Skills &

Couples Stage

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First Love Skills

(subject to object)

Expected shadow/unconscious (own & partners)

Ability to look at self in front of one's significant other

Acceptance of ruptures in connection

Acceptance of wounds created by partner

Open to ownership of projection

Some 2nd Tier capabilities

Boundary dynamics show balance: connection &

separation

Resolution of pre/trans fallacies in LL

Couples Line

Spiritual Love

First Love

Relational

Roles

Safety & Security

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Relational Skills

Regression done well (Habib, 2014 JITP, Dec)

Spat well = quick recovery

Compartmentalization of ruptures

Integrated roles stage

Give & Take

Problem solving skills

Reactive Role Stage

Unfinished developmental issues arise in present

Confuse merger with communion

Wound is a common entry point for intimacy

Attention opens (unknown) wounds

Tearful experience due to deficit.

Regression & decompensation (occasionally).