

Tell Trinity

by Herself
Special to Q-Notes

Quote du Jour: "Think not that you can direct the course of love, for love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course."
— Kahlil Gibran

Hello Trinity,

I recently met the man of my dreams. Of course, he lives in New Orleans and I'm about to move to New York City. But I really, deep down, think that he's "The One!" So now what do I do?

— Dreamer in Two Cities

Hello Dreamer in Two Cities,

If love finds you follow it! Chase it! Run with it until you're scared and bruised and glowing with adventure. Love's definitely not practical, so don't you be either, at least right away. Must you move to New York City? Can't you spend a few trial weeks in New Orleans? Maybe, take a place near him and date for a while? Listen honey, see if he feels the same way as you do. And if you know or at least can spend time finding out if he is "The One," then take a risk. Either, be stuck LOOKING for the man of your dreams in New York City or be stuck WITH the man of your dreams on a street car named Desire.

— Trinity

Hey Trinity,

I don't know if it's a gay thing, but inevitably every guy I go out with... leaves. I can't help wondering when this new guy I'm dating is going to get bored and leave. These fears also make me hold back from telling him about the mysteries that make up who I am! When is it safe to let him know all the intimate details of my life?

— Waiting to Disclose

Hey Waiting to Disclose,

This may sound antigay, but when you're first dating someone, don't get so comfortable just yet. Don't try and sell him on every little detail that's right and wrong about you. When car dealers sell cars, they clean it, tune it and make it "Purr like a kitten." They never let you see the problems. Once it's sold, the buyer then finds out the little, intimate problems with the car. But by then the buyer's already "hooked" and learns to love it. Eventually, your car will be sold. In time, you'll also feel more comfortable around him. Then, and only then, when he's really hooked on you and you feel totally comfortable, then that's the time to drop the bomb... I mean disclose your intimate details. And soon enough you'll be able to say, "I really never was a drag queen, advice columnist, international jazz superstar! I just said that to impress you."

Love.

— Trinity

Hello Trinity,

While in a ten year relationship that went sour, my ex convinced me to have sex with him and another man. I hated it! It's just wasn't me! Now I'm dating this new guy who asked me to do the

same thing! Is this the norm? Should I change my ways?

— Threeway Problems



Hello Threeway Problems,

Nobody should do what they hate to do. Yet, nobody should fall off a horse and never get back on either. These things come up... I mean... three things come up... I mean. Listen, if you don't like the idea of a threesome then don't do it. But not because of some old experience or reaction with an ex. Don't be stuck or controlled in old patterns that relate to old experiences. Otherwise this issue will keep coming back to haunt you until you release its relationship to your ex. Now, should you change your ways? Of course! Change, alter, experience, GROW! However, I must agree with you that two men snoring is a hell of a lot louder than one.

Three hugs.

— Trinity

Dear Trinity,

I keep falling in love or at least I think it's love. How do you know if you're in love or in lust?

— Love & Lust Troubles

Dear Love & Lust Troubles,

There's a million answers to this question, but you should at least have ten. These ten tips have always worked for me. So here are:

Trinity's Top Ten Tips for Knowing When You're In Love or In Lust:

10. When you think of him as your hot new porn star boyfriend and nothing else. Lust!
9. When being around her is like floating through the Garden of Eden with French subtitles. Love!
8. Even though he's a selfish, unkind, schmuck, he's still really good in bed. Lust!
7. When hugging her gives you butterflies and kissing her makes you see fireworks. Love!
6. When you want to introduce her to all your cool friends, but not any close relatives. Lust!
5. When you change all your plans and move to New Orleans just to see if he's "The One." Love!
4. When she said "Not interested!" for the fifth time and you still heard "Hot intercourse." Lust!
3. When you dream of wedding bells and organ music surrounded by an orgy of naked fitness models. Love and lust!
2. When you keep all of her used undergarments, but toss out the poetry and love letters. Lust!
1. When you work past all the problems and are still fantasizing about growing old together. Love!

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