

## The Marriage Guru

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“Tired of marriage? Can’t cope with your spouse? On the brink of suicide?”

End your desperation. Contact Marriage Guru. Your problems will go away. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back.”

I watched the above ad on my ethnic TV channel.

They also flashed a phone number on the screen to call the Marriage Guru. Having all the symptoms of a long marriage, I decided to call the Marriage Guru, at last.

“God bless you Musafir! Yes, I can help you with your marital problem,” was the answer on the other end of the phone.

“Guru, how do you know my name and the reason for my call?” I asked curiously.

“It is simple, your name flashed on my caller ID and you are responding to my ad. Do you have a very low IQ?”

“No Guru, I did not realize that you would be so smart and tech savvy,” I answered meekly.

“Alright, send me \$350 in cash addressed to my PO Box in London, England. On receiving the money, I’ll call you and instruct you on how to relieve yourself of your misery,” Guru commanded.

I thanked the Marriage Guru and sent him \$350 in cash in an envelope addressed to his PO Box in London, England. After a week, I got a call from the Marriage Guru at 2:00 in the morning.

“Musafir, this is Marriage Guru.”

“O Guru! Thanks for calling and waking me up at 2:00 in the morning,” I replied.

“Musafir, don’t waste my time or yours. Tomorrow morning, go to a farmer’s market and buy four chickens. Bring the chickens home and let them roam freely inside your house.”

I thanked Guru and proceeded to buy four live chickens the next morning. My wife, obviously furious with me, hated the idea, but I was bent on repairing our marriage at all costs. Once the chickens arrived, they started making a mess everywhere in our house. My wife and I started having headaches listening to their constant commotion. The chickens soiled our bed, sofa, and started flying over our meals. Needless to say, our lives became more miserable and our marriage was pushed to the brink. After two days of patience, I decided to call the Marriage Guru again.

“God bless you Musafir! How are you feeling now?” asked Guru.

“Guru, the chickens have messed up our lives. What do I do now?” I asked in desperation.

“OK, go and buy a dog now,” Guru advised in a calm voice. The phone was soon disconnected.

The next morning, I went to a kennel and bought a cocker spaniel. There was no sense asking my wife. I knew her answer, but I was determined to fix our marriage. My wife was furious. Her blood pressure shot up in anger. The chickens ran for their lives as the dog chased them all over the house. We could not rest during the day or sleep during the night. Both my wife and I became physically exhausted and mentally sick. I decided to end my life, but wanted to talk to Guru one last time. So, I called him again.

“God bless you Musafir! How are you feeling now?” asked Guru.

“I am losing faith in you Guru. Can I get my \$350 back before ending my life?”

“Don’t be desperate. Go and sell the dog and call me in two days,” said Guru before disconnecting again.

Although I had lost faith in Marriage Guru, I decided to sell the dog, anyway. The next morning I gave the dog to the Humane Society. My wife welcomed the idea.

“This is the only sensible thing you have done in our entire married life,” she said with admiration. I thanked her for the first time in my life. The quality of our life had certainly improved as there was no dog chasing the chickens, but the chickens were a nuisance in themselves. I decided to postpone my planned suicide and called the marriage Guru again.

“God bless you Musafir! How are you feeling now?” asked Guru.

“Guru, I am feeling much better. I have postponed my planned suicide for the time being, but the situation is still tense.”

“Alright, go and sell the chickens and call me in four days.” The phone was disconnected again.

The next morning, I donated the four chickens to a farm and returned home. My wife was very appreciative of me and prepared special meal for me. I appreciated her gesture too. We enjoyed the calm and peace in the house and had an opportunity to converse with each other.

“You have improved a lot and you seem to give me more time now. I really love you,” said my wife.

“Love you too,” I responded and called the Marriage Guru immediately to thank him. If you need Marriage Guru’s number, please contact me immediately. God bless you!

