



CIVIL CEREMONY SCRIPT #3

Officiant:

This couple has come here today to be joined in marriage, which is the voluntary union of two persons to the exclusion of all others. If any person can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

_____ and _____ have invited us to share in this celebration as they affirm their love before us, pledge their faith to one another and enter into the joys and privilege of marriage. Love is one of the highest experiences we human beings can have and it can add depth of meaning to our lives. The day-to-day companionship, the pleasure in doing things together or in doing separate things but exchanging experiences, is a continuous and central part of what two people who love each other can share.

Marriage was established so that two people might have life-long companionship, that natural instincts and affections might be fulfilled in mutual love.

Officiant to Person 1:

Please repeat after me.

"I, _____, do solemnly declare / that I do not know / of any lawful impediment / why I may not be joined in matrimony / to _____."

Officiant to Person 2:

Please repeat after me.

"I, _____, do solemnly declare / that I do not know / of any lawful impediment / why I may not be joined in matrimony / to _____"

Officiant:

Marriage is not a single event but rather a developing process which is not to be undertaken recklessly or irresponsibly, but rather maturely and honestly.

Marriage is the faithful union between two persons, the result of which is the formation of a family unit whose members shall help, support and enjoy each other in good times and in bad times and in which children should enjoy the security of family life, love and home. It is this relationship that these two persons wish to have declared and celebrated.

Officiant to Person 1:

Please repeat after me.

"I call upon these persons here present / to witness that I, _____, / do take you, _____, / to be my lawful wedded _____."

Officiant to Person 2:

Please repeat after me.

"I call upon these persons here present / to witness that I, _____, / do take you, _____, / to be my lawful wedded _____."

Officiant to Person 1: Do you have a ring?

Person 1: Yes, I do.

Officiant to Person 1: This ring is a symbol of your marriage, a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of _____'s left hand and repeat after me:

"With this ring, I thee wed. / I shall love, honour and cherish thee / and this ring shall be / the symbol of my love."

Officiant to Person 2: Do you have a ring?

Person 2: Yes, I do.

Officiant to Person 2: This ring is a symbol of your marriage, a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of _____'s left hand and repeat after me:

With this ring, I thee wed. / I shall love, honour and cherish thee / and this ring shall be / the symbol of my love."

Officiant:

I, _____, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you _____ and _____ to be married.

May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes and peace and contentment of mind, as you day by day live and fulfill the terms of this covenant you have made with one another. You may have your first married kiss.