CONNECTION CHECKPOINTS

- 1. Who are my closest friends/family members? Who can I confide in?
- 2. Who are my single friends?
- 3. Where and with whom do I feel "at home?"
- 4. Who is part of my "herd" (small group of friends I can call on)?
- 5. Where are my major commitments of time?
- 6. What communities (organizations, groups, work groups) do I feel part of?
- 7. Do I have a pet?
- 8. Do I have a spiritual relationship?
- 9. With whom do I have "balancing relationships"?
 - a. People who push me out of my comfort zone, expose me to new things?
 - b. People who help me with tasks (e.g. financial planner, computer whiz)?
 - c. People who are different from me (e.g. married, opposite sex, young, old)?
 - d. People I can have and resolve conflicts with?
- 10. Who can I:

Count on in an emergency? Feel sexy with? Feel loved by? Care for/mentor?

Be fully myself with? Be angry with (and it's okay)?

Do things I like with? Feel challenged by?

Check in with routinely? Drop in on/call last minute? Feel most understood by? Count on to be honest with me?

Knows when I get home at night?

Go back through your list and:

- Mark with a plus sign the relationships, groups, commitments that leave you feeling good and energized.
- Mark with a minus sign the relationships, groups, commitments where you feel drained, obligated, or inauthentic (you may need to "molt" or manage some of these).
- Mark with an asterisk relationships you need to develop.
- Mark with a "C" those relationships where you need to be in better communication

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