Cosmic

Lovers

A Woman's Quest for the Ideal Relationship

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Our soul mate is our friend, student and teacher, our day-to-day partner who dances us deeper into our essence

- Gabrielle Roth, Maps to Ecstasy

#### Chapter 1

# Cosmic Dating Service

#### Elly

One sunny afternoon, I was sitting under a tree in my favourite wood in Warmond, Holland, reading a book on soul mates and how to meet one.

"All one has to do is ask the Universe," it said.

"Amazing!" I thought.

I lay back against the tree, an old sequoia, and gazed out across the canal and meadows. Ducks, swans and waterfowl glided by. Swans, they had found *their* life-long mates and seemed to be happy. Cows grazed. They shared one randy bull. Not for me!

The sails of a windmill turned gently on the horizon.

Ask the Universe? Could it really be that simple? I wondered. The only way to find out was to try.

I yearned for a companion, a lover with whom I could share intimately and deeply, and lay there dreaming of the ideal man walking into my life.

I dreamed and yes the dream could be real; but who was the ideal man for me?

The day was changing into evening. All was becoming still.

I stretched my body like the trees around me, breathing in the sweet smell of pine. I heard the tapping of a woodpecker and followed the flight of a bumblebee. I felt refreshed and elated. Nature is so healing and inspiring. I sat, visualizing my lover, picked up my diary and drew a picture of him.

He was tall, agile, with wild jumping hair. He had sensual lips and beautiful eyes, blue-grey. I drew big feet, symbolising his thorough down-to-earthness. I didn't want a wishy-washy!

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I imagined him soft to touch, as someone who likes to cuddle and be cuddled. He loves dancing, freely, intuitively; and enjoys sex, desiring like me to reach new peaks of ecstasy in the tantric and transcendental. Mmmh! I was really beginning to get into this.

As the author suggested, I made a list of my requirements, doing so on four levels, physical, emotional, mental and spiritual, for a relationship must work on all of these. Having visualized his physical attributes, I lay back and imagined the other aspects:

Emotionally, he is able to show and share his feelings openly and honestly, willing to be vulnerable rather than defensive. I don't want someone who claims ownership of me or is emotionally dependent or manipulative. While I'm open to supporting him lovingly, I'm not willing to be the object of projections, and certainly not a mother substitute. He's light-hearted, warm and loving, someone with whom I'd feel safe to share my innermost self.

What about his mind? Intelligent, lively, open, flexible, one of life's explorers. Not always talking on the purely mental level, which I find boring, he communicates from his heart and soul, focused on the essence and truth of life.

Chapel bells rang, chanting through the wood. Perhaps they were agreeing with me?

On the spiritual level? He must be awake on this, in touch with his higher self, living with it as an everyday reality. I'm tired of dragging my boyfriends into their spiritual awakening. He's beyond all religions, not locked into the dogmas of any, with a broad view of existence, accepting the immortality of the soul and therefore the reality of past and future lives. He's a seeker of truth, committed to his inner growth while supporting me in mine. Ideally he's more enlightened than I, so I can learn from him. He inspires and challenges me. He takes me deeper into understandings of the mysteries of life. Yes, that's what I really want, a lover wisdom-teacher. I see us meditating together, surrounded by Beings of Light.

What else? This is fun!

He is serious but has a good sense of humour. He's able to go with the flow and walks his talk. As a Reiki Master<sup>\*</sup>, kinesiologist<sup>\*\*</sup>, and working with flower essences, I would love to share life with someone who is also interested in vibrational healing. And maybe we'll have a child together. But as I am in my late thirties, that might be asking too much.

These were my specifications. In putting out my request to the Universe, I was serious but also laughing at myself for dreaming of my White Prince to appear. Perhaps I was being ridiculous?

\* Reiki is a hands-on healing art originating in Japan, which involves the channelling of life-force energy.

\*\* A kinesiologist tests muscles for weaknesses that indicate energy blockages in the body, and uses techniques that clear these, relieve tensions, and otherwise permit life-force energies to flow in their natural manner.

#### Roderic

Based in the wilds of the west coast of Ireland with many a worldly adventure behind me, I lived a primitive but blissful life close to Nature, cultivating my garden, metaphorically and literally.

I had been celibate for close to four years. Being far from the main streams of human civilisation, the possibility of an intimate relationship had not presented itself, at least not one meeting my requirements. With many interests I was passionately absorbed, so this hadn't bothered me. I was also writing and my rhythms in this were not at all relationship-friendly, since I often rose at three in the morning or worked into the night. I treasured my freedom and these hours of uninterrupted flow and creativity, which I doubted another would be willing to accept. So, I'd been closed to the idea of an intimate relationship, which was one good reason why one hadn't happened.

There were others. Over the years, I had been carrying in my depths an unresolved yearning which, while largely unconscious, had been moving me beyond more obvious desires, colouring them greatly. It was for no less than the ultimate: Union with the Divine and Eternal Feminine. I had been projecting this outwards onto various earthly females, thus heaping great expectations upon them in search of the essentially unachievable. On rapturously aspiring flights of love, fantasy creations of my own imagination, I had become like Icarus, believing he could reach the sun, failing of course, ever singeing his homemade wings and landing on the rocks. Evidently, there was something fundamental I had been failing to grasp. I had resolved to fathom what this impulse was and, thereby, what I was really seeking.

Deep down I knew it was nothing on the outside, not even the most beautiful goddess on earth. Rather it was this: My 'I' at the level of ordinary consciousness, being but an aspect of my larger Self, yearned for union with its heavenly counterpart, the feminine *anima*, my own soul, a sleeping princess who was beginning to awaken. It is union with the Eternal Feminine *within* that represents man's deepest longing, the mystical union, the alchemical marriage, subliminal subject of all Grail quests. So I had cut myself off from seeking in the world the one great love that would substitute for this, no longer looking for another to complete me or fill emptiness. I needed more time to integrate these realizations before entering another relationship, I felt.

#### Elly

Yes, I declared, lying under my sequoia, I feel ready for my next lover.

I also feel ready for a new way of relating. Relationships todate have got me nowhere, bringing me neither the love nor fulfilment I've been seeking, though I've learned a lot along the way.

Previous lovers flashed through my mind. I remembered when 'the man of my dreams' had walked into my life. His brown eyes, curly hair and soft southern accent had melted me every time I'd thought of him. I had never fallen so much in love, nor been so hurt and angry, particularly as he'd been playing a game of 'push and pull' for which I had no answer. Not only had he broken my heart, but shattered my dreams and illusions. "What is a relationship all about," I'd wondered, "if it doesn't work with the man of your dreams?"

Later, much later, I was grateful for the separation, for I would have given my life trying to please him, rather than honouring my own. It had been a wake-up call. I had to learn to set my boundaries, speak my truth, and be the centre of my life.

I thought of Jonathan whom I'd met in Australia, with his sensual body and way of laughing, his sense of freedom and the beauty of his face. He'd recently sent me a package of jasmine tea, fresh honeysuckle and a CD of Nat King Cole, which gave me butterflies in my stomach. Was he just a holiday romance or could he be more? He had kindled in me a thirst for adventure. But would he ever want to make a commitment, being the free spirit he was?

Aside from the occasional part-time relationship, I had been living on my own for almost ten years, spending my time exploring, healing and strengthening my inner life, so I'd never lose myself in one again. What I want now is a relationship that honours, nourishes and supports me, which liberates and empowers me; above all, one that includes the spiritual dimension, acknowledging soul not only as a concept but an everyday reality.

Now that I'm clear what I really want, I am ready to fly with the lover of my dreams into the magic of love and life. But shall I ever get what I desire? Or do I need to compromise?

#### Roderic

Even in my most ascetic moments, I have never ceased to be intrigued by Woman. I'm easily seduced by her beauty and mysteries. I'm in love with love, have dreams of love, and was born to be a lover. Mystic, fool, or whatever else I may be, I'll never be other than a sensual animal and incurably romantic. A being of many parts am "I", with body, mind, spirit, soul, each with needs and pleasures of their own, living a life of unresolved paradoxes.

Which brings me to the sexual! Even in my most ascetic moments, I have always been conscious of this dimension as an integral aspect of life's wholeness. One of life's primary energies, no other is so potent. What I find amazing is how little it's understood, almost not at all in religious circles, nor even in a purely evolutionary context. What *is* its nature? Why the surplus way beyond what is required for procreation? What are its purposes? I had been pondering on its mysteries for years. Clearly we cannot deny any aspect of our wholeness without serious repercussions. Our churches' views and teachings on the subject, resulting in ludicrous self-denial, have impacted disastrously on our civilization, "restricting the entire psycho-emotional system of the human being," to quote Jean Markale in his *Women of the Celts*. Yet, if the energy of sex is not to be condemned and suppressed, how, ideally, is it to be expressed? Not outwardly, say the wise, but inwardly, for not only is it the energy of ecstasy but of transformation and creativity. Rather than being released wastefully, it can be retained and consciously directed within one's system. I had been studying the teachings and methods of the Taoist masters, Mantak and Maneewan Chia. Writing on the flow and control of sexual energy within an individual and between couples, they show how two may come together, love and share more consciously and pleasurably in their unions with the maximum of physiological and spiritual advantages. But theoretical study was not enough. I felt the growing desire for a partner with whom to practise. A teacher was what I needed. A lover-teacher she would need to be. The very best! I dreamed the ideal, a tantric priestess!

I was, I realized, ready for a relationship.

#### Elly

I returned to the thought: Am I being ridiculous in expecting the Universe to fulfil my dreams? To be my Cosmic Dating Service? By what magic?

While travelling in Australia the previous summer, in 1996, I had discovered a clear connection between my thoughts and the fulfilment of them. I had observed that if I simply asked for a bar of soap, a lift to a certain place, or to be invited to a party, my needs were met almost immediately. That's how Jonathan came into my life. I had arrived in Broom on a Thursday night and had to wait until Monday morning before starting a ten-day camping tour through the Kimberley to Darwin. Meanwile I had wanted a fun weekend and to meet someone special, in fact a lover. So, I'd asked the Universe. The following morning, I walked into town wearing the only skirt I'd brought, which flowed in the breeze, making me feel sensual. Wandering around, I turned up an alley drawn by the sound of Egyptian music and almost stumbled into a sun-bronzed Apollo seated by a market stall. I could hardly breathe as every cell of my body ignited and waves ran up and down my spine. Our eyes met, but I turned away, though I lingered there a while, looking at the handcrafts, beads and jewellery, feeling the penetration of his gaze. "Is that lapis lazuli you're wearing around your neck?" he asked, approaching me. One thing led to another. We drew song-lines to the stars. I had the most erotic days ever.

So, yes, I expected the Universe to respond. Having discovered that it did so in small and inexplicable ways, I could now be more ambitious. No, I wouldn't compromise, but go for my ultimate. I removed all doubt, this being crucial, as it would only be an obstacle; and released my request, as you're supposed to do, trusting it would be met one day. After a few months, I had forgotten all about it.

#### Roderic

But what kind of a relationship? I wondered. I still had reservations. Conventional ideas of a couple didn't interest me. Boy meets girl, falls in love and settles down? To what? A life of mutual dependency and systematized mundaneness, with mortgages and bank loans? While ideal for some, for me a form of slavery and slow way of dying. After one marriage I had become wiser. After two, more so!

Life is for play, exploration, learning and growth. I'll share it with someone in freedom, not in shackles. But how is this to be achieved? Love can neither be bound by contract nor perpetuated by decree. Nor can it be conditional. Beyond possessing or being possessed, it thrives in freedom or ceases to be. Perhaps a relationship, open and flowing, without any form of commitment? But, without one, what can be achieved?

I'm open to a relationship which, like life itself, is a creative adventure, in which the separate paths of each are honoured, in which freedom and togetherness find harmony and balance, which is growth-based rather than need-based, and whose common purposes include mutual support in the unfolding of the unique potentials of each.

Now fully open, I dreamed of the ideal lover to draw into my life.

Looking for one was a waste of time. It was easier and more effective simply to put out a request to the Universe. "Ask and you shall receive," the Master had said. I took this literally and had had many experiences over the years doing just this, with some quite phenomenal results, which had thoroughly convinced me. Like ordering anything, it's advisable to be specific. Even the colour of the elephant is important or one may get a pink one! The Universe responds to one's clarity or lack of it. So, I specified my requirements, not simply listing but feeling into them:

Closing my eyes, I visualized *her* in the living moment, seated beside me. She sparkles with life, serenely radiating her love and light. There's a smile on her face. She's warm, sensual, playful and responsive. I can feel her energy.

Sex is one of her primary passions. In this, she is uninhibited. While she revels in the sensuality and ecstasies of it, it is also a yoga, a spiritual practice. She has studied this aspect as much as I. Indeed, more so, experientially.

Our energies mingle, interpenetrating in a dance; and merge. I am aroused in every cell of my body. It's as if energetically she is already present.

Kindred spirits, we resonate at the deepest levels. Though, while I am more active mentally, she is more in her feelings, as I need to be. Alive in her body, she loves to dance. We dance, chant and trance. She's a lover of truth, with an exploring and receptive mind. She practises meditation, works with her higher self and is open in principle to realms of the invisible, to other dimensions of reality, as integral aspects of the wholeness of life. Committed to her healing and personal growth, she's familiar with many disciplines. In fact, she's a healer. We complement each other perfectly.

I consider other details. She's a lover of nature, of trees, flowers, herbs, and wild places. Aware and sensitive, she is open to working with angels and devas\*. She is also interested in education. She's allowing and non-judgemental, particularly of my foolishness which, she appreciates, is my path to wisdom. Essentially, while loving our togetherness, we respect each other's freedom and need for separateness. Clearly we're on our own individual paths, for which we each take full and sole responsibility, though we support each other. We are souls, each on an ongoing adventure through Time, with many a coming and going on this planet, this one life being but a passing phase. All in all, it's a lively, joyful, creative, healing, abundant and harmonious relationship. I feel all this in the depths of my being and thank the Universe for being so blessed, knowing my request has already been met; and that she is on her way.

\*Nature spirits.

#### Chapter 2

# How the Universe Responds

#### Elly

The following summer, I had a call from Jonathan in Bali, who was on his way to England and desired to see me. I was greatly excited. Remembering our erotic weekend in Australia, I longed to be with him again. As I had already decided on a visit to Ireland, I suggested that we meet there. "Okay," he replied, "let's spend a whole month together."

I had been as celibate as a nun lately and was looking forward to a passionate reunion. After booking my flight to Dublin, I went on further flights of imagination: Maybe, if we fell in love, I would join him in Bali and we'd go to other exotic places.

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### About Cosmic Lovers

While *Cosmic Lovers* is first and foremost a **love story**, permeating it are the following themes or core features which give much to the book's originality, power and relevance:

#### The Soul Factor

In *Cosmic Lovers* soul is at the heart of relationship. **Even in a partnership, the primary relationship is with one's own soul**. Then it is a relationship between two souls who meet as equals. For a relationship to be experienced as deeply fulfilling, our innermost needs, those of soul, must be acknowledged and addressed – **soul**, **rather than our ego-personality**, being our True Identity. But what are its needs? And even before this: What *is* a soul? While '**soul mate**' has become a buzz phrase, what does it mean? **What does it mean to be a soul and to live and love as one?** *Cosmic Lovers* goes to the core of these questions in the context of everyday experiences. When soul perspectives are consciously at the heart of relationships everything changes fundamentally. This lifts the relationship to a new level; it becomes a **soul mate relationship** and **spiritual partnership**.

#### **Cosmic Dimensions**

*Cosmic Lovers* gives a **simple yet profound** overview of the whys and hows of Creation and Man's place in it, with Man as Soul, as a Being of Light, arising from the One Source of All and, after billions of years, returning to It.

With this perspective it is clear that we, as souls, are first and foremost *Cosmic Beings* – the whole picture being that **we have a dual nature, consisting of both body** *and* **soul**. And dual origins: While our bodies have evolved from the Earth, our souls have involved from Spirit – our evolving physicality arisen out of the Earth and our involving spiritual nature descended from Higher Realms. But, while our bodies are purely temporary, our souls are immortal.

#### The Cosmic Context of our Earthly Lives

While our lives appear to have begun at 'birth' and seem doomed to end at so-called 'death', **our souls are on an ongoing journey through Time** – a journey which involves many comings and goings, many 'lives', on this planet and other realms within the multi-dimensional cosmic framework of existence.

An essential feature of this underlying cosmic context of our lives are the Laws, the universal **Cosmic Laws of Life**, which govern every aspect of the life and journeying of our souls, especially while here on Earth – such as the **Law of Attraction**, **Energy Follows Thought**, **Cause and Effect**, **As Within So Without**, to name but a few – which are the rules of what may be called the **Game of Life**, and give consequence to every thought, feeling, attitude, intention, gesture and action we express. Their workings in the lives of individuals and also in the context of a relationship are an integral feature of this book. **Awareness of these Laws also changes the way we relate fundamentally**. It marks **the end of blaming** circumstances and others, **the end of helpless victimhood**, and the dawning of the realization of the extent to which **we are the attractors and creators of what we experience in our lives**.

So what do love and relationships have to do with cosmology? Clearly, everything! As Father Matthew Fox puts it, "Love is always about a cosmology. Lovers exist in a universe, not just in a personal relationship." For the meaning and fulfilment we seek, we need to see the larger picture. We are not simply earthly beings having occasional spiritual experiences but Cosmic Beings having life-times of earthly experiences. Even as lovers.

#### **Other Significant Cosmic Dimensions**

We are gradually awakening to the fact that we are living in a multi-dimensional universe. We are also gradually awakening to the fact that we ourselves are multi-dimensional. Further, we are awaking to the fact that we are not the only intelligences in the Cosmos. Intelligences are at work throughout the Cosmos, both externally and in multi-dimensional realms within it, as well as in Nature all around us. We are also awakening to our own higher intelligence, that of our Soul or Higher Self. In our awakening, we are learning to connect, open lines of communication, and even enter into co-creative working relationships with these intelligences, to our great benefit. In *Cosmic Lovers*, all this is featured. These cocreative working relationshiops are the given realities, potentialities and perspectives. For example: The story begins with Elly and Roderic meeting through what they have playfully called a **Cosmic Dating Service**. Unknown to each other, Elly in Holland and Roderic in Ireland each put out **a request to 'the Universe' for their ideal soul mate**, specifying their requirements. They are brought together cosmically in an encounter marked by inexplicable synchronicities.

Elly and Roderic share their experiences of *Angels, Archangels, Ascended Masters* and other *Beings of Light* who presented themselves. In the chapter, *Cosmic Birthing*, in **going for their Big Dream**, they set up their *Cosmic Team*, consisting of various Beings of Light; and begin the process of working co-creatively, **bringing their dream into reality**.

#### Relationship as a Spiritual Partnership

*Cosmic Lovers* explores the concept of 'Relationship as a Spiritual Partnership' which, while based on love, includes clear intentions of mutual support on each individual's soul-path of awakening, healing and creative unfolding. This gives to a relationship a clear focus, rock-solid foundation and meaningful purpose.

While there have been occasional treatises on the subject, these have been by psychologists, counsellors or philosophers - in other words, academic and theoretical. While the concept has begun to enter popular imagination (discussed on the Oprah Winfrey Show, for example), *Cosmic Lovers* is the first book which explores the subject experientially and dramatically. Gary Zukav writes in his bestseller, *The Seat of the Soul*: "As the archetype of spiritual partnership is new to the human experience, there are neither codes, conventions, nor guidelines for it." Thus, society has been without its dramatic representations to serve as inspirational models. As Meg Ryan lamented recently, "While there is much mythology about getting together, there is none about staying together." *Cosmic Lovers* provides a much-needed response in the literary birthing of a new myth. While luxuriating in an ex-king's castle, Elly expounds on her **Ten Golden Precepts for a Spiritual Partnership**, a summary of insights acquired on her quest.

#### A Celtic Marriage 'For a Year & a Day'

'A Celtic Marriage for a Year and a Day, **Renewable Annually**' is an alternative to the choice of either 'a traditional marriage with a commitment for life' or 'an open-ended relationship with no commitment'. In rapidly changing times, the promise of a life-long commitment seems unrealistic to many. Besides, the soul being essentially free, it cannot nor should not be bound in perpetuity by any form of agreement which limits it. The moment it feels trapped, it rebels and seeks its freedom. *Cosmic Lovers* proposes and demonstrates a format for couples which balances the paradoxical needs of both freedom and commitment: a Celtic Marriage 'for a year and a day', renewable annually. It has many advantages and can be just as sacred.

#### Enlightened Sex

Many women are fed up with mens' limited approach to sex, ruled by his emphasis on orgasm and his rush to achieve it. Entertainingly and informatively, *Cosmic Lovers* features the art of the non-ejaculatory approach, along with other practices, which lead to prolonged enjoyment, deeper communion and greater ecstasy for both.

#### A Woman's Journey of Self-Empowerment

While *Cosmic Lovers* is a woman's **quest for her dream lover** and an **ideal relationship**, it is also about her transformational journey. It is about a **woman reclaiming her power** in the profoundest sense, moving out of victimhood and assuming full responsibility as a creator in how she lives and experiences her life. It is also illustrative of a **man's supportive role** in this.

#### Shattered Dreams of Motherhood & their Creative Transformation

Infertility resulting in childless marriages is a widespread phenomenon, causing great distress to couples. In its concluding chapter, *Cosmic Birthing, Cosmic Lovers* shows how **the impulses to give birth**, mothering and parenting, **can be given joyful and** 

#### fulfilling expression in other powerfully creative and lifeenhancing ways.

#### Cosmic Birthing: Everyone Should Have a Big Dream

Ideally in a **soul mate relationship** you have a **shared dream**, one which serves something **beyond the relationship**. With a **power-base of love** you can direct it, along with your wisdom, creativity and other resources, outwards into serving the Earth, humanity, or life in general. Elly and Roderic's big dream is to set up a new type of university, *University of Earth & Spirit*, in which they are both passionately engaged, working in a Co-Creative process with Angels, Ascended Masters and other Beings of Light. *Website:* www.UniversityofEarthandSpirit.org

#### **General Context**

*Cosmic Lovers* was completed 7 years ago, long before publications such as *The Secret, Cosmic Ordering* and *The Laws of Attraction* came sweeping across the planet. It is only in the last few years that soul factors, spiritual dimensions, Cosmic Laws, once considered too far out, even unbelievable, have been entering mass consciousness at such an accelerated rate. What *Cosmic Lovers* does uniquely is illustrate these vitally relevant spiritual and cosmic concepts dramatically, doing so in the context of a romantic relationship in everyday life.

Love is always about a cosmology. Lovers exist in a universe, not just in a personal relationship. – Father Matthew Fox.

## Readers' Comments

"Love permeates throughout this story. It celebrates its very existence. The reader will be absorbed by the sensuality and openness of these lovers and possibly quite turned on! And yet ... it goes beyond our base human desire and takes the reader into the spiritual realm of sexual bliss." — *Paula McLinchey, Ireland.* 

"Cosmic Lovers provides clear signposts to a happy and fulfilling relationship." – *Bernard Bossonet, Ireland.* 

"I was reading Cosmic Lovers 'out loud' to my partner this weekend – not all of it in one go, mind. We both found it so reflective, honest, erotic, meditative, inspirational, colourful and so many more things ..." – *Sheila Crowley, London.* 

"Cosmic Lovers is an absolute winner ... by two special beings, Elly and Roderic, kindred souls who will do much to effect beautiful change in the world." – *Signe Quinn Taff, Arizona, USA*.

"You get a lot of wisdom in a very entertaining way." - Sheila Kern, Paris, France.

"A uniquely inspiring and refreshing book which provides privileged insights into the workings of an extraordinary love and companionship. I enjoyed every word of it and never wanted it to end. – *Charlotte Cargin, Ireland.* 

"For us, Elly and Roderic have become a symbol of the spirituality of Ireland." – *Aourana Peretrutova, Moscow, Russia.* 

"I was entranced, entertained and educated on every page. What an honour to be 'a fly on the wall' witnessing this utterly unique dance of intimacy, freedom, creativity, honesty, pain, joy and much more besides, spiral into a sensuous blending of the ordinary with the extraordinary, the mundane with the mystical, the irreverent with the sacred! ... This is a 'must read' for anyone aspiring to a higher, more meaningful relationship. A bound-to-be modern classic."

– Ann Clare McCarthy, Ireland.

"Thank you Elly and Roderic for being such great conduits of the bounty of Creation." – Omalara Ewuosho, Nigeria.

"Could this be the idea that your heart and soul have been awaiting? Roderic and Elly bravely reveal through their own lives and creative spiritual endeavour a revival of the ancient Celtic Marriage tradition, balancing near-perfectly the individual needs of freedom, commitment, permanence and flexibility ... A thrilling and uplifting example and alternative for us all." – *Roger Foxall, Spain.* 

"Thank you Elly and Roderic for introducing us to a wonderful way of living together. A Celtic marriage is a wonderful recipe for a successful relationship in the  $21^{st}$  Century. Everyone should know about it!" – *Anke & Stewart, Australia.* 

"If ever there was a pair to show the world that true love exists, that pair is Elly and Roderic." – *Harper Stone, Colorado, USA* 

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