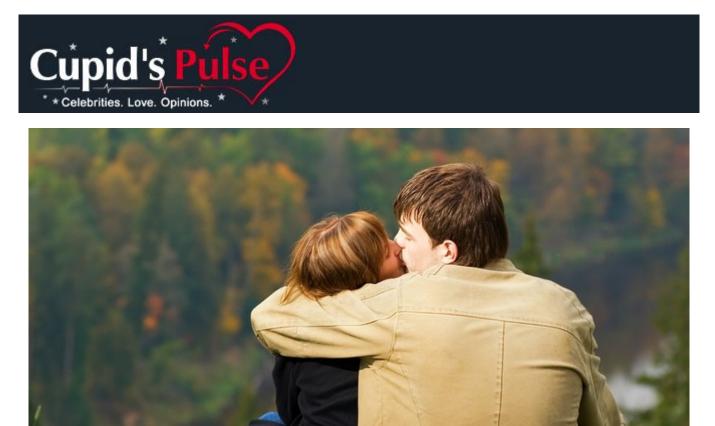
Valentine's Day Love Advice: Does Your Relationship Add Up?



By Donetta Huffman

Finding out if you and your sweetheart are meant to be is sometimes a gut feeling, judged by your relationship's strengths and flaws. However, many couples (more often women) seek clarity by visiting psychics and astrologers. Whether for fun or to validate some serious decision-making about the fate of a relationship, these 'supernatural' predicting methods are a trend for young women looking for advice. If you're a numbers gal, numerology may be the thing that you crave.

Numerology is the study of the symbolism of numbers to determine a couples life path, destiny, soul and overall compatibility. It can lead vou to some interesting romance facts. You may have heard about numerology, but thought it was a complicated mathematical process that was difficult to master. Don't worry; it's not like those hard to memorize, crazy x-y equations that made your palms sweat and gave your stomach butterflies while taking high school algebra tests. It's much simpler and can be easier applied and utilized in your everyday life. The math is fairly simple. Here's what you do:

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First, take the birthday of your boyfriend, husband, fling or love crush and add the numbers together one-by-one. For example, Justin Timberlake was born on: 1-31-1981. So add 1+3+1+1+9+8+1. The sum that you get should be double digits. In this example we get the number 24. Now add those two numbers together to get the single digit Life Path for that person. In this case, Justin's Life Path number is 2+4= 6. This number has a meaning that numerology specialists use to decode relationships.

Take a look at these three celebrity couples below to see if numerology ranks true for these Hollywood Sweethearts:

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel

These two have very compatible numbers, Justin is a 6 and Jessica an 8. Both are goal-oriented and do not shy away from responsibilities. These two may pursue their goals in different ways, but as long as they play off of each other's strengths, their relationship has a chance to last. In addition, Jessica has an 8 Soul and Personality and Justin has an 8 Destiny, so the couple feels like they understand one another on a deeper level. Jessica feels protected by Justin, with his nurturing 6 Life Path. They actually share numbers with an actress who eventually became a princess. Grace Kelly transformed into Princess Grace when she left Hollywood and married Prince Rainier of Monaco in 1956. This is still known as one of the greatest <u>love stories</u> of all time.

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LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian

This couple got off to a somewhat rocky start, as they were both married to other people when they met. LeAnn is a Life Path 2 and Eddie is a Life Path 6. Considered one of the most loving unions, this is a romantic combination, as both numbers <u>love</u> easily, without holding back. Neither number is afraid to show their true feelings. Also, with LeAnn's 2 Life Path, she sees herself in Eddie's 2 Personality. His 6 Life Path recognizes her 9 Soul, thus having a deep artistic connection. LeAnn and Eddie are in great company when it comes to lasting relationships. With the same number combinations, Hollywood icon Bob Hope and his wife Delores were married for 69 years, while Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos have it all – three lovely children and very busy, successful careers.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

Somewhat of a curious combination of numbers, with Angelina's 5 Life Path and Brad's 4 Life Path. This can sometimes be a challenging combination, as 4's usually like routine, whereas 5's love change and the unexpected, but that is where the initial attraction might have started. They are so different, but could have found admiration in these qualities. Angelina not only has a 6 Soul, but also a 6 Destiny – it is no wonder she keeps having and adopting children. 6's are the maternal, paternal number. When she met Brad, she saw this in Brad's 6 Personality. The qualities they show to the world are that of loving parents. With Angelina's adventurous Life Path 5,

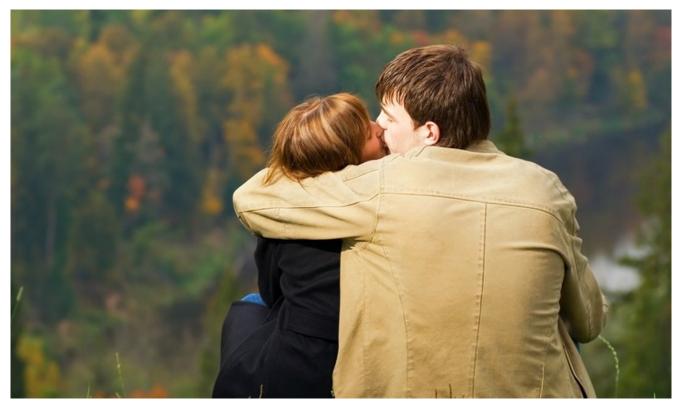
life with her promises never to be boring!

Originating from the most well-known Greek mathematical thinker, Pythagoras, Numerology predates Tarot, and is quickly becoming the biggest craze in self help. Semi-Circle Numerology cards can give people the ability to feel powerful in the realization that they have been sent here for a purpose and given many tools to accomplish life's mission.

For more information on Donetta Huffman and Numerology or to purchase one of her many services, visit www.semicirclenumerology.com.

Angelina Jolie, Stacy Keibler and Their Beaus Have Awkward Run-In





Is there some tension brewing between Angelina Jolie and Stacy Keibler? According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the two ladies awkwardly ran into each other while accompanying their nominated men recently. Jolie's longtime lover Brad Pitt and Kiebler's boyfriend of six months, George Clooney saw each other at the Screen Actors Guild Awards last weekend. Keibler was reportedly fixated on Pitt when the two couples caught up with each other and even posed for what seemed to be an awkward group shot while walking the red carpet. This isn't the first time Jolie and Keibler have had a weird moment when bumping into each other. A few weeks ago, the skies weren't so friendly when Jolie and Keibler both hopped on the same private plane with their men while heading to the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

What do you do if you don't get along with your beau's best friend's girlfriend?

Cupid's Advice:

Sure, you won't get along with everyone you meet, but when it comes to your boyfriend and his close friends, getting along

with them can be a big deal. Here are a few tips to help get you through any awkward moments while dealing with your potential "frenemy":

1. Girl talk: Next time your sweetie's best friend and his girlfriend visit, invite her to go with you to the store or mall so you can talk to her about the issue and hopefully straighten everything out.

2. Be the bigger person: Even if she's being rude when you are around each other, smile and be kind anyway. Treating her in a polite way may cause her to treat you the same ... eventually.

3. Avoid the situation: If you've exhausted all of your options while trying to make peace with your beau's best friend's girlfriend and you two still can't patch it up, then it's probably best to leave her alone and only speak if necessary.

How did you handle not getting along with your partner's best friend? Share your experiences below.

Kids Put Pressure on Brad Pitt to Propose to Angelina Jolie





Kids say the darnedest things, especially if they're Brad Pitt's. <u>UsMagazine.com</u> reports that in an interview with CBS: Sunday Morning, the Academy Award nominee admitsted his six children are pushing him to propose to mommy Angelina Jolie. "We're getting a lot of pressure from the kids," Pitt said. "It means something to them." The star of Moneyball admits he has struggled with explaining to the kids why his marriage to Jolie has been on hiatus. When the six demanded he "buy mommy a ring," he replied with, "Okay, I will, I will." Pitt added he always listens to his children's feelings. "You have less time to spend on a project," Pitt said. "You come home and you're Dad. You're much more conscious of how much time you give to a production."

How do you explain a partnership versus a marriage to your kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Although Brad struggled, it doesn't mean you should. Here are some ways to keep your kids in the loop: **1. Simple is best:** Try not to over-complicate the situation when explaining you and your partner's decision. Take some time to prepare together on what you will say.

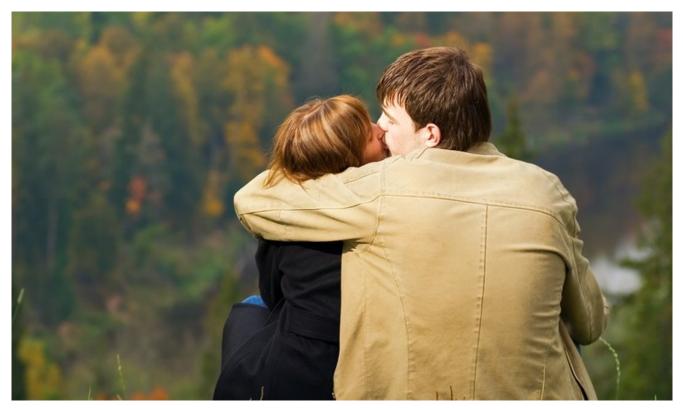
2. Be prepared: Kids can – and most certainly will – ask questions. The only real way to be ready for it is to keep an open mind so you're not thrown off by one of their inquiries.

3. Believe: You and your lover have to back your decision 100 percent before sitting your children down. Any room for doubt in either of you shows that you both have to work things out.

What are some other things to keep in mind while explaining your relationship to your kids? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrities Who Share Too Much PDA





By Katanya Royster

You're on the subway, and the couple next to you starts hooking up. By the third stop, she's sitting on his lap, and his hand suspiciously disappears into her gray cardigan. One of her crossed legs casually rests on yours. There you sit – an unwilling participant in a *ménage* \tilde{A} *trois*.

The truth is, a little PDA is part of any healthy relationship, and it's no different for our favorite celebrity couples. But, when PDA goes from "frisky" to all-out "foreplay," couples should pull the curtains on the show and head indoors. While some Hollywood duos try to keep their lip-locking to a minimum in public, these celebrity couples opted out of getting a room and gave their fans a VIP pass into their love life:

1. Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez. Since Bieber and Gomez took their relationship public, the PDA has been in full force. Earlier this year, the actress/singer was photographed straddling Bieber and kissing him in Hawaii, while her 17year-old pop star beau's hands were spotted getting well acquainted with Gomez's backside.

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2. Kelsey Grammer and Kayte Walsh. Things got hot and steamy between this couple as they laid on top of each other during a make-out session in Miami Beach, Florida, last year. Perhaps the couple, who wed a few days after this PDA session, decided to take their honeymoon *before* the wedding?

3. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. Forget about holding hands or planting a kiss on her famous lips; Pitt grabbed a handful of Jolie's booty at the NYC premiere of *The Tourist*. The couple, who usually keeps it modest while in public, believes that romantic alone time in their relationship is crucial, even with six kids to look after.

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4. Madonna and Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and her former back-up dancer. How many girls can Madonna kiss for shock value before it's no longer shocking? Either way, the pop star's most infamous PDA moments leave us suspecting she has a very specific type – young and hot! Her most recent beau, Braham Zaibat, confirms those suspicions.

5. LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian. This pair's relationship started while they were both married to other people, resulting in a storm of negative press. However, bad publicity didn't slowing down their PDA.

When do you think PDA has gone too far? Share your comments below.

Angelina Jolie Buys Brad Pitt a Waterfall





Talk about a grand gesture! Angelina Jolie, 35, bought husband, Brad Pitt, 48, a waterfall in California recently. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the grand gift served as both a birthday and Christmas gift. Jolie plans to construct a home for Pitt and their six children over the waterfall. The new home will be inspired by Pitt's favorite architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. "Brad has dreamed of a home with the sound of a waterfall cascading under the house," says a source. Jolie's gift came at the perfect time, as the duo recently sold their former Malibu home to Ellen Degeneres and Portia de Rossi.

What are some natural gifts you can give to your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Want to give your sweetheart the stars? Well, you really can!

1. Star: Adopting a star is now an option to the public. For a small fee, you can buy a star and have it named. Talk about giving it all to you sweetheart. No gift will ever top a star.

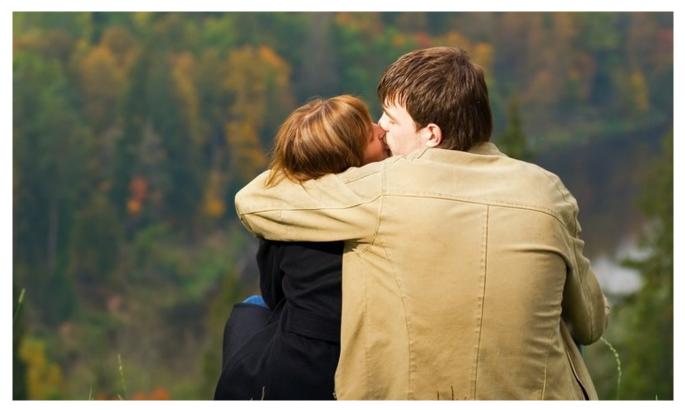
2. Tree: Planting a tree in honor of your partner is easy, fun and good for the environment. You can do it together, or plant it as a surprise. Either way the tree will continue to grow and flourish just as your relationship does.

3. Adopt a polar bear: Polar bears are becoming extinct, and what better way to save them than by adopting one? For any amount of money you can donate to World Wild Life Fund and have your very own polar bear. If your lover is into saving the animals, this is the perfect gift.

What are other natural gifts you can give your partner? Share your ideas below.

Last Minute Holiday Shopping Guide for Your Partner





By Thomas Doane

With the holidays just around the corner, some people are starting to panic as they worry about what to buy for everyone. Of particular concern for many is what to buy for their significant others. Whether you are newly attached or longtime lovers, everyone wants to find a gift under the tree.

Believe it or not, even celebrities have these worries. After all, behind the fame and glamour, they are flesh and blood humans. Just like us, they have similar worries and doubts. In that spirit, here's a guide to holiday shopping for your significant others, whether you're famous or not:

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If you've just started dating, think small.

Not only will your new love not expect a large gift, but it may freak them out a little, which is definitely not what you want or need at this time of year. Try to find something small and meaningful for under \$50. This could be something simple like an item of clothing, or you could be a little more personal and plan a candlelit dinner at home. Whatever you choose, be sure to look for deals, and don't feel pressured to overspend.

George Clooney and Stacy Keibler should take this advice! The pair has only been together for a couple of months and shouldn't worry about lavishing each other with expensive gifts. In fact, due to George's infamously skittish nature, Stacy may want to go the dinner-at-home route, in order to appear appropriately aloof.

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If you have crossed the one-year threshold, then you can splurge…a little.

Still keep spending to a reasonable amount, but try to find a gift that reflects your feelings for one another. Once you have reached the one-year mark, it is likely that you are in love, so go for something romantic, if all else fails, like a weekend getaway for two, or a small piece of jewelry.

This would be a good guide for Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, who recently celebrated their first year together. While this pair is awfully young to be worrying about jewelry, they obviously like vacationing together, and should feel comfortable expressing their feelings for one another. In doing so, they can be assured of one another's affections, and their budding love will continue to bloom.

If you are in it for the long haul, then go all out.

Whether you are married or in a long-term relationship, the holidays are the perfect time to show your devotion and hope for a bright future together. Accordingly, buy your loved one something that shows how much they mean to you, and emphasizes your familiarity with their likes and dislikes.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are preparing for yet another

Christmas together, and despite repeated rumors of their demise, it looks like they are still going strong. Now would be a great time for them to travel to another country, away from their passel of children, and reaffirm their love to one another so that next year will be even better than the last.

Regardless of where you stand in your relationship, the thing to remember is that the holidays are *not* about who gives the best gift or how many you receive. The true reason for the season is spending time with your loved ones and preparing for a great new year. So, just relax and spend the day with your sweetie. Happy holidays!

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Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Celebrate Her Film with Dinner





In celebration of the premiere of her new movie, *In the Land* of Blood and Honey, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt celebrated at Magnolia Restaurant in Hollywood along with the cast of the film and Jolie's brother, according to <u>People</u>. The couple made it to the premiere after being in New York to take their kids toy shopping.

What are some ways to congratulate your partner on an achievement?

Cupid's Advice:

When celebrating your lover's achievement, it's important to do something special and out of the ordinary. Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Out on the town: Instead of driving yourselves to the bar or club, call a limo to take you there. It's important to show your partner just how important they are to you.

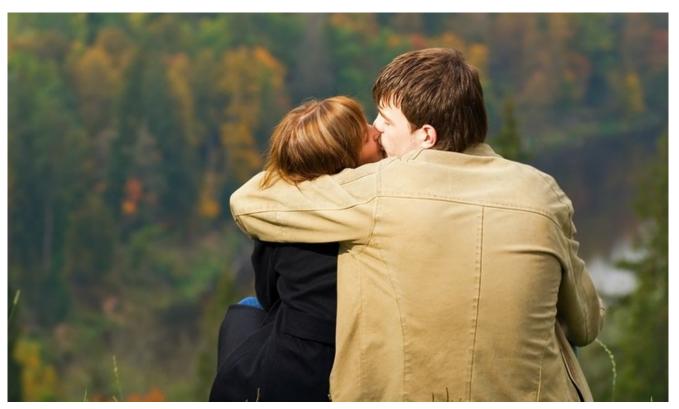
2. Staying in: If you can't afford to go all out, then do something special around the house, such as a candlelit dinner coupled with a free back massage.

3. Weekend getaway: If your partner has been working hard for their success, then perhaps it's time to celebrate by escaping for a weekend. Consider staying at a resort that features a spa for relaxation.

What do you do to celebrate your partner's successes? Share your thoughts below.

Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt Narrowly Miss Each Other at the Movies





It was a close one when celebrity exes Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt narrowly missed each other at the Arclight Cinemas in Hollywood on Friday. According to *People*, it would have been an awkward run-in since Pitt was with his children and wife, Angelina Jolie, while the *Friends* star was there with boyfriend, Justin Theroux. "Justin and Jennifer skipped the popcorn and went straight in. Like five minutes later, Brad and the kids came out of the theater. They just missed each other," said a source who witnessed the potential run-in.

How do you keep things from being awkward with an ex?

Cupid's Advice:

It's a small world, so chances are you're bound to run into an ex when you least expect it. Cupid has some tips:

1. Just say hi: Saying hi to an ex isn't saying you want to get back together or admitting they were right. Don't be afraid to say "hi." It makes things a lot less awkward.

2. Wish them the best: Even if you don't mean it, always say that you wish them the best.

3. Be happy: If you're happy and secure with yourself, chances are your run-in won't be awkward.

How do you show your ex you've moved on? Share your ideas below.

Angelina Jolie Says She'll

Never Be As Good as Her Mother





Hollywood mama, Angelina Jolie, reminisced about her mother in an interview with 60 minutes. Jolie said that her mom, Marcheline Bertrand, was a generous, loving person that did everything for her children. Sound familiar? It seems Jolie is trying to walk in Bertrand's footsteps since her death in 2007. Jolie adopted three children, gave birth to three more children with Brad Pitt, and is a humanitarian activist. According to <u>UsMagazine</u> the actress was as modest as ever and said that she could never be as good as her mother.

How do you know what traits to carry over from your own mother?

Cupid's Advice:

We all worry that one day we might turn into our mothers, but that may not be such a bad thing. Mothers wear many hats and the most important one may be that of a role model. Here are some ways to think about and carry on traits that your mother has/had:

1. Childhood: Think about the morals your mother installed in you as a child. As you mature, those morals usually lead you to make decisions in your adult life. Carry on those morals that your mother valued.

2. Role model: Do you remember watching your mother and wanting to be just like her? Try to remember why you wanted to be your mom's little me. Was she loving, funny or strong willed?

3. Memories: If your mother is deceased, remember what made her special. Why did she mean so much to you and to others? You may not become just like her, but taking on some of her traits will help you keep her memory alive.

What traits have you carried on from your mother? Share your ideas below.

Celebrity Couples Who Reconciled For the Summer





By Tanni Deb

Celebrity couples are breaking up, getting back together, moving on, finding new love and embracing the single life on any given day. In fact, many of them are experts at being indecisive and unstable when it comes to relationships. It's not exactly a lifestyle to strive toward, but that doesn't mean it doesn't make us smile when a sweet pair of our favorite stars decides to get back together after previously calling it quits. Here are some notable duos that elected to give it another shot this summer:

1. Lady Gaga and Luc Carl: Gaga told *Rolling Stone* last year that she had never loved anyone like [Luc Carl] before. She was even quoted as saying, "That relationship really shaped me." Despite these words, it was reported in May that the *Bad Romance* singer ended their "few year relationship." It was short-lived because by June the couple appeared to be together again. A source told <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, "They had a little fight. I think the break-up lasted a week or two. They are totally back together now." Sounds like this one may have been the shortest breakup in celebrity history. 2. Rachel Bilson and Hayden Christensen: The on-again off-again duo met on the set of *Jumper* in 2007 and was engaged a year later. They struggled through many ups and down and finally called things off, splitting for good, in March 2011. Following the breakup, a source close to Bilson said, "They're done this time. [The] engagement is over, relationship's over. She's really had it." I guess the source was wrong given that the *Hart of Dixie* star reunited with her ex about a month later. Most recently, the couple has been seen traveling and spending time together. Hopefully by the time we print this they'll still be together.

3. Sammi (Sweetheart) Giancola and Ronnie Ortiz-Magro: Remember back in January when the Jersey Shore couple split after dating at irregular intervals for three seasons? The excouple must have had time to reunite (again) this summer during their shooting in Florence, Italy. With Sammi and Ronnie, one can never tell if their on or off. Right now it seems like they are lovey-dovey, kissing, hugging and holding hands, but sometimes their fighting looks like that way, too.

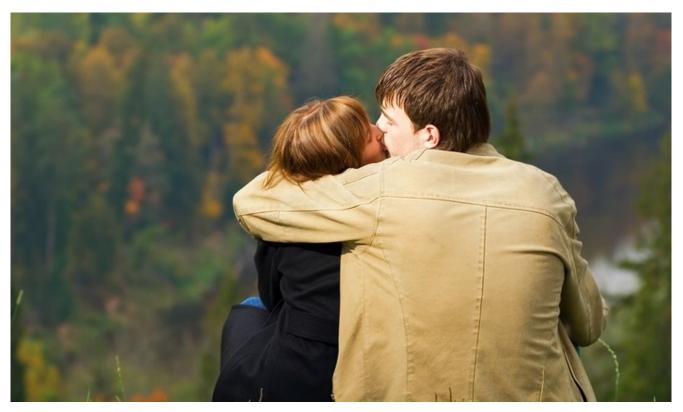
4. Jamie Lynn Spears and Casey Aldridge: Spears was engaged to her boyfriend, Aldridge, when she announced at the age of sixteen that she was pregnant with his child. The couple ended things before deciding to tie the knot; a baby wasn't enough to keep this relationship together. Then, in August of last year, <u>People</u> reported that the former Nickelodeon star and her beau were working things out and most recently, Spears tweeted that she and her daughter's father are back together.

5. Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth: Looks like the Hannah Montana star and her ex-boyfriend didn't sing their last song. In June, Cyrus's brother Trace told UsMagazine.com that his sister and Hemsworth had rekindled their romance. The couple fell for each other in 2009 while filming The Last Song, but split the following August. When Milye's father, Billy Ray Cyrus was asked during an interview what he thought of the Australian hunk getting back together with his daughter, he said that he approved of their relationship. "He's a great guy. He's solid. He's got great character." Well, if it doesn't work out this time, Hemsworth can always hang out with Miley's dad.

What do you think about all this on-again off-again dating? Tell us below.

Brad Pitt Trashes Marriage with Jennifer Aniston





Six years and six children later, Brad Pitt revealed his feelings toward his marriage with ex-wife, Jennifer Aniston.

Not holding back, Pitt described the once golden couple's union as everything, but ideal, according to <u>RadarOnline</u>. In an interview with Parade, he stated, "I wasn't living an interesting life." He continued to explain, saying that he was "trying to pretend the marriage was something that it wasn't." The actor went on to praise his current love, Angelina Jolie, as the best thing that ever happened to him. Fans of the Aniston responded in outrage to after hearing Pitt's comments about his life with the *Friends* star. He then backtracked saying that his unhappiness had nothing to do with his ex.

How do you keep the drama about a past relationship to a minimum?

Cupid's Advice:

Exes are a sore subject for many. Staying focused on what's happening in the present always helps to avoid reliving those heartbreaking moments, and it keeps gossip at a standstill. Here are some tips:

1. Don't talk about it: Although this may be easier said than done, talking about the past brings up old feelings and memories that can bring you back to a bad time in your life. Try to avoid conversations about your previous love life for the sanity of you and your partner.

2. Keep a positive attitude: Sometimes talking about your past mate is inevitable. During those times, try to stay positive and talk about some of the good that came out of it.

3. Focus on the present: If you focus on what's happening in the now, there is no need to constantly relive the past. Cast your attention toward a new job, new look or even a new love.

How do you avoid the drama of past relationships? Tell us your story below.

Brad Pitt Says He and Angelina Jolie Are Used to Taking Punches





Legendary sex symbol, Brad Pitt, recently opened up to <u>People</u> by pointing out reasons that being him may not always be so glamorous. On longtime partner, Angelina Jolie, being criticized for her performance in *The Tourist*, the actor said, "Listen, man, if we're that shallow-skinned, we shouldn't be in here. We're used to being in the ring and taking some punches." Though he thought it was "sweet" that he and Angelina Jolie were mentioned in the lyrics of the song "Billionaire," Pitt wasn't thrilled that they used his name to rhyme with s**t.

What are some ways to overcome obstacles as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Throughout your journey as a couple, it's impossible not to encounter obstacles. Here are some ways to deal:

1. Stay strong: Not matter what issue(s) you are dealing with as a couple, it is important that you face them head on. Don't hide in a corner.

2. Keep a united front: However you choose to deal with the problem, both of you must deal with it in the same way. You can't have one person doing one thing and the other doing another.

3. Take a step back: Problems such as gossip are best ignored. Keep things as rational as possible. Sometimes it's easy to let your emotions get out of hand.

What are the biggest issues you have faced with your partner? Share your experiences below.

Celebrity Couples Who've Made the World a Better Place





By Erika Mionis

Celebrity. For some, the word implies arrogance, narcissism, and superficiality. For others, it implies kindness, charisma, and power. While it's true that both definitions have their part in celebrity culture, more and more celebrity couples are trying to change those stereotypes by turning their focus towards charity and humanitarian efforts. Here are some of the main culprits:

1. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: It's no secret that longtime partners Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt like to give back, especially when it comes to adopting children from impoverished countries. Jolie, a Goodwill Ambassador for the UN since 2001, has traveled to over 20 countries in attempts to raise refugee awareness. Brad Pitt, though relatively new to charity work, impressed many by starting *The Make It Right Foundation* after seeing the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. The Foundation has built over 50 "green" houses, and has brought more than 200 people back to the Lower Ninth Ward, a devastated neighborhood in New Orleans. More recently, the Jolie-Pitts made headline news when they donated \$500,000 dollars to the Joplin Tornado Relief Services in Missouri. Also newsworthy are the Jolie-Pitts tax returns, which according to Britain's *The Independent*, show that Jolie and Pitt donated almost 5 million dollars to various charities in 2009.

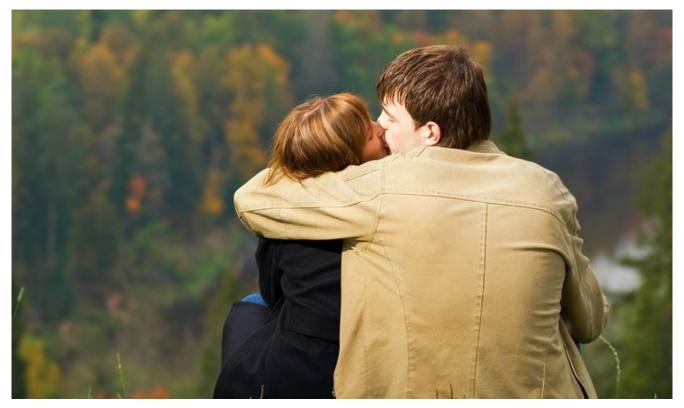
2. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith: Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith's charity work has been somewhat of a recent development. Since 2007, the Smiths have made several large donations of over 1 million dollars each, usually to religious causes. In addition to their religious donations, Smith and Pinkett Smith started the New Village Leadership Academy, a private school that offers both a challenging curriculum and generous financial aid to students. Recently, the longtime couple decided to "donate their birthdays" to the *charity Water*, an organization dedicated to providing clean water for developing countries in Africa. Will Smith asked fans to send \$42 to the charity in honor of his 42nd birthday, while Jada Pinkett Smith simply asked for fans to "send what they can."

3. David and Victoria Beckham: U.K power couple David and Victoria Beckham actively participate in humanitarian work. In late 2009, Victoria visited Clay County, Kentucky, with the charity *Save The Children* in order to learn more about the children in the poverty-stricken area. The former Spice Girl rewarded the children with book bags and advice. Her husband, soccer star David Beckham has been a Goodwill Ambassador since January 2005 and is also a spokesperson for Malaria No More, a New York City-based nonprofit dedicated to treating Malaria in Africa. David is often seen on ESPN and other sports channels in short clips for *MLS WORKS*, the Major League Soccer's charity project. Recently, the couple made news when they donated many of the gifts sent to their newborn daughter, Harper Seven, to charities in Los Angeles.

Is there a celebrity couple you feel belongs on this list? Feel free to leave a comment below, and keep your eyes peeled for more celebrity humanitarian efforts.

5 Steamy Summer Celebrity Couples





By Tanni Deb

Summer's arrival not only brings in warm weather, but also creates new relationships. New romance sparks — such as Hollywood's hot couple, Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, while other couples' love for each other continues to grow. Since many relationships are emerging, here's a list of this summer's top five steamy celebrity couples who are hot as well as committed:

1. David Beckham and Victoria Beckham: The famous soccer player and his wife have been noted as the Brangelina of UK. They have four children and have been married for 12 years. Although there were rumors of David having an affair during their relationship, the Posh Spice said the news strengthened their marriage.

2. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith: Married for 14 years, everyone's favorite Hollywood couple made YourTango's Top Ten Longest Hollywood Marriages list. What's their secret to a successful marriage? The couple agreed that "divorce just can't be an option."

3. Mark Consuelos and Kelly Ripa: The duo first met on the sets of *All My Children* and married in 1996. Ripa, the hilarious co-host of *Live with Regis and Kelly*, and her husband were noted as one of Hollywood's Hottest Married Couples by *US Magazine*.

4. Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr: Who could forget about the Victoria Secret model and her husband who stole our hearts away in *Pirates of the Caribbean*? Married in 2010, the couple had their first child in January. The two are always making time for each other despite their busy schedules.

5. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: Of course this list wouldn't be complete without Brangelina. Known best for their huge family – three biological and three adopted children – and their humanitarian efforts, they are referred to as Hollywood's power couple.

Want to see one of your favorite celebrity couples on this list? Let us know who in a comment below. In the meantime, lookout for new celebrity relationships this summer.

Why Kourtney Kardashian and Scott Disick Don't Need to Get Married





By Brea Gunn

Okay, okay…I'll admit it. I'm a reality TV junkie. I LOVE watching the train wrecks, drama, and outright ridiculousness that has become entertainment. Sometimes, though, a show truly hits a chord. I was watching Keeping Up With the Kardashians and stumbled upon the episode where Kris is pushing Kourtney and Scott to get married … But they don't want to tie the knot. This may seem strange to you, but it really irked me that their mom, Kris, was pushing the issue. Now, I'm all about weddings. It's what I love to write about, talk about and blog about, but sometimes weddings are not the best thing. Take Kourtney and Scott, for example. If her mom wants a commitment, why not have a commitment ceremony instead of a wedding? You can still have the dress, the big bash and the DJ without ending up with a legally binding piece of paper.

Take a look at some other celebs that have kids and aren't married ... Johnny Depp (together with his partner for more than 10 years, he has 2 kids) and Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (together for more than 5 years and they have six (right?) kids) ... And both couples are very comfortable in their relationships.

And then there are the celebrities that have gotten married after they have kids, like Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz, and Britney Spears and Kevin Federline. Now, they're separated or divorced.

So where's the middle ground? And more importantly, what does any of this have to do with us 'normal' people? I think that weddings are fantastic, and I love every single one of them, but they're truly not for everyone, as I think the Kardashians (among others) have shown us. So when do you know it's right?

If you can't imagine the rest of your life without your love's best and WORST features, then (more than likely) you're probably on the right track with the wedding plans. But if you're happy being your semi-single self, consider a commitment ceremony or party to celebrate a milestone year in your relationship instead.

Sure, Mom may be upset (even famous moms want to plan their daughter's weddings), but I think that if you sit down with her (do not take a page from Kourtney on this one) and calmly explain your choice, then chances are she'll be on board ...

especially if you let her plan a party.

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Brad Pitt Says Every Individual Has a Right to Marry





Brad Pitt, who once said in an interview that he and Angelina Jolie wouldn't get married until everyone had the same rights,

gave a statement to *People* on the recent legalization of same sex marriage in New York. He said that although it's encouraging that New York granted equal marriage rights to its citizens, every American has the Constitutional right to marry whomever they love, regardless of the state they reside in. He believes that someday this discrimination will end and everyone will have the equal right to marriage.

What are the benefits of getting married versus just living together?

Cupid's Advice:

Ever wondered why getting married is important for some people? Believe it or not, people benefit more when they get married compared to just living together. Here are three reasons why:

1. Commitment: When you're married, there is a commitment to make your relationship work. However, when you're only living with your partner, there isn't a strong desire to make things work when an argument arises. It's easier to just give up.

2. Financially successful: When you're married, you share everything: furniture, food, etc. This means you'll save more money than you would if you were just living with your significant other.

3. Live longer: Statistics revealed that married couples live longer than those who are single. Why? It might be because there is always a woman to take care of the man.

Why do you think being married is better than simply cohabiting? Let us know in a comment below.

Brad Pitt Revisits Spot He Romanced Jennifer Aniston





Is Brad Pitt using old material in his serious romance with Angelina Jolie? The longtime duo went on a special date on Monday at de Mondion restaurant at the Xara Palace hotel in Malta's walled medieval city of Mdina, reports <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The couple was spotted walking in hand-in-hand and choosing an outdoor table. An observer at the restaurant said, "They were very, very romantic ... Like a couple in love." Despite the love in display, Pitt not only dined at the exact restaurant with his ex-wife, Jennifer Aniston, in 2003, but they also sat in the same outdoor area. Before leaving, the then-couple signed the guest book. "Thanks for the great escape. Much love, Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston."

How do you avoid making your new partner feel like a

replacement for your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

You might've finally moved on to a new relationship, but to keep your new sweetheart and avoid making him or her feel like a replacement for your ex, there are a few things to keep in mind:

1. Don't speak about the ex too much: Avoid over-mentioning your ex to your new partner. If you can't stop talking about your ex, that means you aren't ready to move on to a new relationship.

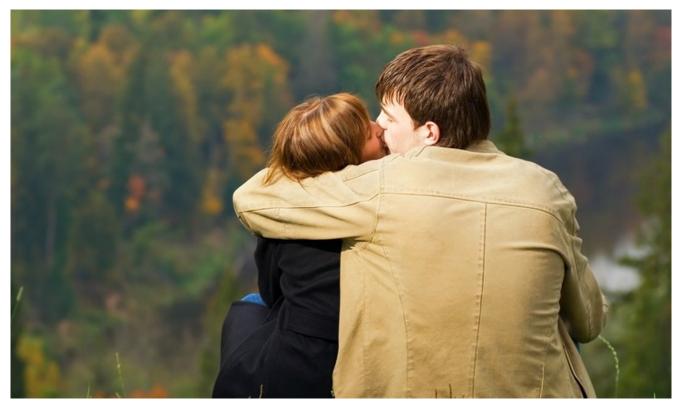
2. New activities: Try new activities instead of making your partner participate in the ones you and your ex favored together. ou might even discover new talents and interests.

3. New places: Taking him or her to the exact restaurant or trip you enjoyed with your ex is okay, but it's more exciting when you take your significant other to areas you've both never visited. It's a more unique and special experience.

Do you have ideas on how to avoid making your new partner feel like a replacement for your ex? Share your thoughts below.

Angelina Jolie Speaks Out About Love Brad Pitt





Can't get enough Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie? Well, that may not be an issue for long. After talk of getting married in the near future, Jolie recently opened up to *People* about her relationship with Pitt and their kids. "I love being with Brad," she revealed in a statement. "I'm very lucky with [him]. He is a real gentleman, but he is also a real man's man." Their six children play a significant role in their relationship, and the couple includes them whenever possible. However, they do play up the balancing act in some ways, as Jolie explains their alone time is important as well. "It's special time for daddy when mom works for a few months," says the actress and UN Goodwill Ambassador. "And Brad is such a great dad. When I'm working, he's putting in the extra dad time, and that's special for their relationship, too."

How does your relationship grow after you have kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Children are supposed to bring joy to your life, but really they can either solidify or destroy a relationship. Cupid has some way your relationship can grow after having kids: 1. Quality time: You're working more closely together now and are taking turns with the children. This can help enhance communication, and it's something you handle as a team. Also, those times you do get to relax, it's nice to have your partner there to cuddle.

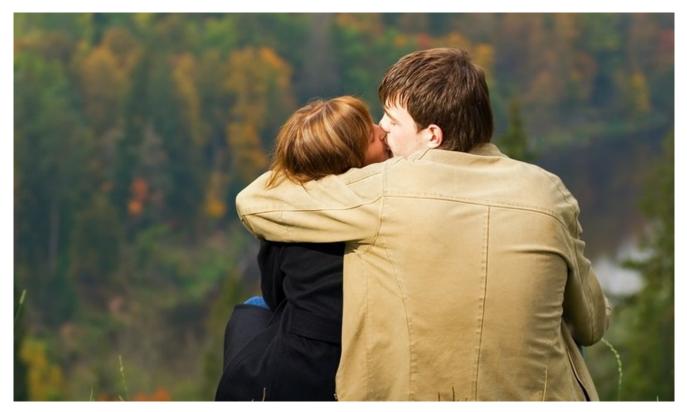
2. Support system: Both of you will be stressed out at first, especially if it's your first child. A baby is a big adjustment, and you both need to make sacrifices. Vent to each other and reassure your partner that you're in this together.

3. Family matters: After marriage, this is a tremendous factor in your relationship. Not only are you spending the rest of your life together, but now you're raising a family. Do what Brad and Angelina do-include the kids whenever possible, but admire and take advantage of the alone time you guys get.

How did kids change your relationship? Share your experiences below.

Are Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Finally Considering Marriage?





Don't get your hopes up, team Jennifer fans. Rumor has it that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may wed in the near future. "The kids ask about marriage. It's meaning more and more to them," Pitt told <u>People</u>. "So it's something we've got to look at." Originally the plan was to wait until everyone can legally marry, but the children have changed the duo's hearts. Pitt also spoke of the parenting ways he and Jolie use to bring up their chidren, as well as how they get their alone time. "Angie and I do everything we can to carve out some semblance of normalcy for them, to re-create the kinds of moments that were special for us."

How do things change once you tie the knot?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage is a big step, and you both need to be serious about it. Cupid knows what's coming, so here's what to prepare yourself for before you tie the knot:

1. Less effort: Some look at marriage as the grand prize. If

this is you, you may feel you worked hard enough to get here, so now it's time to relax. Not putting in as much time and effort to keep the relationship strong can lessen the meaning and power it once had.

2. Interest level: Forever is a long time. It's also enough time for one to get bored of the same old thing. Sometimes you're going to need to give your partner more space or spend extra time together to keep the relationship fresh.

3. Sharing and the future. There are so many important factors couples must consider before tying the knot. Prenups, living situations, and of course, children, are primary. Remember that, from now on, this person is a part of you. Make decisions together.

How did marriage change your relationship? Share below!

Zimbio's Top 10 Sizzling Celebrity Couples





When it comes to celebrity couples, everyone wants to know which ones are hot and which ones simply don't make the cut. Zimbio came up with a list of their 100 Hottest Celebrity Couples. Celebs were rated on their levels of success, attractiveness, popularity and staying power. The total of the scores in the four categories determined each couple's rank on the list. Although one of the couples has since split, the other nine are still happily together — as of now. Let's take a look at how hot Zimbio's top 10 list is:

1. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt: Who other than "Brangelina" should get the number one spot? Jolie and Pitt's names have graced headlines ever since word got out that they were an item. On success, Zimbio said, "These two command the box office," and their attractiveness and popularity are self-explanatory. As far as staying power, Zimbio believes they have more reasons to stay together than the average celebrity couple.

2. Beyonce and Jay-Z: *Parade* magazine reported that this couple racked up a total of \$162 million this year, proving their obvious success. Also, this couple keeps their

relationship strictly between them, giving their relationship longevity.

3. David and Victoria Beckham: Their attractiveness ranked a scorching 19 on the scale of one to 20. Posh Spice remains a feisty diva who has perfected her fashion tip, and the soccer player has always been noted for his good looks. Though rumors have circulated about the couple having affairs, they are still holding strong, 12 years later.

4. Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady: There's no need to speak on success, as Brady is one of the hottest names in the NFL and the former Victoria's Secret angel continues to land many cosmetic endorsements. This is a first marriage for this seemingly ageless couple – one that will hopefully last!

5. Faith Hill and Tom McGraw: Though Zimbio doesn't think this couple is too hot, success sums them up in a nutshell. Hill had 1.2 million Google searches last month, and McGraw's 2.25 million was enough to put them in the top tier of most popular couples, according to the site. We predict that this couple will continue their happily ever after, as their staying power ranks 20 out of 20.

6. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett: You should have known this hot Hollywood couple was coming! Smith and Pinkett are the epitome of the sweet, down-to-earth duo everyone loves. They have both spoken out about divorce before, and simply put, it won't happen.

7. Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake: Although this couple gained a spot in the top 10 list, the fire to their flame has been blown out. However, the former pair ranked 19 out of 20 for both popularity and attractiveness.

8. Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale: While they aren't as successful as the others, this musical couple ranks high in attractiveness. Though Stefani used to date No Doubt band mate Tony Kanal, there's "no doubt" she and Rossdale are a match made in heaven.

9. Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis: According to Zimbio, "Johnny Depp became the highest-paid actor for a single role in the history of film" after shooting *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's* Chest. If that's not success, we don't know what is! These dark-haired lookers have an unpredictable staying power and didn't rank high in popularity, but made the top 10. Kudos!

10. Heidi Klum and Seal: Seal's album *Soul* ranked number one on the French album charts for 13 weeks straight last year, and Klum's 2010 income was said to be \$14 million, according to *Forbes* Celebrity 100. T hough Seal has a rare condition called discoid lupus erythematosus that caused the scars on his face, Klum, the bombshell Victoria's Secret model, only noticed his flawless personality.

This Top 10 list is just a small portion of what's on Zimbio's Top 100 menu; if you can't take the heat, stay out of the kitchen. For the rest of the list, visit Zimbio.com.

Celebrity Couples Saving the Earth





By Tanni Deb

With Earth Day this Friday, people everywhere are making pledges to support the planet and show appreciation for the environment. Whether it's planting trees, recycling, or just walking instead of driving, plan to do a something ecofriendly on April 22 – you'll join the countless celebrities who continue to raise awareness about persevering our planet. Here are some celebrity couples who are not only committed to each other, but to Mother Nature as well:

1. Bar Rafaeli and Leonardo DiCaprio: DiCaprio is one of the most outspoken celebrities to discuss environmental issues, and girlfriend Rafaeli is no different. In 2008, the *Titanic* star purchased a condominium in Riverhouse, an eco-friendly building in New York City. He also drives a hybrid, flies commercially to reduce his carbon footprint, inspires other celebrities to go green, founded the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation to support many eco-friendly causes, and created a documentary about the global environmental crisis called The 11th Hour. Meanwhile, Rafaeli is an activist in promoting alternative energy sources. 2. Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom: The Victoria's Secret model has an organic skin care line called Kora, was named Earth Hour's global ambassador for 2011 and modeled nude for *Rolling Stone's* Green Issue to raise environmental awareness. Bloom, Kerr's husband, built an eco-friendly house in London and was named a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in 2009.

3. Jessica Alba and Cash Warren: In 2008, this couple bought an eco-friendly house in Los Angeles to raise their daughter, Honor Marie in. The couple also lives green. In an interview with *InStyle*, Alba said, "I would like to see a cleaner earth for my child."

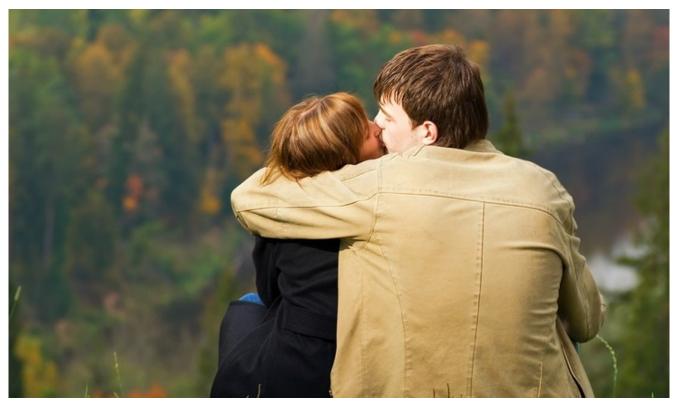
4. Rachel Bilson and Hayden Christensen: They might keep their relationship private, but when it comes to causes like Aeropostale's Teens for Jeans, Bilson and Christensen enjoy discussing its recycling campaign. In addition to encouraging people to donate their jeans, Bilson uses reusable shopping bags, drives a hybrid Toyota Prius and wears cloths made from organic cotton. Christensen owns an organic farm in Canada.

5. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt: These two have been praised for all the charity work they participate in and the organization they founded in 2006, the Jolie-Pitt Foundation, which assists with worldwide humanitarian crises. The couple is also dedicated to creating eco-friendly communities. Shortly after Pitt received permission to run his project, Make It Right NOLA, which focuses on building affordable green houses in New Orleans, he volunteered to be a designer of an environmental luxury hotel in Dubai.

These are just a few of the dozen celebrities who are committed to creating a healthier planet. Follow in their footsteps and make a difference this Earth Day.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Keep a Tight Family Life





If their life was like a sitcom, it'd be called "The Brangelina Bunch." Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie were out in New Orleans last weekend with their entire clan of kids, according to *People*. While things are busy on vacation with the family, the life of this celebrity family is becoming, as a source said, "organized chaos." "Of course it's wild when all the kids are there, and evening tends to be a bit chaotic with dinner and bedtime are both good with rules," the source said. "[Pitt and Jolie] there are definitely consequences, like time-outs, for bad behavior, but for the most part the kids all get along."

How can you include your kids in date night?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Go somewhere kid friendly: Avoid the bars and clubs with your children. Instead, perhaps try a child's movie, bowling or mini-golfing. Plus, it's sometimes fun to revisit your own childhood!

2. Back before bedtime: Try to have your kids in early. But just because they went to sleep, doesn't mean your night is over. Rent a movie to watch after the kids are sleeping so you can have some romantic alone time.

3. Keep it 'G-Rated': Try to be mindful about you and your partner's PDA. Your offspring are observant creatures so try to set the example for proper etiquette when in public.

The Law of Attraction Between Celebrity Couples





By Yolanda Shoshana, Luscious Lifestyle Diva

Biker boy and ex-husband to America's sweetheart, Jesse James recently declared that 2010 was the best year of his life. That declaration definitely made some people raise an eyebrow or two. Since when does a messy divorce and the possibility of losing your child constitute the time of one's life? But according to James, it all led to him finding love with Kat Von D. When he announced his engagement to Von D, people said they are perfect for each other, which was not necessarily a compliment in their case. That said, there's no doubt that the law of attraction was working its magic when the two of them met.

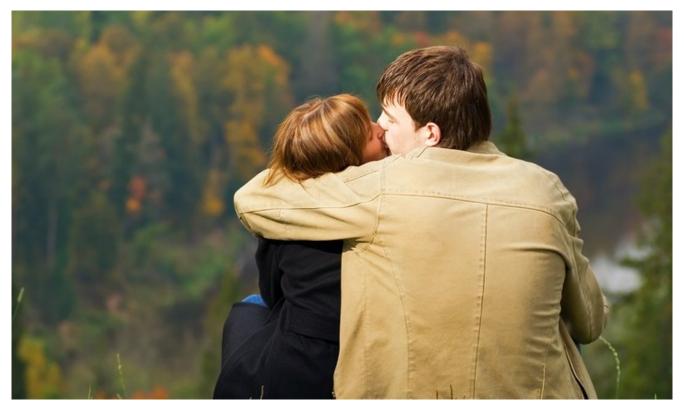
Simply speaking, the law of attraction is when "like" attracts "like." Take a look at Jesse James and Sandra Bullock's different places in life. Clearly, they had perspectives and ideals that simply didn't match, whereas James and Von D are on the same page.

Another example of the law of attraction at work is between celebrity couple Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. They ended up together not just because of physical attraction, but also due to other attraction elements. Chances are there were issues in the Pitt and Aniston marriage, which allowed Jolie to swoop in. Now, people see Aniston as a woman who can't find love, while I see as her as a woman who likes freedom, loves her body, likes a good looking dude, and just wasn't about to have a tribe of children. Aniston's attraction to Pitt didn't last because they simply have different energies and wants in life. In other words, they broke the law of attraction.

The law of attraction is a key ingredient when it comes to finding the love of your life. To utilize it in your search for love, all you have to do is ask, believe and receive with full clarity. As simple as that sounds, people get impatient when it comes to the "believe" part. While it would be fabulous if the love of your life arrived five minutes after you incorporated the law of attraction, it doesn't happen that way. Sometimes it takes time for the opportunity to present itself, but know that it's well worth the wait.

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Share a PDA-Filled Golden Globes





Angelina Jolie may not have won big at the Golden Globes this past Sunday, but she didn't leave empty-handed! At the end of the night, she still got to go home with her hunky mate, Brad Pitt. As host Ricky Gervais brutally mocked Jolie's nomination for *The Tourist*, the 35-year-old actress sat with her head resting on her man's shoulder. Then, according to *UsMagazine.com*, she was later seen sweetly fixing Pitt's tie. Although Jolie didn't get an award, her partner's reassuring

consolation certainly won her heart!

What are subtle ways to show you care in public?

Cupid's Advice:

At the Golden Globes, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt managed to show that they cared for each other without getting too mushy. Cupid thought of some ways that you can do the same:

1. Hold hands: Holding your special someone's hand in public is a great way to make him or her feel special. It may not seem like you're doing much, but it's actually a great way to show your partner that you're proud to be in a relationship. 2. Do sweet favors: When it comes to adoring your partner in public, waiting on them hand and foot never fails. It could be as simple as taking her jacket, filling her glass of wine, or even helping her out of a chair. If you do something before she has to ask, it shows you were thinking about her happiness first.

3. Wink: A very simple and overlooked gesture that goes a long way is a small bat of the eye. A wink as you smile at your partner shows her that you have eyes for no one else!