



## The Right Person Myth

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### Introduction

1. So WHY am I doing this? Because I hear and read some of the most heartbreaking stories imaginable. Marriage stories. Dating stories. And I think, *That could have been avoided*. Sometimes I ask, “Did it ever occur to you . . .? Did anyone warn you? Didn’t you know that?” So, I decided to tell you a bunch of the stuff that I thought everybody knew, but, apparently, they don’t.

*I’m doing this because I want you to be happy/fulfilled in your dating relationships and maybe find the love of your life. And you can be, but not if you continue to take your cues from culture.*

2. WHO is this for? This is directed to men and women who see **dating** as a means to eventually finding the love of their lives.
3. If you are **living together** and one of you is contemplating marriage, this will be helpful.
4. If you are a **recreational dater**: game. Marriage is not on your radar. Sex. Livin’ the life. When someone wants to define the relationship, that signals the end of the relationship. This won’t be relevant for you now. But take notes. And here’s a heads-up.

*When you decide to settle down, and I hope you do, it’s awesome. Your past will be there to settle down with you. The past, especially past relationships, has a tendency to hang around where it is unwanted. It doesn’t stay in the past.*

*The PRESENT will be your PAST, but it will be PRESENT in your FUTURE.*

### I. Secret: in all my years, I’ve never seen a marriage problem.

- A. I’ve seen plenty of marriages *with* problems. But never a marriage problem.
  1. What I see are individuals with problems who got married.
  2. Problems, issues, habits, and wrong ways of thinking that stemmed from their pesky pasts.
  3. Their pasts snuck into their presents and started destroying their futures.
- B. Singles: Let me tell you what many married people did. They dated thinking that if they found **the right person**, the rest would take care of itself. And it didn’t! Because lo and behold, the person they married thought the same thing!
  1. The only thing they worked on was sex.
  2. You wouldn’t buy a car without test-driving it first.
- C. But once the relationship soured, so did the sex.
- D. They didn’t know how to do a long-term relationship.