



# Five Lies

## Culture Devised

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Relationships, touch and emotions are delicate,  
Yet when combined with the presumed norms of the dating etiquette,  
Catastrophic, like oil and water, the two collide,  
Creating stains, heart pains and unspoken lies.

Though hidden, it's clearly seen, culture whispers deceit to our young,  
Lies, devised to see eyes turned away from honest love being sung.  
Undone is common sense, overrun by erotic pretence,  
With these five lies imbedded into culture's subversive tongue.

### Lie #1

Joy cannot be found if you are single.  
For happiness is sung only from a couple's hymnal.  
It's simple, you say, if I'm not dating I'm incomplete  
I'm missing out, I'm lacking something, unvalued or obsolete.  
This is a lie of course, with what was once obvious flaws  
Rooted in identity, cloaked under the dark shawls of deceit.

### Lie #2

"Romantic Love" is the answer, the saviour that fixes all things.  
It's preached in songs, online, in shows and found on movie screens.  
Obvious it seems, you must find "the one", so beautiful, so strong,  
Whose kiss mends your pain, problems vanish, and identity crisis gone.  
But this sets you up for despair, an impossible task for one to bare.  
For Romance alone can't fulfill the desire to be known, accepted and truly belong.



### Lie #3

When you find “the one”, your minds will align in a wondrous dance.  
You won't need words to decipher your loved one's cryptic glance.  
You just “get each other”, you're on the same page all the time.  
You feel one another's thoughts, share the same vision, share the same drive.  
But real communication and clear articulation  
Are crucial minerals in the soil, where true love thrives.

### Lie #4

Love is a helpless stumble, where an irresistible falling unravels.  
A deceiving myth, claiming none control the path love travels.  
Yet any old souls celebrating decades together, will openly say their daily endeavour  
Is the battle of whether or not they refuse, to let commitment be seduced  
Or choose an active pursuing and a relentless wooing.  
For Love is the selfless hard work, for two selfish souls to be infused.

### Lie #5

Love is a commodity for testing before you get the blessing.  
The luring cry of the culture to try before you buy, is ever-pressing.  
But love is not measured simply from the joy I get because of it,  
Nor can it be bought or thought in consumer terms, that is pure counterfeit.  
Statistics are unanimous, Broken relationships come from this<sup>1</sup>  
If one can prolong commitment and stability, yet access all the “benefits”.

Five lies we've have seen, often assumed as though true.  
But you must refuse to let delusional expectations form you.  
Look instead for wisdom, in whatever life stage you're placed  
Enjoy each phase, Enjoy friendships at a slow pace.  
For romance embraced, with haste and not waiting.  
Could cause pain, unwise gain, and an ever present emotional suitcase.

See, I will never find what my heart seeks, in my neighbour,  
if I don't first find it in my own creator.  
Might sound cliché to begin with, but always makes sense later.  
The truth is, our friendships are just a taster,  
True joy, full satisfaction, are most animated,  
When we find, our original design, in the heart of our maker.  
It is then we can enjoy relationships as fully intended.  
As our identity is formed in the moment God's grace and presence were blended.

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<sup>1</sup> Statistics [secular] have shown that if you cohabit or regularly sleep with someone before you marry them... you are less likely to eventually marry... if you do, your marriage is 70% more likely to end in a divorce - New York Times - MEG JAY; APRIL 14, 2012

