

BRUCE FORSYTH

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Bruce Joseph Forsyth Johnson was born in Edmonton, North London on 22 February 1928. His parents owned a repair garage, were in the Salvation Army and played brass instruments.

Having been inspired by Fred Astaire when he was eight years old Bruce took up dancing. His debut in show business was at the age of fourteen and he was billed as Boy Bruce, the Mighty Atom.

Narcissism had already begun.

His television debut was in 1939, singing and dancing on a talent show. He continued to be a performer during World War II although he became known in a strong-man act.

In 1958 he became the compere for Sunday Night at the London Palladium thanks to the comedian Dickie Henderson and not because of his own merits.

In 1966 he had his own show, the Bruce Forsyth Show. In 1968 he was in the film Star with Julie Andrews when she playing the part of Gertrude Lawrence. The film was not a success.

From 1953 to 1973 Forsyth was married to Penny Calvert with whom he had three daughters. But he was a womaniser and a predator around women being lecherous and unwilling to control his strong sexual desires. Around 1964, while still married to Penny, he began an affair with Miss World, the British girl, Ann Sidney.

To return to his career, he had two periods in The Generation Game... 1971-77 and 1990-1994. In that first period he met his co-presenter, Anthea Redfern whom he married in 1973 having been divorced by Penny. With Anthea he had two more daughters.

Anthea was also in the beauty business. She was a page three girl and a Playboy Bunny. Her affair with Forsyth apparently began while he was still married to Penny.

At some stage he had an affair with the singer Kathy Kirby who had mental problems and went into bankruptcy.

As part of his arrogance he adopted the pose of Rodin's The Thinker another act of narcissism.

He left the BBC in 1978 to present Bruce Forsyth's Big Night for ITV. In 1986 he was in the USA with a show called Bruce Forsyth's Hot Streak. He was in a sitcom called Slinger's Day in 1986-7 and a game show host in You Bet (1985-1990) and the third version of Play Your Cards Right was during 1995-2001.

After being divorced again he married yet another person in the beauty industry, Wilnelia Merced that is to say Miss Puerto Rico who was sacked as Miss World.

He has always had catch-phrase such as the narcissistic "I'm in charge!" and the irritating catch-phrase he now uses, "Nice to see you; to see you nice".

In recent opinion polls, 84% said that they disliked Forsyth and that he ruins Strictly Come Dancing. In this programme he is one of the comperes and he starts with a really silly dance, grabbing hold and lifting up one of Tess Daly's legs sometimes with lewd and sexual remarks. Then he utters that annoying catch-phrase. 84% say that it is not nice to see you, Bruce. In introducing each dancing couple he tells

a joke which invariably revolves around him and then he lifts his arms encouraging people to laugh and applaud him. At the end of each dance he has to touch the female dancers where there is no need to do so. There is a mark on the floor to show them where to stand. He often indulges in innuendoes, something sexual and rude.

Backstage he has a flask of Complan and a swig at sherry.

He is a proud and arrogant man.

It is not necessarily wrong to be proud. One can take pride in one's worthy achievements and enjoy that success. What is wrong is when you make much of your success and flaunt it and keep on about it and wanting more public acclaim and approval.

This human weakness is akin to celebrities giving money to charity and their doing charitable work. If it is done sincerely without publication this is commendable. When it is done for show and fame it is insincere and a publicity stunt to win further approbation and to become more proud, stuck up and arrogant.

Many people have contributed to charity handsomely and possibly to atone for their indiscretions or to atone for their dissolute lifestyle and to obtain more personal advancement. This is insincerity and hypocrisy and it is immoral. Good deeds for increased popularity cannot be moral or right.

Forsyth has been slammed by many in show business. Jonathan Ross, who is often very crude, called Forsyth f***** ugly. That is objectionable. Forsyth has never been attractive but he cannot help his looks. Ross said that Forsyth's work was shit. While it is true that Forsyth has never been a success as a comedian, dancer or singer and is only really known as a game show host and a lecherous compere, there is no justification in Ross using such a term.

There was retaliation. Forsyth said that Ross was all washed up before he was 50. Ross was 50 in 2010.

But there are stories of Forsyth's arrogance causing trouble back stage particularly in his London Palladium days. He physically attacked Tommy Trinder and Arthur Askey said the same. Forsyth was said to be stuck up and he believed that the world revolved around him. He always had to be the centre of attention.

In a recent programme in which rewards were being given to brave people you could see that Forsyth was hating this and he kept butting in wanting to be the star of the programme.

Latterly, he has tried to justify himself by referring to his paternal great grandfather, Joseph, who was a womaniser and a bigamist. He left two wives and their families and it is thought that he may have faked his own death to escape his capture. Forsyth said, "Perhaps I have inherited this and it is in the genes."

To find fault is said to be judgmental but we all make judgments every day.

That Forsyth loves women is natural. That he had one affair and one divorce may be understandable since we all make mistakes and marriages do go bad. But to have many affairs and a second divorce and to continue to be lecherous cannot be right. To be proud and claim it as a personal virtue must also be wrong.

Pride is a moral issue. It is having an extremely high opinion of self. It is narcissism. It is said that pride comes before a fall. Jane Austen linked pride with prejudice. Pride promotes self at the expense

of others. Pride is a defect of man's moral nature. It is a deadly cancer and the gateway to all other human weaknesses. These are the view of several experts.

Forsyth was awarded the CBE in 2006. Some want him to have a knighthood and call him a national treasure, but 84% dislike him because of his pride, lechery, his immoderate indulgence of sexual desire, lewd and lustful behaviour, his lack of restraint and irritating verbosity. That speaks for itself.

He was made a Knight Bachelor in 2011 for his services to entertainment and charity.

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