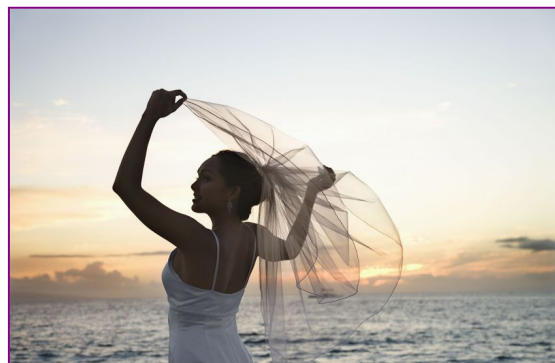


Quality Ceremonies with Style & Sensitivity

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Another year has come and gone - I hope you achieved everything you set out to achieve in 2009. If not, then make sure you achieve it in 2010. As Mark Twain once said "*I'm glad I did it, partly because it was worth it, but mostly because I shall never have to do it again*".

Readings & Poetry for your ceremony

A topic which often comes up when planning your wedding ceremony is whether or not to include a reading, or perhaps a piece of poetry. Firstly, let me say, it is an ideal way to include a person who is close to you, say a close friend, relative, or even one of your children, and by including this "special person" personalizes your wedding. Plus just imagine how privileged your "special person" would feel at being asked to do such an important job on your wedding day.

There are many appropriate readings and poems out there on the internet, so you're only limited by the time you have to search the web to pick one out. Or perhaps you have a favourite poem already - a poem that means something to the two of you. I have a small resource of poems too, so I can also suggest some.

Your "special person" may read the poem during your ceremony as this does not infringe any copyright laws because copyright affects written word. Having said that, we should always give credit to the author wherever possible and when it is presented at your ceremony, the author should be acknowledged.

Where we have to be mindful of copyright, is in the reproducing or printing of the reading or poem. I'm not an expert in copyright law, and don't profess to

be, but my understanding is that unless the author of the work has been dead for 70 or more years, then permission from the author should be obtained for that piece of work to be reproduced. As an example, I am able to reproduce the quote I used by Mark Twain in the first paragraph here in this newsletter, because he died in 1910.

So in short, unless we have permission from the author or 70 years has passed since their death, then I am unable to reproduce that piece of work in the ceremony booklet that I present to you on the day of your wedding. The piece can, of course, be verbally presented at your ceremony (plus acknowledgment of the author), so don't let copyright stop you from including your favourite poem or reading to make your wedding ceremony the most romantic, personalized and memorable event that it should be.

Just for laughs

Choosing the Day

Although most weddings now take place on a Saturday did you know that in the past that day was considered unlucky. Fridays were also considered unlucky. Take a look at the old rhyme about wedding days :-

Monday for wealth
Tuesday for health
Wednesday the best day of all
Thursday for losses
Friday for crosses
Saturday for no luck at all

Maybe no-one ever married on a Sunday!

Thanks for reading

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