

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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According to you, dear...

Our relationship wasn't a mistake,

It was a "learning experience..." –

I understand now!!!

You were misunderstood!

What's more - neither were you an egotistical misogynist,

You were "an enthusiast of modern sexual attitudes..."

You didn't have affairs behind my back –

You "proactively sought out a relationship comparison..."

I see now!

You were misunderstood!!

When you left me heart-broken and ran off with one of your mistresses,

In actual fact you –

"Liberated me from my emotional constraints..."

And apparently you weren't a compulsive gambler,

But "flaunted chance in a competitive environment..."

You were misunderstood...

Sorry - that's my "learning experience..."

I should have realised!

Should have seen that really –

You weren't an alcoholic – a wife beater...

But "an excessive imbiber of the grape!"

"A strict marital disciplinarian..."

You didn't de-fraud that old lady –

But "manipulated her perception of the give-take role in society..."

You were misunderstood!!!

Not a lazy person at all –

Simply "differently motivated" from the rest of us!

You didn't kick my cat,

You "had negative feline impact!"

Perhaps I should have done the same to you...

Still, I don't hate you for it –

I merely "have adverse emotional realism!" and I feel it intensely...

You say I misunderstood...

Perhaps.

But forgive me - I look at it this way...

You truly were the biggest "learning experience" of my life...



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