

Elizabeth Hurley and Arun Nayar: Separated



After four years, Elizabeth Hurley and Arun Nayar have decided to call it quits. The British model-actress and Indian textile heir were wed at a castle in England and then at a palace in India back in 2007. On Sunday, Hurley, 45, tweeted, "For the record, my husband Arun and I separated a few months ago." According to [Us Weekly](#), Hurley's declaration corresponded with a report claiming that she had an affair with Australian cricketer Shane Warne.

What are good ways to work on a rocky marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes couples such as Elizabeth Hurley and Arun Nayar just can't get their marriage back on track, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't try. Cupid has some tips:

1. Make time: In order to work on problems with your special someone, you need to make time for him first. Whether it's romantic nights out or just a nice meal at home without the kids, alone time will play a big role in keep the romance alive.

2. Communicate: If you feel like you and your partner are distant, work on communicating with him. Don't forget to listen as much as you talk, because communication goes both ways.

3. Be honest: Above all else, make sure you are being honest with each other. Always try to be open about everything, and hide nothing. Trust is the core a great relationship.

Spotted: Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber at IHOP





Is it possible to be “just friends” with someone of the opposite sex?

Cupid’s Advice:

This question has been debated for years, and there isn’t one universal answer. Cupid has some ways to tell if it’s possible to remain “just” friends:

- 1. You’re physically attracted to each other:** If you or your friend have a physical attraction to one another, the odds are that sooner or later it’s going to get in the way of your friendship.
- 2. You’re part of the same group of friends:** If you’ve been close friends for years and have mutual friends, there’s a good chance you can keep your friendship without having to worry about it turning into more. On the other hand, if you just met this person and are both single, things might start to get a little tricky in the “friend” department.
- 3. You spend a lot of time together:** If you’re constantly with your friend of the opposite sex without other friends around, it ‘s possible you might be setting yourself up for more than friendship. Always make sure you’re both on the same page.

Nicole Richie and Joel Madden Wed with Elephant



In traditional Hollywood style, Nicole Richie and Joel Madden finally tied the knot at the home of Richie's singing sensation father, Lionel Richie, surrounded by 130 family members and friends.

But according to [People](#), one big detail stuck out as being unique: a trained elephant was in attendance.

How do you incorporate animals into a wedding ceremony?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone's wedding ceremony should be unique, and incorporating animals into the festivities is always an

excellent way to show who you are as a couple:

1. Wed at the zoo: The zoo can be the perfect wedding venue for a couple with a soft spot for animals. By having your wedding surrounded by animals, you're not only giving your guests a unique experience, but you're also raising awareness for endangered species.

2. Make your dog part of the wedding party: People who love their dog consider him a member of the family, and family should always be included in the wedding. Make your dogs both your ring bearer and flower "girl."

3. Let birds fly: Angelic birds such as swans and doves have long been associated with wedded bliss. With the right wedding planner, you can have these symbols of innocent love as guests at your wedding.

Keith Urban Says Wife Nicole Kidman Saved His Life





Nicole Kidman is more than just Keith Urban's wife; she's his lifesaver as well, according to [Us Weekly](#). Urban appeared on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* and opened up to DeGeneres about his drug and alcohol addiction. He confessed that his wife deserves the credit for saving his life, as she was instrumental in getting him into rehab four months after their wedding. However, the country crooner admits that Kidman wasn't fully aware of the extent of his substance abuse problems when they got married. **What are things you should know about your partner before marriage?**

Cupid's Advice:

Before you and your partner walk down the aisle, it's important to take some time for an open and honest discussion. Cupid has some things to include in these talks:

1. Dealing with hard times: If there's one thing for sure, it's that marriage is work. Make sure you understand how your partner deals with the hard times that come with life. Make sure there will be a support system in place for when things don't go so smoothly.

2. Children: The prospect of having children can be a deal breaker when it comes to the possibility of marriage. Discuss

the number of children you each want and what type of parenting style you want to incorporate.

3. Marriage expectations: Everyone has their own idea of what a marriage entails. Discussing how the two of you will be spending the rest of your lives is no small feat. Before signing the license, confirm that you are taking this journey seriously and with matching mindsets.

Kim Kardashian Doesn't Feel Guilty After Split from Gabriel Aubry



Kim Kardashian's fling with Halle Barry's ex, model Gabriel Aubry, may have ended this week, but Kardashian is spending no time mourning.

Only hours after news of the breakup surfaced, Kardashian was working at the Whisper Lounge at The Grove in LA to promote her new watch line with Brissmor Company. [Us Weekly](#) reported that the reality star is just having fun dating. “My favorite part about being single is just that I can focus on work and not feel guilty,” said Kardashian.

Is it okay to focus on your career while in a relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s tough to balance your personal and professional lives. How can you walk that fine line between a relationship and a career? Here are a few tips:

1. Don’t mix the two: Though the stress of keeping up with your job and relationship may be getting to you, it’s important not to complain too much. By frequently mentioning your partner at work, you become unprofessional, and by mentioning your boss to your boyfriend, you become boring. Keep the two lives as separate as possible.

2. Find extra time: Every now and then, you will have to put extra energy into either your relationship or your career. Staying late to help make copies or run a meeting will assure your boss that you’re dedicated, just as preparing an especially thoughtful date will encourage your partner.

3. Prioritize: In some cases, you will not be able to balance both a relationship and your career. If this is the case, you will need to prioritize. It may be hard to put your career before your boyfriend or vice versa, but it might be necessary depending on the situation.

Date Idea: Bundle Up for Fun



Just because the holidays are over doesn't mean the magic of winter has to end. Cupid's got some date ideas for those who love to embrace the colder weather. Temperatures are ice cold, so there's still time to sport your chicest coat or get all toasty warm by the fireplace. As your toes freeze, as icicles form on your eyelashes, and as the snow falls outside your window, you may be tempted to stay inside, but there's nothing more romantic than taking your partner out for some fun in the snow!

Relationship Advice to Enjoy the Winter Weather

Related Link: [Date Idea: Rent a Cabin in the Snow](#)

Sure, there are always the classics: snowmen, snow angels, and sledding. Why not try something a little more exciting this holiday season? Follow this [relationship advice](#) by adding a

twist to the snow day classics while surprising your neighbors with your creative front yard. Instead of the traditionally white snowman, why not make a colorful one? Take some food coloring, mix it with water, and place the mixture in a spray bottle. Once you build your snowman, squirt the color on, and watch the snow change colors. Try layering different colors for a rainbow or ombré effect. You can also make your favorite fictional character come to life with just a bit of accessorizing: Use a lightning-bolt scar and glasses make for a great Harry Potter, or you can style your creation with a wig and a crown to create your favorite Disney princess.

For a more social activity, try starting a couples' snowball fight. Invite your neighbors and divide yourselves into teams. Whether you're playing couples against couples or girls against guys, you're sure to bond with your friends who enjoy a little wintertime fun. Building snow forts is another great way to get the competition rolling. You could also challenge each other to a snow angel contest or teach each other how to juggle snowballs.

Related Link: [Date Idea: Have Fun in the Winter Sun](#)

If you're feeling particularly athletic, take a cue from Hollywood couple [Jessica Simpson](#) and hubby Eric Johnson and organize a football game in the snow. All you need are some friends and a football! A game of tackle is no big threat when your field is cushioned with snow. Plus, it's a great way to enjoy the beautiful white winter but also stay warm. You'll get so caught up in the fun that you won't even want to keep score!

Share your best wintertime relationship advice in the comments below!

Kelsey Grammer and Girlfriend Kayte Walsh Are Engaged



Who says that the third time's a charm? *Frasier* star Kelsey Grammer is going to recite wedding vows for the fourth time! The Emmy-winning actor and third wife Camille divorced only six months ago, but that didn't stop him from giving love another try. Grammer, 55, and flight attendant Kayte Walsh, 29, have been "engaged for a while," according to UsMagazine.com.

After divorce, how can you avoid rushing things with your new partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Kelsey Grammer's whirlwind post-divorce romance may or may not turn against him in the future. Here are a few tips to avoid moving too fast after a split:

1. Live separately: After a divorce, it's normal to want to jump right into a new romance right away. Make sure to get to know each other's good and bad qualities before you share an apartment!

2. Hold off on saying "I love you": It's normal to want love again after a long relationship ends. But make sure you're truly loving and not just lusting before you spit out those three important words. If you speak too soon, you could hurt both your partner and yourself.

3. Keep the kids away: Meeting your new partner's kids or vice versa isn't just a big step in the relationship; it's a big weight on the kids. Be sure your partner will be in your life long-term before you bring your children into the picture.

Reese Witherspoon's First Date Pet Peeve





It turns out that even America's sweetheart, Reese Witherspoon, has had her fair share of unsuccessful dates, according to [People](#). "I had someone correct my grammar on a blind date once, and I knew within the first 10 minutes that the date was over," said Witherspoon. "Even worse, I don't even remember what I said – I probably said 'ain't.' Just don't correct my grammar. I'm from Tennessee. I probably say everything wrong." There you have it boys—lesson learned. Never correct a southern girl's grammar!**What are things to avoid on a first date?**

Cupid's Advice:

First dates can be awkward, but Cupid has a few tips on what you should steer clear of on your first night out with someone new:

1. Don't talk about yourself all night: A first date means getting to know each other. In between the nervous babbling about yourself, make sure to find out a few things about your date as well.

2. Don't lie: No matter how much you want the other person to like you, be honest. You'll never know how compatible you truly are with the person if you lie about yourself. Remember: the truth will come out eventually anyway.

3. Don't look less than your best: Don't show up like you just ran out of the shower or just got out of bed. When you look good, you feel good. You're not only impressing your date, but you're also boosting your own confidence.

'Bachelor' Couple Jason Mesnick and Molly Malaney Renew Vows in Vegas



Is it too soon to renew your vows after only 10 months? *The Bachelor* couple Jason Mesnick and Molly Malaney didn't seem to think so. The pair said "I do" for the second time in Las Vegas, as part of the Rock 'n Roll Las Vegas Marathon. Mesnick and Malaney were one of 60 couples running in the marathon, according to [The Hollywood Gossip](#). The duo stopped at the 3-mile mark pit stop

near the Venetian's "Run Thru Wedding."

What are the benefits of a Las Vegas wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

If you aren't a fan of getting married in your home town, a destination wedding in Las Vegas has quite a few perks:

1. It's easier to plan: No wedding is easy to plan, but many hotels and resorts in Las Vegas make the preparations very easy. Among other things, they offer photography services, high-class receptions and limo services.

2. It's simple to get there: For guests arriving from different parts of the country, Las Vegas is a very convenient destination. Airlines offer countless flights to Las Vegas every day. Booking flights and preparing a schedule will be relatively simple for your guests.

3. It's fun!: Las Vegas is nothing if not exciting! Bright lights, flashy buildings and high-end resorts will make your wedding memorable for both you and your guests.

Did Jason Trawick Abuse Britney Spears?





Britney Spears is lashing back at the multiple sources spreading the rumor that she was physically abused by her boyfriend, Jason Trawick. The rumor stemmed from Spears' ex-husband, Jason Alexander. According to [People](#), the 29-year-old pop sensation is strongly appalled by this piece of news. She doesn't seem to be letting it get to her, though, because she is "off on a romantic weekend with Jason for my birthday. xoxo Brit," the star said via Twitter.

How can you tell if your partner is emotionally abusive?

Cupid's Advice:

Although Britney Spears maintains that she's not in an emotionally or physically abusive relationship, many people aren't so lucky. In fact, some of them don't even know it.

Cupid has some ways to tell if you're in an emotionally abusive relationship:

- 1. They never take the blame:** There's one thing all abusers have in common: they always play the victim. No matter what happens, an abusive partner will never take blame for anything that goes wrong in the relationship. If you find problems constantly being *your fault* in the relationship, maybe it's time you looked into a more healthy romance.

2. They always take control: An emotionally abusive partner lusts for control. He may be kind, loving, and well-respected to the common eye, but behind closed doors he's constantly judging your every move. Get out while you still can.

3. They constantly isolate you: Your partner wants you all to himself. It may even mean saying goodbye to family, friends, and co-workers because your abusive mate will eventually demand all of your free time.

Wedding Rumors: Nicole Richie and Joel Madden



After four years, two kids, and a 10-month engagement, Nicole Richie and Joel Madden may finally be ready to set a wedding date. Although the couple have been very secretive about the details of their

wedding, [Us Weekly](#) reports that Richie had a bachelorette party in September with Christina Aguilera and a few of her other girlfriends. Richie isn't the only one being secretive about the details. At the Oscar pre-show, Madden said, "We're kind of doing it at our own pace. We have no idea right now."

What's the benefit of keeping your wedding date a secret?

Cupid's Advice:

Once you set the date for your big day, your first instinct may be to send out that "save the date" to let everyone know. But Cupid has some advantages to keeping your wedding date a secret for a while:

- 1. You can make wedding decisions alone:** When people don't know your wedding date, they aren't able to insert themselves into wedding plans. You'll be able to have the wedding you want without any unnecessary input.
- 2. You can keep it exclusive:** If your wedding date is under wraps, you're able to keep the guest list more intimate and exclusive without feeling obligated to send out extra invites.
- 3. You can stay true to your personalities:** Some brides dream of a huge wedding and others just want a few of their close family and friends to be there. If you're the latter of the two, announcing your wedding date may not coincide with your dream wedding plans.

Chad Ochocinco is Engaged to

Girlfriend Evelyn Lozada



NFL player and *Dancing with the Stars* alum Chad Ochocinco surprised his girlfriend, Evelyn Lozada, by proposing to her on November 16th in their Cincinnati home. Lozada, a model and *Basketball Wives* star, told [Us Weekly](#), "He had a jeweler come to the house... [It was] a total surprise! We sat there and picked out the ring." Ochocinco offered his input on the diamond. The couple have not yet picked a date because, according to Lozada, "We're waiting on the show and football season to end so we can start focusing on the next stage of our lives." **What are some unique proposal locations?**

Cupid's Advice:

Many proposal locations are overdone. The romantic candlelight dinner is somewhat predictable, as is the flowers-and-ring routine. Couples looking for a more unique experience may like these ideas:

- 1. Return to the place of your first date:** Going back to the place of your first date is both romantic and fun.
 - 2. Take a trip:** Surprise your partner with a trip to a resort in one of your favorite areas. Try the Bahamas if the two of you like beaches, or Europe if you love sight-seeing. The vacation will be one that your partner always remembers.
 - 3. Go on a fun date:** Instead of proposing over dinner, try proposing in a hot air balloon. How many people can say they got engaged while overlooking the countryside from a floating basket?
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Christina Aguilera Explains Why She Filed for Divorce and Talks About Her New Man





Burlesque star

Christina Aguilera recently spoke out about the real reasons she filed for divorce from Jordan Bartman, according to [People](#). The main reason turns out to be her 2-year-old son, Max. “When you’re unhappy in your marriage, your children are the ones who suffer. That’s the last thing I wanted for my son,” said Aguilera. The Grammy winner is now back on the dating scene with a new man, Matthew Rutler, a set assistant she met while filming *Burlesque*. She describes him as a kind person who she could spend hours talking to without realizing any time has gone by.

How do you know if your relationship unhealthy?

Cupid’s Pulse:

If you think your relationship is unhealthy, it’s probably true. Though all couples fight sometimes, if your relationship has become toxic, it’s time to move on:

- 1. Unhappiness:** If you’re unhappy with your partner, chances are the feeling is mutual. Don’t try to tough it out.
- 2. Fighting words:** An unhealthy couple doesn’t always mean fighting all the time. Snide passive aggressive comments can be even more hurtful than a full-out fight.

3. **Abuse:** At the first signs of physical or emotional abuse, get out of the relationship immediately.

Taylor Swift and Jake Gyllenhaal Go on Another Coffee Date



Stock up, Starbucks!

Jake Gyllenhaal and Taylor Swift have been spotted grabbing coffee together again, this time in Nashville, according to [People](#). The new potential couple made their second stop in a week at the Frothy Monkey for a cup of java. Gyllenhaal and Swift were also seen increasing their caffeine intake at Nashville's Crema on Monday and Fido last Saturday. All these coffee breaks haven't left these two strapped for cash, as it's been rumored that the duo tip well. **What's the advantage**

of a coffee date over dinner?

Cupid's Advice:

If a dinner date has you panicked with thoughts of stuffy restaurants and a laundry list of table etiquette to remember, a laid-back afternoon coffee date may be right up your alley:

1. Keep it casual: Coffee dates are notoriously casual. You don't have to dress up, and you aren't pressured to order a smaller size with non-fat milk instead of your usual venti with a double shot of espresso.

2. You have an out: By scheduling a coffee date in the afternoon, you eliminate the awkward "end of the night kiss" scenario. You have the opportunity to arrive and leave separately, and the stiff car conversation will never take place.

3. Price point: If nothing else, grabbing a cup of joe to-go is a lot cheaper than dinner for two. So if you'd like to impress on a budget, schedule an afternoon caffeine break coupled with a stroll in the park – the perfect fall date.

Reese Witherspoon Feels Sexier with Age





As little girls, we're afraid of monsters in the closet. But when we grow up, that monster is replaced with a fear of aging. But Reese Witherspoon isn't afraid of getting older! "Funny doesn't sag!" Witherspoon tells [Us Weekly](#). The 34-year-old actress assures us that age brings more sexual confidence. "You're not as intimidated by it, not as embarrassed by it. Sexuality and femininity is an accumulation of age and wisdom and comfort in your own skin." **Is it tougher to date as you get older?**

Cupid's Advice:

Reese Witherspoon is living proof that aging isn't a bad thing. Cupid has a few reasons that dating gets easier with age:

- 1. Experience:** First dates can be awkward when you're young and haven't been on many of them. When you've been dating for a long time, things will come much more natural to you than they did when you were 20.
- 2. Knowledge:** On top of the experience, you now have dating knowledge. Because you've been dating for a long time, you know how to handle things if they take a turn for the worse. Preparation is key!

3. Confidence: When we get older, we really discover and embrace who we are. Now that you're comfortable with yourself, your confidence will shine through. That's a rare gift only age can give!

Garth Brooks Gives Teen Dating Advice on Oprah



As a father to three girls, country crooner Garth Brooks took time to dole out some good ol' fatherly advice to women everywhere on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*. "The truth is, it's the reflection in the mirror. That's the one. You can't lie to that voice inside of you." After confessing "the only thing better than playing music is being a dad," CMT reports that Brooks made sure to convey that he understands the pressure girls face when

dating, especially when it comes to older boys. “As a junior, if you’re dating a senior boy, sometimes that pushes you ahead of things you’re ready to handle.”**How do you avoid becoming a reflection of your partner?**

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s easy to get caught up in keeping the peace in a relationship. However, a relationship is between two people. Here are some ways to stay true to yourself:

- 1. Keep some space:** Before your partner, you had your friends. Getting swept away by love is easy, but don’t forget to spend some time with the people who have always been there for you.
- 2. Adjust and adapt:** Some people believe you have to change yourself to make a relationship work. Chemistry and compatibility isn’t about change, but rather adjustments and compromise.
- 3. Maintain self-awareness:** You know yourself best. Go with your gut if you’re starting to feel like you’re losing touch not only with yourself, but with the other parts of your life that make you happy.

Ben Affleck Leaves Christmas Shopping to Wife, Jennifer

Garner



Who would have pegged Ben Affleck for the old fashioned type? According to [People](#), in a recent interview with Ellen Degeneres, Affleck said that he leaves the holiday shopping up to his wife, Jennifer Garner. Although Affleck is aware that his approach to Christmas shopping may be a bit outdated, he explained himself by saying that Garner is “just an efficient Christmas-shopping machine,” while he sits around sputtering over the single gift for which he’s most responsible – the one for his wife.

What are ways to split family responsibilities in a relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

A relationship is all about sharing. No one person can bear all the responsibility, no matter how capable they seem. Cupid has some ways to help distribute the family

responsibilities fairly:

1. Based on availability: Some weeks are more hectic than others. Figure out how much free time both of you have, and then distribute the responsibilities accordingly.

2. Based on skills: Whether it's shopping or fixing the car, you each have your own strengths. In order to get everything done efficiently, split up responsibilities based on each other's skillsets.

3. Based on past decisions: Whatever way you decide to split up the responsibilities, you should come to a decision each week or month about what each person is able and willing to take on. Then, stick to it!

Prince William and Kate Middleton Set Good Relationship Examples





By Roy Sheppard

Here in the UK, we are being drenched with Prince William and Kate Middleton stories in the media. They are *everywhere!*

Unlike the loved-up celebrities who can't wait to show off the latest in a long line of soul mates, what's different about Prince William and Middleton is their quiet togetherness. They already exude a sense of being an 'us,' rather than part of a 'me + me' relationship. Their focus is on each other, and they're not trying to convince their friends or the world that they're together. They just are.

They royal couple each have what I describe in my book, *How to Be The One* – a well-developed Emotional Core, the emotional equivalent of a strong physical core stability known to anyone who has ever practiced Yoga or Pilates. The emotional 'muscles' they have developed in life include: a healthy self-esteem, an appealing attitude to life, a deep sense of inner happiness and kindness towards others.

Faced by the world's media at a press conference announcing their engagement, did you notice how William so gently reassured and supported his bride-to-be, knowing how nervous she must have been? That's classy. But you don't have to be royalty to be considerate. So, for the next month, commit

yourself to the following:

1. Instead of focusing on what you want from a date, put some effort into being that sort of person for them. Adopt or develop those same qualities you value so much in others. You want someone loving, trustworthy, reliable and considerate? Well, how would you score on those same qualities?

2. William and Kate are best friends. Decide to be nice to everyone you meet and everyone you date. Just be friendly with *no* agenda. And forget the so-called 'dating rules.' Let's face it, they mostly encourage you to treat people like you dislike them!

3. Those who have exhausted "just having fun" are looking for someone special with whom to share their lives. There are men and women out there who create idealized fantasy figures in their heads, and no one can live up to them. My fear is that millions of people will keep looking, but will fail to realize that their wish list may be completely unrealistic. Happy, long-lasting relationships are based on trust, love and commitment; but there seems to be a lot of confusion about the definitions of those qualities. In my book, I talk about how commitment has been diluted into "Commitment Light," a diet cola version of the quality.

Invest time developing your emotional core. You'll pass more 'auditions,' which will open up options. Plus, you'll be able to share the limelight with an A-list partner in a Blockbuster relationship, rather than a low-budget soap opera!

Cameron Diaz and Alex Rodriguez Vacation in Mexico for Thanksgiving



Cameron Diaz and on-again-off-again Yankee boyfriend, Alex Rodriguez were caught canoodling in Mexico over the Thanksgiving holiday last week, according to [Us Weekly](#). The pair spent time in the sand showing off their beach bods and taking dips in the water. The two were originally spotted together over the summer, but kept things cool in October. "They break up and get back together all the time," says a source. **Is an on-again-off-again relationship healthy?**

Cupid's Advice:

If you find yourself continuously cutting things off only to get back together a few weeks later, it may not be healthy. Cupid has some tips on how to evaluate your relationship:

1. Look at the big picture: Step back and try to see your relationship from an outside perspective. Breaking up and getting back together may seem normal to you, but it may be destructive behavior.

2. Make a list: Sometimes a pros and cons list can help sort out confused feelings. Take a page from Miranda in the *Sex And The City* movie, as she used one to determine her feelings for her husband, Steve. It's an old stand-by for a reason.

3. Question it: Ask yourself, "Why am I going back?" If you can't answer the question with clarity, getting back together may be the right decision. If not, calling it quits may be the way to go.

Ryan Seacrest and Julianne Hough's Romantic Paris Holiday





What is the most romantic city in the world? Paris, of course! Ryan Seacrest had the right idea by taking his sweetheart, Julianne Hough there with his family over Thanksgiving. The group took advantage of the the City of Light by visiting a selection art galleries, shops and the best restuarants Paris has to offer. According to [People](#), Hough and Seacrest also found some alone time on their balconied terrace and couldnt keep their hands off each other! Nothing says “je t’aime” like a nice romantic vacation.**What are the best cities for a romantic getaway?**

Cupid’s Advice:

Ryan Seacrest and Julianne Hough aren’t the only ones who want to spend some quality vacation time together. Cupid came up with a few great cities for a romantic getaway:

1. Venice: Complete with it’s unique canals, bridges, and historical buildings, Venice, Italy, is guaranteed to melt your heart. A gondola ride with your special someone will make you fall in love all over again!

2. London: Get a view of one of the most extravagant cities from above by taking a flight on the London Eye. Take a romantic stroll with your partner along one of the many beautiful rivers. No matter where you go, you’re guarenteed

to have a wonderful time.

3. New York City: Even the Big Apple has many romantic options. From the bright neon lights of Times Square to the spotlights on Broadway, there's always a feeling of excitement in the air. Go on a carriage ride through Central Park or ice skating at Rockefeller Center. The city that never sleeps offers amazing opportunities for lovers 24/7!

NCIS Star Cote de Pablo Loves Her Boyfriend for Being a Bad Influence



NCIS actress Cote de Pablo loves her boyfriend, despite their opposite personalities, according to [People](#). "I'm in a long-term

relationship with [actor] Diego Serrano, and I'm very happy," said the actress. "He's the worst influence that I have ever had in my life, and I love him for it." De Pablo, 31, elaborated, saying, "Every once in a while, he turns to me and goes, 'Live a little.' I'll have chicken with broccoli and he's like, 'What about the chocolate cake?' If it weren't for him, I'd be the most boring person in Los Angeles...we balance each other."

What are the benefits of having the opposite personality of your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

While many feel that two people need to have similar personalities in order to make a relationship work, the old cliché "opposites attract" does have some merit. Here are some reasons:

1. It's exciting: While it's possible to have fun with a partner who has the same interests as you, true thrill often springs from the excitement you get from stepping out of your comfort zone.

2. You can learn new things: If you like shopping and your partner enjoys hiking, then the two of you can learn a lot from each other. You may discover a love of nature and your partner may begin to appreciate the indoors. You can encourage each other to be open-minded.

3. You become well-rounded: By dating people different than yourself, you gain more points of view and life experience than you would gain by staying only with what you already know.

Michael Phelps is Dating a New Woman!



It looks like even the busiest Olympic athletes are finding time for some romance these days! Olympic gold medalist, Michael Phelps, has been spotted around town with jewelry designer and reality TV star, Brittny Gastineau. According to TV.com, the duo appear to be in the early stages of their relationship. This seemingly unlikely pair have more in common than just their good looks. Gastineau's father is former Jet's play Marcus Gastineau, which allows her to understand Phelps' athletic background. However, sources say that Gastineau has been in long-term relationships her whole life and is just looking to have a little fun.

Is it okay to date only for fun?

Cupid's Advice:

We all know how amazing it is to be in love. But sometimes you might just want to play the dating game without all the extra responsibility. Here are sometimes when that's okay:

- 1. When you're young:** You have your whole life to be tied down, and once you find Mr. Right, he'll probably be around for a while. Get a feel for what's out there before you make a decision.
 - 2. You just got out of a relationship:** If you just called it quits on a serious relationship, take some time to have a little fun. See what else is out there!
 - 3. When you're figuring yourself out:** Sometimes we have so much going on in our lives that the last thing we need is another obligation. It's perfectly fine to go out, let loose, and have some fun on the dating scene without all the pressure.
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Hunting for Love Later in Life





By KB in NYC

We all know that dating is a minefield, right? But here's the thing; getting older doesn't help. A lot of 40-year-old men only want to date 25-year-olds. And here's why: a woman in her 30's or 40's knows what she wants. She's been around the block a few times, and she's less willing to compromise. She's less easily impressed and she is, in a word, more discerning.

Now that's not necessarily a bad thing, but it does make dating harder. Also, when man hunting at an older age, you tend to want different things. At 24, a cocktail and a great make out session will suffice; at 40, not so much.

Hollywood is filled with fabulous women, all of whom have achieved enormous success and are finding themselves single in their mid-30's and 40's – think Jennifer Aniston, Charlize Theron, Sandra Bullock and Sheryl Crow.

The thing is, these celebrities are pretty much set: they have millions of dollars in the bank, they look fantastic and if motherhood tickles their fancy, there's always adoption. And yet, they can't get the man thing right. Famous or not, who doesn't want to get the man thing right?

Whether you're single by choice or on a serious manhunt, the parameters are kind of the same. Be honest with yourself and the men you're dating about what you want. If it's marriage and kids, then own that.

You may not be in your 20's anymore, but that's no reason to act desperate. Like Jen taking back John Mayer after he had publicly humiliated her? That had a whiff of desperation to it. Know what you have to offer, and never accept anything less than you deserve, no matter how desperate you may be to "put a ring on it."

Take a page out of Jen, Cheryl or Sandra's books and surround yourself with great people. Friends make the world go 'round, and being happily single is about having your emotional needs met.

It's such a cliché, but oh-so true: be comfortable in your skin, even if it requires Artefill to keep it looking as good as it once did.

We are a society obsessed with aging, and yet many celebrities are just getting better the older they get. From Halle Berry to Kate Winslet, Jenny McCarthy and Susan Sarandon, age certainly hasn't gotten in the way of dating fabulous men. Which leads one to contend that if age is just a number, attitude must be everything.

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Kim Kardashian and Gabriel Aubry's Romantic Thanksgiving



It looks like things between Kim Kardashian and Canadian model Gabriel Aubry are heating up! The pair spent a romantic Thanksgiving together in Los Angeles, according to [RadarOnline](#), Kardashian and Aubry were spotted catching a late night showing of *Burlesque*, starring Christina Aguilera and Cher. The reality star's sexy outfit included high heels, a short skirt, and a tuxedo jacket and her date's classic ensemble of a pressed white shirt and black pants left no doubt that the two were on a date. Suspicions of a new romance were heightened when the two drove away in Gabriel Aubry's white Rolls Royce Ghost. **Does what you wear on a date send hints to your partner?**

Cupid's Advice:

What you say is only one form of communication. Both body language and your choice of clothing also play a significant role in how your date perceives you. Cupid has some advice on how to send the right signals:

1. Smiles are always in style: If you're enjoying yourself on date, always wear a smile.

2. Too sexy is not the way to go: Though you may want to impress your date by showing off your hot bod, leaving something to the imagination sends a more positive signal. Try showing off only one feature at a time. If you're sporting a short skirt, wear a conservative top.

3. Dress up: Though you don't have to go all-out, putting effort into what you wear on a date is always appreciated.