

## Dating And Relating: The Next 25 Years - MTP442

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Emily McKay: All.

Scot McKay: Ah, right. Ladies and gentlemen, how's it going? Welcome yet again to another episode of the Big show. My name is Scot McKay.

Emily McKay: And I'm Emily McKay.

Scot McKay: And today we're goingna give you the second of our two part podcast experience that started last week with how has dating and relating between men and women evolved, you know, over the past 25 years so far this century? Well, we'd be remiss if we didn't spend this episode looking ahead to the next 25 years. Well, and between you and me and the fence post, Emily, probably a little bit more beyond.

Emily McKay: Oh yes, definitely.

Scot McKay: It's hard to constrain the future into a mere 25 years, isn't it?

Emily McKay: It is. It kind of reminds me of the movies when we used to watch from few decades ago and trying to look into the future. Here we are right now. Be interesting to see what it looks like when we review the last 25 years, which is the future. 25 years. Yeah.

Scot McKay: It's amazing. Most of those movies about the future, that date line has come and gone.

Emily McKay: Yeah.

Scot McKay: 1984, 2001 a space odyssey. you know, the back to the future day itself was like what, five or six years ago now? Something like that.

Emily McKay: Something like that, yeah.

Scot McKay: You know, and even like Demolition man with Sylvester Stallone.

Emily McKay: Yeah.

Scot McKay: Was taking place like three or four years from now. That's like the last one right now.

Emily McKay: only one I can think of is Idiocracy, which is still in the future.

Scot McKay: Yeah, but it's funny about Idiocracy because there's a lot of stuff that feels like it's old school in some ways. Even though it's set in the future, it's really just an idiotic movie. It's all fun.

Emily McKay: He talks about our future, doesn't it?

Scot McKay: Yeah. Well, the future should be fun. You know, it seems like a lot of Hollywood representations and you know, even novels pose this dystopian view of the

future. And I think, you know, there's a lot of danger in that. But hopefully the future is a little brighter, especially for men and women together, right?

Emily McKay: No, absolutely. Because we ourselves make our own future, no matter what's going on around us.

Scot McKay: That's very true. You know, we've done shows that are about the future. I've had a guy who designs humanoid robots and you know, we've talked about the singularity and things like that on this show. It's a fun topic to talk about, but this is the first time you and I have done our show on the future that.

Emily McKay: Because we have a future.

Scot McKay: Well, we have a future indeed. And hopefully our kids do. And hopefully for everybody listening, the future is going to be bright for men and women being together.

Emily McKay: Do I need to wear shades?

Edroy Odem: Yeah.

Scot McKay: wow. Now we're really dating ourselves.

Emily McKay: I couldn't help myself.

Scot McKay: We wanted to show about dating. We're dating ourselves. I mean, that is from, like, 1986, isn't it?

Emily McKay: I don't know, a long time ago.

Scot McKay: Timbuckk3 was the name of that band.

Emily McKay: Was it really?

Scot McKay: Yes. The future's so bright, I've got to wear shades. The band has been forgotten, as has the song, pretty much. But the saying will live in infamy. You hear it all the time.

Emily McKay: Oh, yes.

Scot McKay: Yeah.

Emily McKay: Well, on that note, let's get to it.

Scot McKay: Yeah. Right on. You know, I think a lot of people would expect us to start with the technological stuff. And, you know, that may have been a perfectly good place to start from, but you know what? We're gonna save it for a little bit later and we're gonna start with the sociog stuff. And you know what? I'm gonna rip off the band aid.

Emily McKay: Ouch.

Scot McKay: Emily, what's going on with gender politics? Are people sick of it? Are men and womennna start getting along again?

Emily McKay: I certainly hope so, because gender politics is killing the dating world.

Scot McKay: How so?

Emily McKay: Well, you got the gender politics trying to create hatred for the opposite gender. You know, women hating men for, you know, their supposed toxicity, and men hating women for them hating men. And this whole thing is just backwards, right?

Scot McKay: Exactly. Then that led to the rise of year old at this point, toxic masculinity trope. Right? All men are bad. The has me too movement. Believe all women. It became men versus women instead of men and women being together. And we've talked a lot about the pressure on the birthra and on the family, and I don't think we want to rehash that after all. We want to talk about, you know, the future. Will we be able to, first of all, define man and woman again without the woke police coming after us? And for that matter, is masculinity and indeed femininity back?

Emily McKay: I certainly hope so, because I can't keep up with the growing numbers of different types of humanoids.

Scot McKay: How so?

Emily McKay: Well, you got men dressed as women or men pretending to be women or women who are doing the opposite of being women and the 100 different ways of which someone can identify themselves as.

Scot McKay: We have 65 genders and things like that.

Emily McKay: And it keeps growing.

Scot McKay: Yeah, I think there are always going to be people who feel like that's what's right for them. I don't think they're

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Scot McKay: going to go away. I think Pandora's box is open. that cat is out of the bag, Whatever cliché you want to use. I just sincerely hope that they will not try to impress their way of life on everybody else who's trying to be a man and a woman and procreate as we have for millennia. I think we should just live and let live. And I, for one, Emily, see a trend back in that direction. I think everything that was so weird or radical or being thrust in our face so avant garde Even 10 years ago, people have accepted that as the new normal. That's how society is going to be. And I think once everybody feels a little safer and being more accepted, I think people who want to live the old normal, you know, men, women, making babies, nuclear, family, I think they're going to be also free to do their thing, you know, Am I being too naive?

Emily McKay: We'll find out in the next 25.

Scot McKay: Years, then I suppose we will, and the whole world will wait. I really do feel optimistic, though, that as we as a community of human beings worldwide, get used to a certain phenomenon and it becomes something that we see every day. I think as long as there's not a warring faction trying to do away with what other people are doing, that's their right to do. I think people really do settle into peacefully coexisting because they get used to it.

Emily McKay: And that makes life so much more peaceful. And that's what we really want as a society, for ourselves. We want to live in peace for ourselves and for other

people. We don't want to be warring with somebody else, whether it be their lifestyle or ours.

Scot McKay: Yeah. And it's really not even a disagreement. You do your thing, I'll do mine. I'm reminded of back when the internal combustion engine was new and people didn't want to give up their horses and didn't want to give up their wagons and thought that everybody that was trying to drive a car was ruining the world and this was going to be the end of civilization. And those people are bad, you know? And yet here we are now today. If you want to ride a horse, I guess that's fine. You know, if you're in the cast of *Fellowstone*. You'll spend more time on a horse than in a pickup truck. But the rest of us are going to drive around and internal combustion engines. And nowadays the warring factions are between people who drive internal combustion engine vehicles and EVs.

Emily McKay: Right. That's a whole different subject in itself.

Scot McKay: Yeah, right, exactly. I don't think, the kind of car we go on dates with will really matter much this conversation. So onward. Will women start prioritizing motherhood over these Wellteian societal gender roles again? And, you know, Hasstedta, of course, was a sociologist who had six dimensions of, well, how you can define and describe a particular culture. And one of them is masculinity and femininity. And perhaps infamously, Hafstedta said that, you know, masculine cultures are all about, power and accomplishment and the business world and, you know, being on top and winning, and while feminine cultures are just the absence of that. Right.

Emily McKay: That is so empty.

Scot McKay: Of course it's empty. It completely trivializes the role of femininity in culture.

Emily McKay: Well, it gives femininity zero value because then it says that women have nothing to contribute unless they still man'masculinity but as women, we were re successful in so many different ways, even if we aren't climbing the corporate ladder.

Scot McKay: Well, I guess what I'm trying to convey here is that Hofstadian viewpoint rubbed off on a lot of people, especially women such that they said, well, my goodness, if I'm going to matter in this particular culture, according to Hofsteda, who, by the way, in case it isn't bluntly obvious, ruled the United States culture as masculine. You know, if I want a piece of this pie, I gotta start acting like a man. I got to start, you know, taking on this masculine role. Which of course caused the feminists out there to believe that, you know, women need to start acting more like men. And if we can trick men into believing they're toxic because they start all these bad things like wars and they fight and they kill and they rape and they maim people, then we can somehow hijack that, have steady and ideal of masculinity for ourselves and be the queens of industry, etcetera, etcetera. But I think people are waking up to the fact that it isn't such a bad thing to be a mom. It isn't such a bad thing to have a family. Nurturing and fun creates this wonderful balance in life. And with this Huteadian viewpoint, we're out of balance. Do you think that ship has already sailed and it's never coming back. Do you have that dystopian viewpoint or do you believe women are ready to be feminine again? Even at the cultural level?

Emily McKay: I don't see that coming back anytime soon. As a matter of fact, the census, both in the United States and worldwide, are predicting that by 2050, our population is going to be in decline.



Scot McKay: Well, why do you think that is?

Emily McKay: Well, there's still a big movement that women have no value unless you're out there making and earning money

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Emily McKay: and making the industry rich. Er, we as a society have no value as women. Which is really sad because Hasetta had a mother. And matter of fact, every world leader, male or female, has had a mother who contributed to raising that human being to rule the world and do something great and monumental.

Scot McKay: And indeed, if we are going to make more babies and continue to populate the world, then they're going to have to be mamas. Unless it's all by a test tube.

Emily McKay: Or we have someone else raising them with or without our values.

Scot McKay: Well, someone has to give birth to them. We're not a bunch of seahorses around here. The men can't get pregnant.

Emily McKay: Oh, I don't know. I think we can act like seahorses, give birth and let somebody else raise it.

Scot McKay: Well, maybe that's part of the whole social meme that's been going around that men can be pregnant too.

Emily McKay: I guess if you look at it from a worldview of politics, you can control society if you raise their children. And, because of that, I don't believe society is going to change because the world leaders like it the way it is and that's what's going to be pushed upon society.

Scot McKay: So all this posturing in the media and these sociological journals about how we don't have a replacement rate when it comes to live bursts in the Western world, at least also in the Pacific Rim, basically any country who's considered a developed nation, their birth rate is decreasing and there's all this belly aching, at least publicly, from the powers that be, from academia, that we need to fix that, that we need to start making babies again. Yet everything in society is pointing to, hey, don't make any babies.

Emily McKay: That's right. I don't see anything changing. However, I do see that those who want to continue dating, there's still people who want to continue having babies and having a normal life, finding a husband or a wife or a partner in life to be able to have a family. So those things aren't going to be extinguished. It's just there'll be fewer of them and it'll be harder to find your significant other.

Scot McKay: Well, you know, like we've said before on this show, very loudly and proudly, sex is like the most powerful force in the universe. You can try to get people to stop screwing, but at the end of the day, we're horny.

Emily McKay: Oh, yes.

Scot McKay: And that means babies happen even by accident. Well, you know what I think? I think we're going to halt the aging process. We may already have the

technology to do it. And then what? You know what I mean? Once at least the elite at the beginning get to ostensibly live forever, unless they're in a horrible car crash or something. Right. Then we need fewer people or we're going to get really, really overpopulated very quickly.

Emily McKay: Well, the earth is pretty large. I think there's lots of room for lots of us.

Scot McKay: well, do you think we will halt the aging process? And if so, here's the fun question. How will that affect dating? I mean, I could date someone a hundred years younger than me.

Emily McKay: I don't think the aging process will end. We will all continue to grow older. It's just I do think that society will do a better job of extending our life and making us live longer, but it won't be Trinity.

Scot McKay: Well, I don't know if you can live for eternity anyway, because something's going to happen to us. We're still just flesh and bones. Accidents happen. Even if we're not physically aging because of whatever's going on within us that causes us to age, you know, we could still maybe die of a pestilence or a disease that hasn't been cured. and have an accident.

Emily McKay: True. Those are all things that could happen.

Scot McKay: Yeah, I think immortality will be elusive, but I think halting the aging process will cause people to. Well, I mean, let's put it this way. It'll make the average lifespan longer. It has to. It's a positive development. I do think it would be interesting to talk about a person who is 170 years old and hasn't aged. They're like 25, 26 years old

individually. You know, physically.

Emily McKay: That's sci fi.

Scot McKay: Well, I mean, but what if it happens?

Emily McKay: It's not gonna happen.

Scot McKay: Hey, man, listening to actors talk with sci fi a hundred years ago.

Emily McKay: Not gonna happen.

Scot McKay: Not gonna happen.

Emily McKay: Well, that's my prediction. No, that's my prediction. We are not going to get past a hundred.

Scot McKay: Well, just for the sake of having a little fun on this show, hear me out.

Emily McKay: Okay?

Scot McKay: What if I were 160 years old. I had all that life experience, all that accumulated wisdom, but physically I was still 25, 26.

Emily McKay: That would be really cool. I mean we are looking pretty young nowadays compared to our grandparents.

Scot McKay: Well, for sure. I mean people already look younger at an older age. We're already doing something right there. You know, despite all the chemicals we eat, etcetera, etcetera. Our exposure to the sun.

Emily McKay: I was just thinking that.

Scot McKay: I know, right? It's almost sort of weird. You know, as much as we complain about big pharma, you know, drugs can be a good thing. They usually are.

Emily McKay: I guess the preservatives they put in our food can preserve us a well.

Scot McKay: Well yeah, yeah, I guess that's true too.

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Scot McKay: You know, that's a really, really interesting conversation. I think if I'm 150 years old, I'm going to want to find some 150 year old chick who understands life the way I do because she's still going to be young and tight looking. I think the idea of dating younger women, or dating older men for that matter, assuming we had the aging process and we have 100 500-year-old people who look 25 physically, I think we're still going to gravitate towards our own age group.

Emily McKay: Well, it's because we will relate to one another age wise. You know, we can relate to. Hey, you remember back in the day in you know, 2050 when we did blah blah or you remember that song from that artist from that time period rather than someone who go who.

Scot McKay: Well I think there'll be a social hierarchy according to wisdom.

Emily McKay: That would be nice.

Scot McKay: Well, I mean talk about respecting your elders. You know, they're not going to get old and frail. They're simply going to know more.

Emily McKay: That would be a wonderful fantasy.

Scot McKay: Now here's speaking of wonderful fantasies, I do think that there are going to be 150 200-year-old people in this world, right. Who find a 23 year old hot piece of ass anyway because they just favor her genetically.

Emily McKay: Who wouldn't.

Scot McKay: Well, exactly. But I think she's going to seem like the ultimate airhead to a 250 year old dude. See, these guys keep getting older and older the more we get down this rabbit hole.

Emily McKay: Ye, that's true. Talk about great great grandchildren age.

Scot McKay: Oh yeah man. You can hang out with your great great grandchildren and you know, have fun with them and not be too old. You don't have to stay on the couch. God, that'll be a Crazy world. They'll look back on us and go, God, those poor bastards.

Emily McKay: I have to say, I'm kind of glad we're not goingna live to be 200.

Scot McKay: Well, you know, we look back on people in the 1850s. And before that, I go, man, how did these people live under these circumstances? But they couldn't foresee the future. Why wouldn't you want to live to be 200?

Emily McKay: I don't know, it's just. It just, it's just unthinkable.

Scot McKay: You're gonna get bored.

Emily McKay: No, it just. I don't know.

Scot McKay: How about marriage? Can you imagine a couple having their thousandth anniversary? Man, we would have to get sick of each other's face.

Emily McKay: Now we're talking about living eternity.

Scot McKay: Well, I mean, I'm just having fun is what I'm doing. A coupleialist, married and faithful for hundreds of years.

Emily McKay: That would be interesting. That would be awesome. I mean, I told you in our wedding vows that I expect us to have our 50th anniversary.

Scot McKay: Now you're ratcheting it way back.

Emily McKay: No, but you were thinking that that was unrealistic.

Scot McKay: Oh, I don't know if it's unrealistic. I can live to be 90, you know, I'm a little bit better shape. I'm eating my veggies nowadays.

Emily McKay: I like the idea of living a long time with you.

Scot McKay: Oh, I like the idea of living a long time with you too. And the good news is, you know, we just had our first president of the United States live to be a hundred.

Emily McKay: Yes.

Scot McKay: And you know, we've only had 45 presidents. Two were the same guy, remember?

Emily McKay: Right.

Scot McKay: Okay. And you know, those are pretty good odds at this point. Lots of people are living to be a lot older. We have 60 year olds who look to be 35.

Emily McKay: I always take it for granted that most people live to be in their 80s and 90s without giving it a second thought of, you know, someone who's younger has a shorter life period. I always see people living to, you know, 80, 90, 100 years old.

Scot McKay: O that's a relatively new phenomenon.

Emily McKay: It is.

Scot McKay: It'll continue at some rate. Maybe we won't halt the aging process per se, this century. Although, you know, famous last words. I mean, technology moves very quickly nowadays. Interesting. I think it's an interesting conversation. But you know, in here and now, back in the year 2025, looking over the next decade and a half, forget



about us living for the next 250 years, that's suddenly irrelevant again, Right? Will people start being Social in real life again, Emily? or will social media continue to make things even worse? I mean we hit the nadir there during COVID where we were forced to be locked down. People were starving for real social interaction and they're out there being social again. Have we learned the lesson? Or will history repeat itself and people just will be lost, living vicariously through themselves, living adventures on their cell phones and not even relating anymore. Where will that go?

Emily McKay: I think this is going to be one of those things that we're going to struggle with because these devices are designed to be addictive. Just like alcohol and just like drugs, they're designed to be addictive. So even though we crave to have interaction with another human being and talk and be social and work that social muscle, we're going to be fighting that internal addiction to the social apps and the different things that keep us tied to electronics.

Scot McKay: It'll never end. And the kids who are born nowadays, even our youngest, it is sad. They're just inseparable from their electronics and.

Emily McKay: It makes it difficult for them to learn how to make a human connection.

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Scot McKay: But yet people are still starving for that human connection. I think we're going to learn. I think we're going to figure out sort of kinda the novelty's gonna wear off, kind of like a fax machine and we're gonna realize, you know, there's a life out there to be lived and smartphones are so 2025.

Emily McKay: I think there'll be a lot of self help books and a lot of people out there coaching how to have that kind of life. Because it will be something that a lot of people in society haven't learned.

Scot McKay: I bet you this is a prediction. I bet you there will be entire groups designed to combat electronic addiction.

Emily McKay: I agree.

Scot McKay: We haven't admitted to that yet. I mean we got Alcoholics Anonymous, we got drug rehab. Finally we figured out there were people out there who were sex addicts. But I'd say a lot of people in those meetings are subjected to it by jealous spouses. But I digress. But I know it's a thing I do. But I do think there's gonna be electronics Anonymous.

Emily McKay: Well, think about it this way. If you ever had a child who is always on their electronics and you remove it from them 100%, no TV or no video games, any of that stuff, they literally are having a physical withdrawal.

Scot McKay: Yeah, it's a set of withdrawal symptoms. So we've gone kicking and screaming into the tech portion of this show. After all we have will Translators minimize the impact of language barriers between potential lovers.

Emily McKay: That's so awesome, because part of the challenge of meetings, somebody who speaks a different language is being able to understand and communicate and be able to have a successful relationship, not just the now, but in the future. And I think those. Those translators, they offer something we've never.

Scot McKay: Had before, an intermediary without having someone, I don't know, voyeuristically being your chaperone at age 30 when you're married.

Emily McKay: The only drawback is when the translator makes an error.

Scot McKay: Oh, yeah, that could be ugly.

Emily McKay: Oh, goodness.

Scot McKay: You can start an argument.

Emily McKay: Oh, I know, right?

Scot McKay: I didn't really say what I said. You know the yogi bel book, Right. That would be every man in the world's comeback when he starts an argument. Blame m it on the translator.

Emily McKay: Play it on the translator. Well, you know, I even sometimes when I sit down to translate or make sure that I translate into Spanish properly, I'll go to the translator and I will, you know, go flip it back and forth just to make sure it's done correctly. Because I've seen. I've seen where I type something in English. I see how it translated it and go, whoa, that's not right. I speak enough Spanish to know that that's done incorrectly.

Scot McKay: Yeah, well, just like chat GPT keeps getting better. I think they'll improve upon that technology.

Emily McKay: Well, regardless, even the way it is now, it's still wonderful.

Scot McKay: Well, I mean, if you're talking about Inuit, Aleutian island language to, like, Danish or something, you know, or like Amik to, like, you know, Urdu, you know, maybe not. But I mean, for those people who speak Mandarin and Spanish and Portuguese and English and languages that are widely spoken.

Emily McKay: At least the top five, it'll be.

Scot McKay: Better for them first, I think.

Emily McKay: Well, the one where you put it in your ear and someone speaks and it's supposed to automatically translate, seems like such a neat option.

Scot McKay: Yeah. You could probably just have a chip in your brain like the mark of the beast.

Emily McKay: Oh, gosh, I don't think I'll go that far, but that's a scary thought.

Scot McKay: Man, talk about learning how to listen to your wife. Listen to me when I talk to you.

Emily McKay: You have an English to English translator.

Scot McKay: It'd be like a hearing aid. You'd be able to turn it down. You know, these old people. Well, old people, right. They're gonna be 250 years old and still look 25. So what am I talking about? Right? But I think the translators electronically will help people

transcend language. Barriers and have relationships where they probably wouldn't have been able to connect with each other before. Yeah, and I also think they'll end up learning each other's language more quickly that way.

Emily McKay: Maybe.

Scot McKay: Maybe. Unless, well, they get lazy like the rest of us due to technology. speaking of which, AI girlfriends seem like they've already failed. People have already figured out I want someone with agency to love me back. I don't want someone just to do my bidding and, well, act like a robot, especially if I can't touch them or feel them. Maybe a real robot that did my bidding. We could be narcissistic enough as a culture within the next 25 years where that would become a very, very popular thing. There's already a trend in that direction, Emily.

Emily McKay: Well, I know. Well, they already got life sized dolls that are supposed to look and act like a real human in some ways. So they're trying to develop that right now, but it's still missing the element of another human who can think and actually have thoughts of their own because it's just not fun. I mean, imagine being a child and having a doll. You have to pretend on its behalf. And it still has its

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Emily McKay: limits.

Scot McKay: Well, of course it does. It's a doll. But I'm talking about a sentient robot. I mean, is that possible? I mean, we've seen movies like Bicentennial man with Robin Williams, you know, and it seems so far away. Yet we've had at least one guest on the

Mountaintop podcast who's manufacturing that reality and thinks they're under five years away from it. So what happens when we get a sentient cyber partner? Can you imagine a robot that can decide of its own free will whether it wants to be with us or not? What will that turn our society into?

Emily McKay: I don't see that happening. I think there's way too many limits to that. Think about if we have robots who are acting more human and we have humans acting more like robots. That's kind of making things backwards, don't you think?

Scot McKay: Well, I don't know. It sounds like we'd be perfect for each other.

Emily McKay: I guess if we dumb ourselves down, that might work.

Scot McKay: Well, you know what's really funny is I'm noticing your tack here is being really cynical over the power of technology to change so rapidly. I think it's going to be crazy by the time our teenage children are 60 or 70 years old. I think it's going to be crazy out there.

Emily McKay: Maybe, but a lot of that's designed to keep people from me Interacting with another human being.

Scot McKay: Well, yeah. And the big overarching question is, will we ever wake up and be human to human again? Because it seems like we're already down the path of losing that, at least in what we like to call the developed world.

Emily McKay: Well, I think that has to do with laziness. It's just easy to pick up a doll and have it have somewhat, what appears to be a sentient being who has its own

thoughts. At the very least, decide I want to do my thing and leave versus a human being that I actually have to put some work into and care about and do things that would make them want to stay with me.

Scot McKay: Well, being lazy sounds really good. Everybody's seen the movie *Walle*, right?

Emily McKay: Oh, yes, that's right. I forgot about *Walle*. That was.

Scot McKay: Only 16 years ago.

Emily McKay: Oh boy.

Scot McKay: But I'll tell you what, Being lazy sounds great on paper. Till you realize you have no fulfillment.

Emily McKay: In your life and you're bored, well, you'd feel powerless.

Scot McKay: You know, with the advent of faster moving transportation tunnels between here and the west coast that take 10 minutes, you know, subterranean. All these ways we're going to be able to get around. I even heard something on the news about someone actually being able to teleport something. Like take the atomic structure or something and recreate it thousands of miles away already.

Emily McKay: Beam me up, Scotty.

Scot McKay: Exactly. But not with humans yet. I mean, I think when we get into

whatever it is that makes us alive and have a soul, I think that's what's gonna get in the way of that.

Emily McKay: Yeah, I guess so.

Scot McKay: Kind of like cloning right now.

Emily McKay: You sound skeptical. Skeptical?

Scot McKay: Well, I don't know. I do think there's limits to what we're going to be able to accomplish.

Emily McKay: Especially in 25 years.

Scot McKay: Yeah, I don't think we're going to be able to go 8 million light years away by snapping our fingers or anything. Although every time I say something like that, I feel like I'm being naive and I feel like we're gonna get emails about it and someone's gonna go, well, did you see this peer reviewed study that says this is actually gonna happen?

Emily McKay: You know, although, on Back to the Future, they thought we would have hoverboards and, you know, kids would be riding around on skateboards that look like hoverboards and that hasn't happened.

Scot McKay: Yeah, you know, it reminds me of a song from the 80s. It's the 80s. So where's our rocket packs?

Emily McKay: Right, yeah.



Scot McKay: you know, we don't have rocket packs. Too dangerous. People can't handle it.

Emily McKay: Oh, they were. The movies were with those things back in the 70s, weren't they?

Scot McKay: Oh, yeah, 50s.

Emily McKay: And we still don't have them.

Scot McKay: Right.

Emily McKay: Where's my rocket pack?

Scot McKay: I remember when airbags and cars were like really futuristic.

Emily McKay: Orh when cars first started talking.

Scot McKay: Oh yeah, like having a talking map in your car. That was crazy. Yeah, technology does move very, very quickly. Well, I guess there are two more questions we have to ask. You know, the elephant in the room is, will the porn be so good in the future that people just won't need to have sex with real people anymore? Will I be able, for example, to create someone I can touch and feel and have sex with virtually in front of me? Like, a almost like a tactile hologram or something? That would obviate the need for real physical intimacy anymore, wouldn't it?

Emily McKay: It would, but the only thing I can imagine is that that would be a default. In

other words, nothing is going to replace having a live human being that can actually touch and feel and interact and have no control over. And they are responding to me. There is no substitute for that.

Scot McKay: But unless they're better and hotter, maybe.

Emily McKay: But the default is if I don't think I can get something better or wonderful or amazing, then, I guess I settle for something like that. Especially when it's actually pretty cool.

Scot McKay: Oh, come on now. For the last 15 years, guys all over the world have been settling for porn instead of an ugly girlfriend. It's been better

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Scot McKay: already.

Emily McKay: It's getting better. They are improving upon it by leaps and bounds, no doubt. But I still go back to. There is still no substitute for the real thing.

Scot McKay: Which leads us to the most fun question of the entire night. Emily. Given everybody's narcissism, their need for immediate gratification, their short attention span, it looks like speed dating has finally caught up to itself. Remember, it never worked. Fifteen years ago, everybody had a bad experience. Speed dating. Now I'm starting to hear people really think this is great. I can meet seven or eight women, I only have to spend six minutes talking to them, and I can, you know, the equivalent of swiping right, swiping left in real life that quickly. Is that all it takes?

Emily McKay: I was gonna say that, right?

Scot McKay: Yes.

Emily McKay: Speed dating sounds like the swipe right, swipe left. It's no different. It's the same thing. Repackage. It's, it sounds exciting back then. It still sounds exciting today. I do think that it has potential.

Scot McKay: But I think it was before it's time. I think nowadays that's what people want. I want something quick. I want to be gratified or not now or at least six and a half minutes from now.

Emily McKay: I think the only gratification there is do we have a potential to do more beyond the seven minutes?

Scot McKay: I think so. I think so. And I think that's what's always going to matter. And I do think that if it's doing better nowadays, it could stick around, but I don't think it's going to take over.

Emily McKay: But that's much better than swipe right or left because I actually have somebody in front of me.

Scot McKay: Yeah. Nowadays, you know, this is another factor in favor of speed dating, let alone meeting people in real life. But that's so 2024. In a world where the apps are betraying us, where AI is run rampant and you don't even know who you're talking about and chat, GPTT can write your limited narrative and you can filter the hell out of your pictures and videos. Speed dating might be the new dating app.

Emily McKay: I know. Then you actually see what you're looking at. The real deal is in front of you.

Scot McKay: Yeah, go figure. And it's in real life, sort of.

Emily McKay: Unless there's a mirror between us and I can put on a filter. That would be kind of Nice.

Scot McKay: Within 25 years, they'll figure out how to do that.

Emily McKay: I tell the filter, please take 25 years off of me.

Scot McKay: Wow, that's just nuts. I think we better stop. I'm starting to blow my own mind here. And if I want to live to be 250 or 300, I better stop blowing my mind.

Emily McKay: I know, right?

Scot McKay: It's gotta be bad for my health. Anyway, this is a very fun conversation. If you have things that you think we left on the table, if you've got ideas of your own that, you think are going to affect the future, or if you have ideas about how the future is gonna look, we'd love to hear from you. I'd love to read those emails. Wouldn't you?

Emily McKay: It would be fun to read those emails. I like to hear what our audience like to say and what they're thinking and what's on their mind.

Scot McKay: Yeah, go ahead and write to us as Scot and [emily@scotemily.com](mailto:emily@scotemily.com). it'll come to both of us that way. And of course, there's one T in my name. Maybe in the

future I'll get another.

Emily McKay: T. No, I like you just the way you are.

Scot McKay: Yeah, that'll never happen. Ladies and gentlemen, if you're listening to this podcast on the X and Y on the Fly feed, please go to [scottandemily.com](http://scottandemily.com) podcast where you'll find a way to get on our calendar to talk to us for free for 25 minutes about what's on your mind. If we can put a plan of action together to help you get better with motos. Those are members of the other sex, you know, sometime the next 25 years or so, well, then, we'd be happy to help. And gentlemen, if you're listening to this show on the Mountain Top Podcast feed, go to [mountaintoppodcast.com](http://mountaintoppodcast.com) you can get on my cal to talk to me for 25 or 30 minutes there. We sure do appreciate every one of you who have been listening, especially, wow, for three quarters of this century, basically, so far.

Emily McKay: That's right. It's been 19 years.

Scot McKay: Yeah. Crazy.

Emily McKay: I know. And we look forward to the next 25. And we look forward to everything related to dating, relationships and podcasting. That's right, yeah.

Scot McKay: the state of podcasting in 25 years would be another interesting conversation.

Emily McKay: Maybe it'll turn into holograms.

Scot McKay: I don't think it'd be as interesting as this one was, though. Anyway, that's

all for this show for now. So from X and Y Communications in San Antonio, Texas, I'm Scot McKay.

Emily McKay: And I'm Emily McKay.

Scot McKay: Be good out there and have fun.

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