest and most misunderstood of all relationship infractions. This one small entity, this sometimes one minute act of passion or revenge, has the capability to initiate a relationship and or end a relationship at the very same time. But what is it? Most people will classify infidelity as either a man sticking his happy part into a woman while he is in a relationship or a woman who is in a relationship letting a man with whom she is not in a relationship with do the same. Now while true, this is a basic definition of what infidelity entails, it merely scratches the surface of what makes up the playing field of being unfaithful. Infidelity has many names. It is called cheating, stepping out, a transgression, betrayal, unfaithfulness, perfidious, fooling around and on the less classy end of the scale, plain ole getting a little something on the side. In addition to infidelity having many names, it also has many meanings. For the most part, the widely accepted definition of infidelity revolves around indulging in sexual intercourse with another man or woman who is not the married or committed partner. But there are many other meanings as to what defines infidelity and these are

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often determined by the individual who faces infidelity or by he who commits the act of infidelity himself. Here's a for instance: some individuals who are dating but not indulging in intercourse may feel that the sanctity of their relationship is or has been violated if one of the parties was to kiss another. Some people feel that if a conversation is had with someone outside the relationship, which revolves around sexual intercourse, the prospect of sexual intercourse or even the sexual intercourse, which is being had between the committed couple, then infidelity is to be the end result. The thing about infidelity, which is beneficial and at the same time confusing, is the fact that everybody can make up what infidelity means to them. This means that they do not have to be bound by anybody else's interpretation of what cheating or subdivisions of cheating may or may not actually be. As with the examples above, some people feel that if a significant other were to have any type of attraction at all to the opposite sex, then it means that the opposite sex just wants to indulge in physical activities. This is one of those reasons why accurate statistics on infidelity as well as the ramifications caused by actual statistics will never be known. Here's the hypocrisy

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when it comes to infidelity: for some, if you are in a relationship and you look at someone else in a lustful manner, then you have cheated. For others, if you are in relationship and you indulge in a platonic relationship with another that your significant other does not know about, then again you have cheated. And still for others, which is the most widely accepted act of criminality, if you engage in sexual intercourse with someone outside of wedlock or outside of commitment, then you have crossed the lines as far as what fidelity dictates. The main reason why people will never be able to get an accurate count on what infidelity is, is because while most laws define infidelity as only bumping uglies, many people define infidelity as anything that they do not like. So I guess it is kinda safe to say that infidelity or the ramifications of, can partly be based on the emotions of the parties involved. Another thing about infidelity, which is beneficial and at the same time confusing is that aside from everybody having their own interpretations of what infidelity means to them, many people have their own interpretations of what an actual relationship is as well. Many people are in relationships without complete communication or if not a relationship

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without complete communication, then a relationship without completely communicating to each other. The one thing that they do not completely communicate to each other is what a relationship means to each of them and not only communicate that but come to an agreement on the acceptance of. This has been a big problem in the world of infidelity because many women use the silence as acceptance thing when it comes to what a relationship is. In other words, if they express to the men whom they are interested in what their idea of a perfect relationship is and the men do not object or give their opinion and input, then the belief will be in these women's minds that the men are in complete agreement. Here's an interesting but seemingly not well known tidbit: sometimes men will agree with women just to get them to shut the hell up. Many times women will consider a relationship initiated when there is consummation of that union. Men on the other hand will many times assume that the relationship is an actual relationship when there is the promise of at least a discussion and acceptance of exclusivity. So in laymen's terms; a dude can have sex with a female again and again without feeling as if there is any type of commitment

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because he hasn't asked for and received one but the female will be believing that the man is cheating if he sleeps with somebody after he sleeps with her because the relationship was assumed to be exclusive. Now do you see why communication is crucial for relationships to be happy?

One of the confusing things about infidelity is the fact that it is closely related to an actual monogamous relationship kinda like the same way many cold symptoms mimic the symptoms of many other more serious diseases and vice versa. When it comes to a relationship, people who cheat most often attempt to make their cheating relationship mimic what either occurs in their committed relationship (minus the cheating, of course) or they try and mimic what happens in some other regular relationship where there is no cheating going on at all. This is sometimes perpetrated by the couple holding hands, going shopping, spending countless amounts of time communicating by every mode of communication possible and even staring into each other's eyes with that teenage, stargazed look that people usually only have when they are in the new stages of a relationship or deep in the stronghold of love. People who are cheating, for the most part, do not usually don

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sunglasses, trenchcoats, use rental car services to make those clandestine appointments and the like, which I personally believe should be the industry standard when it comes to rules regarding infidelity. What they usually do is walk around just like the person they are having the affair with is nothing more than a friend. Here's the stipulation regarding infidelity, which helps those who commit it get away with their indiscretions; if people don't see the actual act of infidelity occurring, which almost nobody except those committing the act and your random peeping tom with a pair of high powered binoculars, probably would, then more than likely the perception will be that the couple is nothing more than a couple of good, platonic friends. This is one of those things, which is commonly referred to as a situation, which resembles infidelity. And here's the reason why; almost nobody in his or her cotton picking mind is going to say to the significant other 'hey hon, I'm cheating on you!' Nobody in their right mind will intentionally leave clues around that they know may cause them to get caught in the act of infidelity or that will cause them severe detriment with the significant other, as what getting caught in the act of infidelity or causing the

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significant other to become overly suspicious would normally do, unless they just didn't care about the significant other and wanted a quick and painless way out of the relationship. This is why it is sometimes so darned hard to decipher what infidelity actually is.

Now aside from the legal separation of infidelity, there is what's commonly called inappropriateness. There is also the issue of the moral separation of the two. I am pretty certain that in almost every state, province or jurisdiction, it is wrong by every stretch of the imagination to take out one's penis and insert it into another individual while this person is married. (Unless of course it is a case of the individuals being involved in some sort of underground sex cult or unless these people are swingers and the like.) It is equally wrong for a married woman to wrap her vagina around the random penis of whoever is available. By most logical accounts, this is a basic description of what infidelity entails. But there are many people who feel that infidelity is not what the prevailing law states but is whatever the majority of society frowns upon. This can fall under either the inappropriate or immoral statute. Here's a for instance: if a married

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