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**Basic Ceremony**

We have come together here in celebration of the joining together of Christopher and Amanda. There are many things to say about marriage. Much wisdom concerning the joining together of two souls has come our way through all paths of belief, and from many cultures. With each union, more knowledge is gained and more wisdom gathered. Though I am unable to give all this knowledge to both of you standing here, I can hope to leave with you the knowledge of love and its strengths and the anticipation of the wisdom that comes with time. The law of life is love unto all beings. Without love, life is nothing, without love, death has no redemption.

Marriage is a bond to be entered into only after considerable thought and reflection. As with any aspect of life, it has its cycles, its ups and its downs, its trials and its triumphs. With full understanding of this, you have come here today to be joined as one in marriage. Stand fast in your hope and confidence, and believe in your shared future just as strongly as you believe in yourselves and in each other today. Only in this spirit can you create a partnership that will sustain all the days of your lives.

**VOWS**

Christopher and Amanda, we are here to rejoice and to recount with one another that it is love that guides us on our path, and to celebrate as you begin this journey together. It is in this spirit that you have come here today to exchange these vows…

Christopher, repeat after me:

I, Christopher take you Amanda to be my wife, I promise above all else to live in truth with you

To communicate fully and fearlessly; I give you my hand and my heart as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, And pledge my love, devotion, faith and honor as I join my life to yours.

Amanda, repeat after me:

I, Amanda take you Christopher to be my husband, I promise above all else to live in truth with you. To communicate fully and fearlessly; I give you my hand and my heart as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, and pledge my love, devotion, faith and honor as I join my life to yours.

**RINGS**

Wedding rings are made precious by our wearing of them. Your rings say that even in your uniqueness, you have chosen to be bound together. Let these rings also be a sign that love has substance as well as soul, a present as well as a past, and that despite its occasional sorrows, love is a circle of happiness, wonder, and delight.

Christopher take Amanda’s ring put in on her finger, and repeat after me:

Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is limitless, just as it is made of indestructible substance, my commitment to you will never fail; with this ring, I take you to be my best friend, lover, and partner for life.

Amanda, take Christopher’s ring put it on his finger and repeat after me:

Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is limitless, just as it is made of indestructible substance, my commitment to you will never fail; with this ring, I take you to be my best friend, lover, and partner for life.

**PRONOUNCEMENT**

Christopher and Amanda, Your lives and spirits are joined in a union of love and trust. Above you are the stars and below you the earth. Like the stars your love should be a constant source of light, and like the earth, a firm foundation from which to grow. If you would have the foundation of your marriage be the devotion you have for one another, not just at this moment, but for all the days to come, then treasure the hopes and dreams that you bring here today. Stand fast in that hope and confidence, having faith in your shared destiny just as strongly as you have faith in yourselves and in one another today. Only with this spirit can you forge a union that will strengthen and endure all the days of your lives.

As you have consented in this ceremony to be partners for life, and in accordance with the law of Florida and by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the state of Florida, I now pronounce you partners in marriage and husband and wife. Congratulations!