

Susan's Deposition
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Josh said:

The reason he is mean to Susan and hurtful and the reason the marriage is broken is because of the Republicans and economy and environment. This is why he treats Susan how he does.

He said that Susan is irrational; worse than her mother; Susan nitpicks and picks fights and she is a liar. Susan said explain (elaborate). He said Susan went to the grocery store and said she'd spend \$30 but she spent \$90.

Susan said that she remembered when she got there other things that they needed; she didn't have a cell phone, so she couldn't call him and get permission.

Josh wants her to buy food at prices [that don't exist anymore] and said that their marriage would be fixed if Susan fixed food for him and he had good food in his stomach. He said she must look at all the weekly ads and only shop those items with the best prices and she must memorize the prices and the ads. [Kiirsi's interjection here: I think you also told me that you had to okay the things ahead of time with him—maybe not?]

Susan asked him, "Why are you allowed to spend money on your business expenses and I can't spend money on groceries?"

Josh replied that it was none of her business what he spent on his business accounts.

Susan brought up the fact that they maxed out her credit card to pay their IRA's; she wanted to start paying the credit card off and he said "No, that's none of your business." She said, "How can my own credit not be my business?" He said, "It just works better if I handle all the expenses and the money; that's the way it works."

Susan said, "Plenty of people have separate accounts and make it work," and he said "No, it doesn't work."

Josh said, "Sometime soon we are going to have to skip the country because the economy is so bad."

When Susan threatened to call the police he said "We can't use lawyers. I would be ruined, too, but I would ruin you. The kids would be raised without a mother and a father."

Josh said if Susan wants to pay tithing, she can be given a \$50 a month allowance and out of that she can pay \$5 tithing. He said if you pay tithing when you're not supposed to you are going to hell. If you pay tithing and don't believe in it bad things will happen to you and you will go to hell.

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Susan said that bad things don't happen to us when you pay tithing and Josh said "Yes, they dom because it's Karma." Susan said, "You believe in Karma but you don't believe in God?"

He didn't answer.

Josh said Susan is a religious fanatic because she goes to choir practice and stuff. Susan said, "I spend an hour a month at most and take care of my kids; how is that a fanatic?" Josh said, "You just are."

Josh's dad told them on their trip that Josh's grandparents would regularly kidnap the children from each other [when they were separated or divorced? Not sure] and it was almost a game to see how long it took one parents to find the kids.

Susan said "You have depression issues and you have stuff I cannot fix."

Josh said right back, "You have the problems; you are the aggressive one, picking fights, negative."

Susan said "You are the gloom and doom person."

Josh said at one point, "We need to move to a state that has lots of water because we are going to run out of water on the earth."

Susan said, "Why do we need to skip the country when the economy is so bad, the country is such an evil place but if we can get the health insurance fixed than we can stay." [This didn't make a whole lot of sense to me. —Kiirsi]

Josh said he is only responding to Susan because she is mean to him so he's justifying his anger and meanness to her, saying it is her fault because he's just responding in kind.

She said "You are not a husband to me."

Josh said, "You are the one saying I am not a mean and I am not good and I'm lazy."

Susan said, "I want to fix our marriage and part of that is you need to be my husband, my lover, my friend."

He said that he can't because she is so rude and nasty to him, that he would be nice to her if she was nice to him but she's only nice to him for 5 minutes.

Josh said that Susan is threatening divorce. She says she is just trying to fix the marriage.

Susan said that Josh needs counseling. Josh said she needs it; Susan replied that she's willing to do counseling. Josh said her parents messed up and her sister messed up. Susan replied that she never said her family is perfect but they need to on these things so their marriage and

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relationship can get better and their kids not get more messed-up. Josh said Susan is a horrible person.

Josh said that the LDS Church teaches and brainwashes everyone to be Republicans and they are the reason everyone is depressed, because they are trying to be Supermoms; that everyone in Conservative states has a higher rate of depression and it is the Church's fault.

He also said they [Josh and Susan] don't want to talk about things each other wants to talk about. Josh said their schedules are opposite so it doesn't work. He doesn't want to spend money on counseling; they should not pay tithing and he doesn't want to feel obligated to work off the debt if they are getting food help from the church.

When Susan threatened to call the police on him because she was afraid of what he might do, he laughed at her. He started saying "You are the aggressive one."

He said, "You are wasting my time because John is expecting me tonight."

Susan said she is afraid to talk to him about certain things because it might make him angry and he laughed at her about it (whether the subject is Obama, politics, etc.)

Susan said: "You says things like, 'We need to discuss things,' but you say 'This is how things are going to be.' There's no discussion at all."

Josh said Susan needs to fix the MSN money program from 3 years ago. Susan said, "Why can't we just move forward? How am I supposed to do all that while I am working full-time and taking care of the kids and garden?"

He said, "You did it at tax time." She said "Yes, I hired a babysitter because you weren't willing to watch your own kids."

On tithing again: Susan said, "What if I spend the full \$50 allowance on tithing?" He freaked out at that. Susan said, "You said before that I could use \$100 a paycheck" and he said "No, I said \$100 a month."

Josh said, "The food we eat will only be from our garden and if we don't grow it we will not eat it. We will only buy dairy and products and meat."

Josh said he takes care of the kids. Susan said, only when it's convenient for you.

Susan listed some wood things he promised to build and didn't do it. She said "You just never get things done. You make all those promises to fix things and do things and never do. You don't make it a priority."

Susan told Josh's sister that these things started manifesting about 3-4 years ago, about the time Susan started having kids and Josh found out that she wasn't going to work 24/7 and help pay the bills and wanted to stay home with the kids.

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Susan said, "You are going to blame me for not spending time with John, so I am not going to respond to you any more." Then she went into the closet and closed the door to remove herself from the situation and he kept trying to open it and said she was acting like a child.

She repeatedly said, "I am not agreeing with you but I am not going to respond any more."

Right before they left for Washington [REDACTED] was being naughty and playing with Desitin and Josh put him in his room and held the door closed to punish him. He was screaming in a very terrified, non-normal way. Susan said, "Let him out, you are going to teach him to be afraid of the dark." Josh yelled at her "Get the hell out!" Eventually she did and walked to the [REDACTED] house. She found out that wasn't good because it could be used against her.

Susan said, "I can't be affectionate to you because I can't hug or kiss you because you are afraid I will get you sick; all I can do is rub your back." In answer to this, he claimed Susan was a horrible mean person.

Josh tells [REDACTED] that "We are in Utah and everyone is a crazy driver in Utah," and tells him negative stuff like "We are all going to be in electric cars and there's going to be no water left and no land left." He says it in a pleasing tone to [REDACTED] listens to it.

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