

THE DATING ALTERNATIVE MANIFESTO & CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

PART 1

THE PROBLEM

It's impossible to know everything about a person that you need to know from one or two dates. One's prior experiences really have no bearing in the present, because we've gone through these experiences, been changed by them and hopefully have grown in the process. Past behaviors and mistakes can't really apply in this new set of circumstances. Also, limited time because of busy schedules precludes the prolonged interaction required to make sensible decisions about a person's qualities. Second-guessing without all the facts is impractical and might be wrong, thereby excluding a potentially positive connection.

Question: How do we really know the exact combination of traits that are truly best for us? How many people have made specific lists just to find themselves pleasantly surprised by someone they might never even have considered?

THE GOAL

To experience the affection, loving attention and acceptance necessary to live a healthy, balanced life; to take the frustrating edge off the physical and emotional deprivation one experiences as a single; to then be free to clearly focus on other matters; i.e. life partner, life work, etc.

TO FACILITATE

(Once, of course, a suitable candidate manifests)

To accept each other unconditionally, act lovingly and affectionately toward one another for a mutually set period of time (suggestion - 2 months). For this period of time, assume the best about one another until proven otherwise, trust each other until proven otherwise. Relax, be yourself and be honest without fear of rejection. Communicate freely. The affectionate behavior can include but is not limited to, hand holding, kissing, hugging, embracing, friendly sharing and confiding, no intercourse. This is to allow time to get to know each other unencumbered by the emotional complications of physical intimacy. (The specifics should be worked out to what is comfortable with the parties involved.) At the end of the set period, the terms of the contract can be renegotiated or terminated without major trauma to either party, perhaps establishing a friend or more for life in the process. This agreement shall be rendered immediately null and void should intolerable or unacceptable behavior surface at any time during the trial period.

Yes, I understand the concept! OK I'll give it a shot for _____ months.

Signed _____ Date _____

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PART 2

**THE
QUICKIE SOCIAL COMPATIBILITY CHECKLIST**

List recreational outings/functions you've attended in the past year and see if your partner would have liked to have gone or not. Following are just examples.

	You	Your Partner
(Rate on a scale of 1-10)		
1) Comedy Club	_____	_____
2) Dancing	_____	_____
3) Theatrical Play	_____	_____
4) Music Concert	_____	_____
5) Movie	_____	_____
6) Golf/Sports	_____	_____
7) Day Hike	_____	_____
8) Picnic	_____	_____
9) Art Gallery	_____	_____
10) Dress Up Event	_____	_____
11) Party	_____	_____

12) Ask your partner what they have done in the past year and see how it rates with you.
