

PARTIAL SAMPLE of SHORT Modern Non-Religious:

(FYI this is about 3-5 minutes long. Regular length is 7-10 minutes)

MINSITER SAYS (to all) Today this wedding is a celebration of love and of life! A celebration not to create a bond or a union, but rather to rejoice in the one that already exists. So as you declare your commitment to each other remember there is Power in the spoken word. May that power bring you all the warmth, comfort and genuine happiness that your hearts have to offer each other.

(to couple) The lives the two of you lived up until this moment are, in one sense, now completed and done. Together you now live within the creation of something wholly new and transcendent. Something which never existed before--this new marriage. This will be an expression that is at once public and private, but also precious and truly unique to just you. In doing this, you open yourselves to a fuller experience and expression of the great, vast miracle of Love.....

(to groom) ****spouse1****, you have some things to say from the heart to ****spouse2****?

(to bride) And ****spouse2****, what would you like to say from your heart to ****spouse1****?

(to couple) ****spouse2**** and ****spouse1**** If this person is who you love and choose to spend the rest of your life with in matrimony, then say this as you place these rings on each other's left hands: I choose you. *(take turns placing ring and say I choose you.)*

[SKIP TO END]

(to couple) As you have declared your love, promises and commitment to each other this day, and consent to be heart-joined in matrimony, so shall you remain united from this day forth in the eyes of all those who love you. ****spouse1**** and ****spouse2****, I pronounce you husband and wife/to each other.

(to couple) You may seal your vows with a kiss! (BIG kiss!)

(minister announces and blows Triton horn shell)