



Karen Comegys & Edward Wortz Wedding

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Marriage

As the universe has its glories of galaxies, suns moons and star so this earth has its beautiful oceans, mountains, rivers and creatures. However, what makes the earth really special are its people.

In a Buddhist wedding. . .
We are married mind to mind; body to body, heart to heart and True Nature to True Nature. A marriage is a practice that can, over the years help reveal this True Nature.

As you take refuge with each other you have merged many aspects of yourselves to become a larger whole. Taking refuge with each other is the giving and receiving of mutual caring in all aspects of life.

A marriage is a union of two people with complements and completes them both- stronger together than separate. Your union will bring happiness to you and to others as well, thus making the world a better place.

Karen and Ed; make every effort to live an enlightened life- a life that benefits all beings.

In a Buddhist marriage ceremony a man and a woman come together, in their highest and most joyous consciousness, to make a sacred promise to each other, in front of their parents, relatives and friends.

This sacred promise is a vow to love each other, to take care of each other and to accept responsibility for each other's happiness.

The Giving of the Rings

A ring is a symbol of patience. The word ring, in Vietnamese, means patience. So be patient with yourself and with each other: take care of each other and treat each other with compassion.

The ring also, in its shape, represents the unbroken circles of interdependence, cause and effect, impermanence and eternity. Be mindful of your actions, your thoughts and words so that they benefit your marriage, strengthen your unity, and bless you with harmony.

Please be patient with each other. With compassion and understanding your love will be of great benefit to you both and to everyone.

Edward ...Do you promise to be patient and accept and understand Karen for who she is, who she is not, and who she may become?

Karen. . . Do you promise to be patient and accept and understand Edward for who he is, who he is not, and who he may become?

I have prayed for the blessing of the Buddha and I add my own blessing to you both.





May you have a hundred wonderful years of time together! May you have oneness with each other and with all beings.

With oneness happiness develops meaning.

It is a joyful occasion when a man and a woman choose each other wholeheartedly, accepting the fullness, the limitations, and the potential of each other forever. Let us promote and celebrate this marriage.

May the Buddha Bless You Both.

May the Buddha Bless Us All!