

Dear Readers,

I am single. I would prefer this not to be the case in the future. There are several reasons for this. I would like children, and do not wish to raise them alone. I would like companionship. I would not like to be alone in my twilight years. These are fine reasons, but above all else, I would like to love someone utterly.

Love, to me, is the identification of your interests with mine, and mine with yours. We would desire each other's happiness, and should think of each other's successes as equal to our own. It is the closest of friendships. It is limitless trust. It is the [foregoing of inspection costs](#) and having common knowledge over the state of the world. It is being with someone whom you desire to delight, to impress, to please, whose presence you are every day thankful for and whose favor is like a million suns. I would like to be two heads with the same body and two bodies with the same head, two in one, consubstantial, coeternal. This, I desire keenly.

Facts About Me:

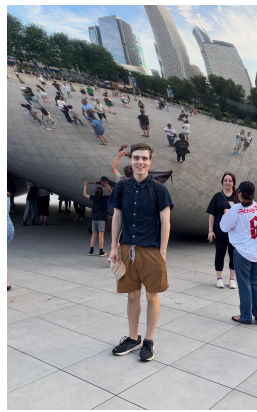
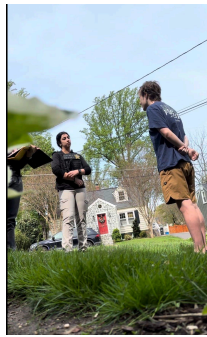
I am 25 years old, with my birthday on the 24th of October. I am a cis male, and this is extremely unlikely to change. I live in Boston, but travel all over the country. Over the past two summers, I have traveled for months at a time with nothing but a backpack of clothes, crisscrossing America in order to see friends.

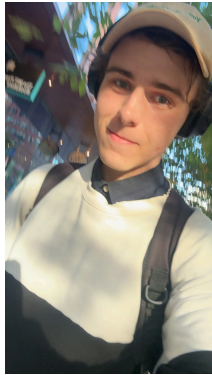
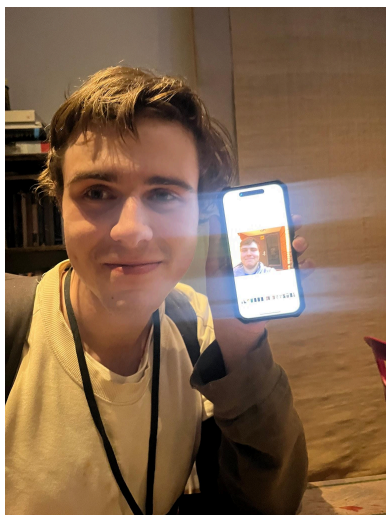
I am extremely passionate about economics. My present employment is essentially as a popularizer of economics, through my substack. The reason I live in Boston is pretty much just so that I can show up to classes at MIT. I will be applying to PhD programs in the fall this year, so we shall see where I am living next year. I'd like to live in NYC or SF.

I'd really like to learn everything about what you do and what you're interested in. I want to pepper you with questions. I like understanding the world, and I am sad only that I won't have enough time to understand everything. It's still a good quest to have!

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Some Photographs:





What I Am Like:

I'm unfortunately obsessed with economics. This is my passion and hobby and job all rolled into one. Given my skills, it's the best way I have to improve the world. It's really important you know that this consumes most of my attention and time. My academic career is essentially my life. I desire to strive, and to struggle, in support of some worthy but totalizing cause.

I am like this because I really, really, care about knowing what is true and right. I have a burning sense of wrongness, of shame, for not having a sound answer for everything. My goal is to know all things, and to solve all problems. In truth, though, I hope never to reach it. I am content with the quest.

I cannot necessarily speak to my personal qualities. My words are not credible, and will be more of a reflection of who I want to be, rather than who I am. Bearing this in mind, I believe that I am kind. I am calm during times of stress. I am physically brave. I am blunt without always meaning to be. I am quick to disagree, and quick to admit when I am wrong. I am able to handle being bored. I often have difficulties understanding other's motivations, leading me to be inconsiderate. I am extremely smart. I am broadly respected, and have many friends. I am slow to anger. I am driven by a shame at being outdone. I am autistic. I am very honest. I am modest, but supremely self-confident. I am terribly unstylish. I am physically vigorous. I cannot abide wrongdoing. I am quick to let things go. I make people laugh. I am far more autistic when I am awkward, and fall into stereotyped mannerisms.

Descriptions From Friends:

"Nick is iconic. I probably cannot say anything about him beyond what he's already (very eloquently) stated, but I can attest that everything in the document is a genuine representation of him as a person." — Eric Gao

"Nicholas is brilliant, ambitious, good at whistling and so on in the ways he highlights throughout this doc. What he did not say, and I will on his behalf, is that he is warm and caring. Nicholas will walk you home, he'll answer the phone when you're upset, he'll probably hold hands and kiss or something. Nicholas cares for and is cared for by his friends, and for his girl/boy/they-friend I can only imagine all the more so.

True!

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Personal Hobbies and Interests:

I quite like music. I whistle extremely well. I walk frequently and for long distances. When I do, I like exploring things – poking around bushes and off into the wilderness. I read widely. I am a devoted fan of Kansas State football, and regularly have my heart broken by them. I write for the internet. I read econ papers.

What I Am Looking For:

I could not possibly list all of the characteristics of those whom I am able to love here. Even if there were space enough, there will surely be unobserved and indescribable characteristics unique to each person. What I can do is set out some attributes which I would consider good to have in a partner.

- I would like a partner who is passionate about what they do, and earnestly desires to improve the world. This need not be in academic economics, though this is a substantial plus. I would like a partner who is ambitious and competitive, and who avoids the technological opioids of our age. I fear I will be dissatisfied if you see your job as just a way of making money, and check out of intellectual activity outside of it.
- Having children is really important to me. I know that I would like the process; it is also likely to greatly improve the world. I believe that people can be helped to great success at an early age, and expect that our children can do well in life too.
- I would really like you to be smart. I would prefer it if you were much smarter than me. I understand that it is gauche to say this explicitly, but this is really important to me.
- We will of course age, but I would prefer if we both tried to remain as attractive as possible as we got older. This boils down to staying in good physical health and fitness.
- I do not require that we agree politically, but I would prefer you do not hold outright evil views. I will decline to specify what those views are, but emphasize that it has far more to do with your patterns of thought than what you believe in particular.
- I would like to resolve our disagreements calmly and logically. I do not think that anger is beneficial. I believe that if I love someone and want to be with them, then I should be able to isolate why it is that we are conflicting and address that directly.
- I am interested in both men and women. However, I am going to find men — especially older men — generally less attractive. If you're a man above the age of 27 you have very little chance, sorry.

Dating History:

I have seriously dated two people, both males, and remain close with one.

Medical History:

I am 5'11" (180 cm) tall, and weigh 162 pounds. I weighed as much as 245 pounds in my first year of college, and lost it all. I have a history of meniscus tears, the last of which was in January 2023. I am otherwise, to the best of my knowledge, in fine physical health.

My father died when I was 12 from a heart attack. Six years prior he had a blood clot. While vigorous, he was substantially overweight. I will need to pay attention for similar issues.

My paternal grandmother died soon after my dad's passing of liver disease (which we believe to be unrelated to alcoholism, and are concerned is genetic) at the age of 66. My paternal

grandfather died of multiple sclerosis at the age of 73. My maternal grandmother is 78, and while she began having health issues several years ago, substantially improved after losing weight. My maternal grandfather is 84, and in exceptionally good condition. Both sides of the family have retained their hair.

Next Steps:

Do reach out! My DMs on twitter are open. You can also email at ndecker3@gmu.edu, or text me at 703-581-7641 on any of the major texting platforms.