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I have been divorced for several years after a long marriage and now I feel brave enough to have started several online relationships, but I am confused; what does DTR mean? And what is going on when someone just stops responding?

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Good for you in getting back out there; everyone deserves happiness in their life.

In the spirit of ending 2020, and looking forward to the New Year, here is a summary:

DTR: Define the Relationship, or, tell me where you think our relationship is going. The other person is looking for direction; online only? Would you like to meet in person?

FBO: To many people, if you are in a new relationship, you announce your status on Facebook; hence, Facebook Official, or FBO. If you are reluctant to announce it, then you are not committed.

A caution: If you are getting sweet on someone, and they tell you they are “talking” to someone else, it usually means they are dating, however casually.

My mother used to say that in order to find the prince, you have to kiss a lot of frogs;

this also applies to online dating. Some people will stop responding, which is called “ghosting”, because they don’t want to take things any further and they are afraid to tell you; If it is gradual, it is called a “slow fade”.

Beware of being “benched”, where someone stops agreeing to meet you in person but continues to keep you on the string through social media. They are playing out their other options, ahead of you.

Hopefully, your friends will soon be saying that they “ship” your new relationship, which means they approve of it!

Wishing you a safe and happy New Year,
Your friends at Shank Law.

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