

# Source Says Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones Are 'Not Back Together'



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Michael Douglas recently revealed that he's "working things out" with wife Catherine Zeta-Jones, but a source close to the couple confirmed to [People](#) that they are "not back together" quite yet. While the pair are still talking – and even have been spotted with their wedding rings on – they aren't spending time together. Most recently, they even spent their shared birthday of September 25th apart.

**What are some factors to consider before getting back together with an ex?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

It's tempting to get back together with your ex. After all,

they know you well and already fit into your life. Still, you must remember why you two split in the first place and truly consider the decision at hand before jumping in again. Cupid encourages you to consider the following questions:

**1. Why did you breakup?** It's easy to remember only the happy times as you embark on your second chance romance, but you have to consider what drove you apart and led to your breakup. Was it just a silly fight or a rough day? Or were you unhappy for a long time before you finally went your separate ways?

**2. Do you share the same core values?** If you don't share similar goals or visions for the future, your relationship will never work – it's as simple as that. Take the time to sit down with your ex and talk about the nitty-gritty details that may have been pushed to the wayside during your first shot at happily ever after. Don't be afraid to dig deep and really open yourself up. You have to take a risk to reap the reward of a happy love life!

**3. Are you *both* willing to do the work?** Relationships are never easy, but rekindling a failed flame requires even more effort than usual. You must be willing to work through your past issues and focus on the future of your relationship. You also must be confident that your ex will stand by your side and be a true partner as you sort things out.

**Have you ever reconnected with an ex? Share your story in the comments below!**