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THE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY OF SAME-SEX LOVE

This topic is illuminated by one quick insight, a singular truth.

The life and teachings of Jesus was about loving and accepting all people. Jesus said not one word about homosexuality, and very little about sexual matters at all. To say the least, this was not his preoccupation. What he certainly did, however, was to bring a New Message of love, a radical turning on its head of the judgmentalism of the past, into a recognition of Divinity Within and of God's equal and unequivocal love for every human being.

God is love, according to the most basic and essential teaching of Jesus in the Gospels, and so, **to *feel* love is to *experience* God**. Sometimes the feeling of love can be light and fleeting, sometimes passionate, sometimes rapturously consuming, often born out in a history created by two people over time and forming an osmosis/bond of their two spirits. But always, in some way or another, it is the experience of God, who is love. This is, then, the end of the debate about whether homosexual loving experience comes from God, and whether or not God loves LGBT people and accepts their loving styles. The God who gives love, loves its recipients.

God is not much more interested in genatalia than in earlobes or elbows. God gives all things as tools for us to use to become more loving people. God is concerned with the direction of our hearts. God loves every one of us, each on our unique journey of experiencing the Divinity which infuses us with life and purpose.

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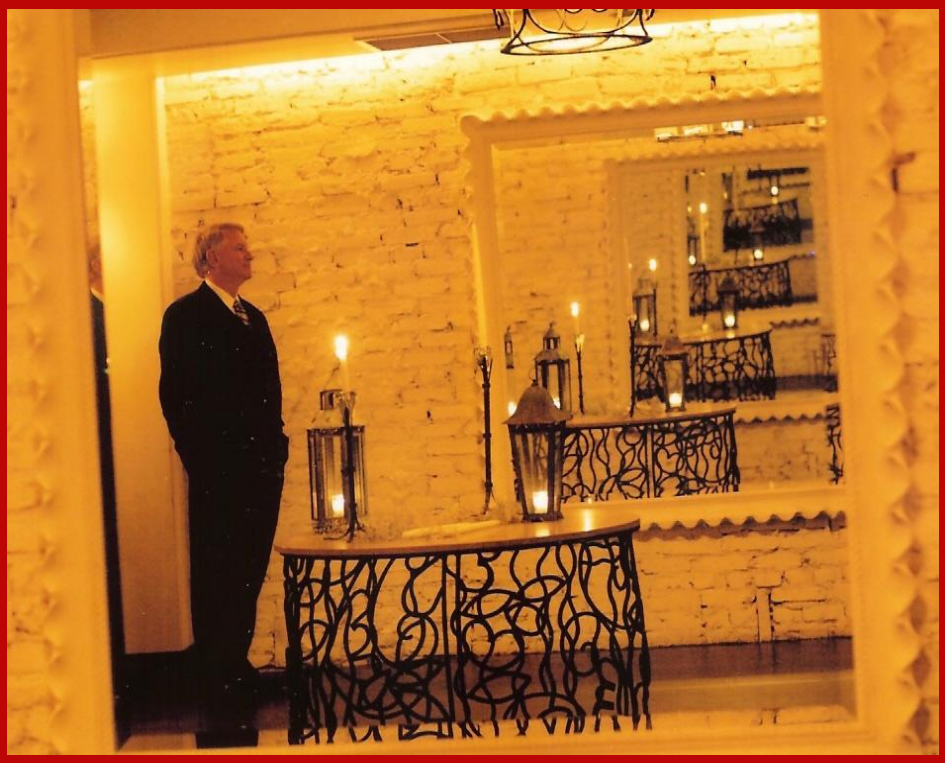

And, finally, here are some testimonials ...

what others think of Jim's wedding cerebrations:

We can't thank you enough for the beautiful, beautiful ceremony that you most thoughtfully performed for us! Not only do we continue to talk about it, but our guests were also particularly touched by it. The words and philosophy were so beautiful and touching! We couldn't believe how perfectly it matched us and our lives ... it was as if we were speaking our hearts during the ceremony. Everyone thought it was the most beautiful, intimate and loving ceremony they'd ever witnessed! We agree wholeheartedly!

Andrew and I received so much good feedback about you on our wedding day as well as afterwards. People thought your homily was beautiful and that you did a wonderful job as officiant of our wedding. We both know we made the right choice when we met you. Even though you do so many weddings we felt you gave our ceremony its own special touch.

Thank you so much for officiating at our wedding ceremony recently. It turned out just the way we envisioned and our families couldn't be more pleased. I feel that your philosophy really helped to unite both the religious and non-religious guests at our wedding. Your experience and care really made a

difference in our trust and peace of mind.

We can't even come close to thanking you enough for the beautiful, loving ceremony you conducted on our wedding day. With all the details to attend to, we had almost lost sight of the real reason for the day. But your inspirational and, most of all, real, ceremony centered us, and grounded us, in a way we never thought possible.

We want to thank you for a truly inspiring wedding ceremony. It was everything we had hoped for and more. You spoke what we felt in our hearts, yet had never quite voiced ourselves. Thank you for everything. Our family and friends were all very deeply moved and have commented time and again that it was the most beautiful ceremony they had ever been to.

Christine and I express our deep appreciation for your encouraging support of our marriage and you r festive and warm ceremony … from the bottom of our hears, allow us to thank you for presiding over a wedding ceremony so beautiful and sincere that we hope it has set the tone for our entire marriage. … We truly loved every second of our ceremony, and we are both proud and thankful that a man with your convictions and beliefs officiated at our wedding.

We want to thank you for making our wedding day absolutely wonderful, unforgettable and so, so happy! The ceremony was absolutely great and didn't leave anyone indifferent. All our guests were very impressed and in awe by what you have said. Everything about you – your wisdom, voice, poise, looks - made our ceremony so special. You found exactly the right words to express what we both feel for each other. We also were impressed how smoothly everything went – we didn't have to worry about anything: your kind voice, reassuring look and smile throughout the whole ceremony made us both feel taken care of. If there are angels on the Earth – you definitely are one of them. Your kindness, love and warmth are radiating throughout everything you do or say making people around you feel the part of your world full of love and care. Blessed and honored be the couples whom you will marry in the future for they will be the fortunate ones to witness and share in the most unforgettable and sacred ceremony in their lives.

The next best thing to having the love and best wishes of our family and friends at our wedding was having the exceptional ceremony that you performed for us. Everything was perfect and your sermon touched us all. Thanks again for making our wedding extraordinary!

Morgan and I wanted to thank you for helping us to make our wedding everything we had hoped it would be. We thought the ceremony was just perfect, and we were so thankful to have found someone whose philosophy about religious life is so harmonious with our own.

Thank you for adding so much joy to our wedding day. The ceremony was so meaningful and personal, it was truly a wonderful way for Ozzie and I to begin our life together. We loved it and can't thank you

enough.

Thank you so much for making our wedding ceremony so beautiful! Your words and wisdom will be carried with us throughout our marriage. Many of our guests commented on what a special ceremony we had due to you!

Thank you so much for your wonderful service at our wedding. Everyone Commented about how meaningful our ceremony was. Most of all we have a wonderful memory of our marriage ceremony that we can cherish for our lifetimes!

Thank you for making our day perfect. The ceremony was beautiful and my mother loved you (this is key)! We enjoyed every moment thanks to you!

We were glad to have you be a part of an unforgettable day. Your talk on love will always be remembered, as well as your warm and welcoming demeanor.

Rather belatedly, we wanted to thank you so much for making our wedding such a very special and beautiful occasion. I think you will agree that the setting was perfect, surrounded by nature, all those glorious trees filtering in the sunlight. What memories we all have. We felt that, with such short notice, you put together the most perfect ceremony for us and all our family and friends. Once again, thank you so very much and may God bless you in you work - it meant so much to me personally to have such a spiritual side to our marriage ceremony - it is a new beginning for us both and we are so happy.

We can't thank you enough for the beautiful job you did with our wedding ceremony. Afterwards, we received nothing but compliments about everything from the uniqueness of the format, to the moving homily on love. If possible, we'd love to have a copy, so that we can forever remember how you helped make our day truly "ours."

You officiated my wedding that took place on July 11th, 2003 and I did not get a chance to thank you for all your hard work. We got SO many compliments on the service that you presented on our wedding day and my family as well as Phelan and I were so very happy with the outcome.

Thank you so much for officiating at our wedding. We enjoy and relate to your intellect, wit, and spirituality. We'll always remember you and your thoughtfulness.

Thank you for your guidance over the past few months and performing such a beautiful wedding ceremony. Rodney and I were truly moved and will always remember you.

Words cannot express our sincere thanks and gratitude for marrying us on New Year's Eve. Both of us are glad the judge was unavailable to perform the ceremony. You made it a special and memorable experience.

Thank you so much for officiating at our wedding. Not only were you a wonderful speaker who spoke to Roger and I – but to everyone else. We had more compliments on you than anything else! If you ever need references or anything else – please let us know! Thank you again!

Words cannot express our thanks for making our day perfect! So many people have commented on such a special ceremony! ... thanks again for a beautiful day!

Our ceremony on Saturday was beautifully delivered and intellectually inspired. Our guests literally gushed at your articulate message and we are thrilled that we managed to get you to officiate at our wedding. If you can satisfy my devout Catholic Long Island mother and the mainstream Protestants, you're doing something right. The inclusive message you delivered on Saturday particularly appeals to me. Thanks again for the wonderful ceremony.

Thanks for marrying us. Our wedding was so beautiful and meaningful because of your presence. We certainly appreciate it a lot!

Jeremy and I wanted to thank you for the excellent job you did officiating our wedding. The ceremony was absolutely perfect. We are still receiving compliments that our wedding ceremony was the most beautiful one they have ever been to. We can't wait to receive the video to relive it. We really appreciate the letter you wrote us and really took the words to heart. The certificate you created will proudly be displayed in our home. We also really appreciate you giving us a copy of the ceremony.

The process was made easier with you participating. The best thing about your ceremony service was your patience and grace under pressure. Starting late and unorganized at the beginning – it all became invisible to us and our guests just in time for our ceremony to proceed beautifully. Thanks to your leadership on top of your patience and grace, our ceremony was a success! We thank you so much for everything!

Thanks for the beautiful job you did on our ceremony. We received lots of good comments on it, and we couldn't have asked for anything more. Thanks again!

Your ceremony helped make our day so special – your non-judgmental spirituality made everyone feel

very at ease, and we've received so many compliments on your modern approach to God, love, marriage – we could not have asked for a more perfect beginning to our new life together!

Jason and I would like to thank you for the lovely service you offered for our wedding ceremony. The homily and personal touches were so beautiful and included everything that we hoped to have on our wedding day. Thank you for making this very important day a special one.

Thank you so much for all of your help getting the ceremony together. It was absolutely beautiful. The wisdom and guidance you've shared with us will be treasured always. Thank you!

Thank you so much for celebrating our wedding with us. Everyone commented on how lovely the ceremony was and you were a key reason behind those feelings. We will remember you always.

Thank you for making our wedding ceremony so special I can't tell you how many compliments we received on your beautiful service. We really enjoyed meeting you and appreciate all you did to make his wonderful day even more memorable.

Thank you so much for our lovely ceremony. What a glorious day for us, our families and friends! So touching and memorable. You will be in our thoughts and prayers for years to come … much thanks!

Jim, thank you for a beautiful ceremony. We have received so many compliments on the ceremony, and we owe it to you!

We want to thank you so very much for all you did to make our wedding … so personally meaningful, beautiful and memorable. Your words were inspiring and spoke to all who were present, and your warm and friendly manner made all of us feel at ease – even though our two hearts were racing! Our families and friends who were there have all commented on how touching the ceremony was, and those who could not be present have been moved in watching the video. In short, it was perfect for us, and you made it so!

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have found you to marry us. Our ceremony was unique and meant something to us – not the usual "cookie cutter" ceremony many have. We had many comments about you and the ceremony – good ones, of course. Thanks again!

Just wanted to take a minute to Thank You for performing our Surprise Wedding Ceremony Saturday Evening. Everything was perfect. We couldn't have found a better officiant. Thank You again so much!

What a beautiful ceremony! Thank you so much for making our special day extra special. How right you were – things were perfect!

Kim and I just got back from our honeymoon and wanted to tell you thank you for your service. It was a beautiful ceremony, and everyone at the service agreed that it was not the run of the mill ceremony. Once again, we can't thank you enough.

Steve and I wanted to take a moment to tell you how much we loved our wedding ceremony! You did such a great job incorporating our wishes and the small details for us. You made it fun & entertaining for our guests, but still very meaningful and serious with regard to our love and our responsibilities… Your way of expressing that love crosses all boundaries of different religions was a perfect fit for our group. No matter how an individual refers to God, the Spirit, Yahweh etc., we all have the same goal and purpose with love and relationships! We received tons of great feedback on how sincere, beautiful and emotional our ceremony was and we can't thank you enough!

Thank you so much for making our wedding day and this whole experience so wonderful. You have been great to work with, and we can't thank you enough for everything.

Thanks again for the wonderful ceremony! Shihomi and I can't tell you how much we appreciate everything. Even though it was a hot day, in retrospect we think everything went just as we could have hoped. Thanks again!

We are back from the honeymoon and I wanted to take a moment and say big thank you from both Kevin and I for your wonderful service at our wedding. We were very happy to have you as our officiant. You made our ceremony very special and we will have nice memories for the rest of our lives.

We just cannot thank you enough for such a beautiful, meaningful service and for making our ceremony so special. Not only did it speak to our hearts, but so many of our guests specifically came to us to tell us how much they enjoyed it. You have such a special message that we can all relate to.

Thank you for a lovely ceremony. Our guests gave us so many compliments about you. It was a great day!

We wanted to say thank you so much for a wonderful wedding ceremony. Your words and presence were so beautiful! We've already seen a few of the wedding pictures and in them you were smiling that great smile of yours which we found so comforting on that day. Thank you also for your beautiful comments

about Amy and the sun! Her mom can't stop talking about it and it made us feel great. =) We felt so much joy and love from you which was inspiring. The words and promises of our ceremony and the letter you sent will always stay in our hearts and minds. Amy truly enjoyed all of the conversations with you … It was great to meet someone who has such similar views on God. She truly believes that God led us to you for the ceremony and feel so blessed that He did. Thank you again for everything. We wish you and your family a joyous, happy, peaceful and wonderful life!

Thank you for the lovely ceremony! You did a wonderful job. We were really pleased with how smoothly it went. So many guests raved about the ceremony.

Thank you so much for performing such a beautiful wedding ceremony for us yesterday. You have been a big part of making our special day happen. On behalf of all of our friends and family, we really enjoyed it.

We cannot express our thanks to you enough. The ceremony was amazing. We received so many compliments from our guests on how beautiful your words were. Thank you so much for making our day fantastic. You truly are a joy.

All day long people at our wedding commented about how beautiful the ceremony was. One couple may even be contacting you. Thank you so much for the beautiful service and for all the little details you covered. We really appreciate it.

We would both like to thank you for officiating our wedding. We and our families were so pleased with the way the entire ceremony went. I could not have imagined anything more perfect or special. We truly felt like it was OUR wedding, customized to what we wanted and felt was fitting for us. Thank you for making the process so easy to understand. We appreciate your kind words, professionalism, and spiritual guidance during this special time in our lives.

Thank you for officiating our wedding so beautifully. The service couldn't have gone more perfectly and your homily was absolutely beautiful. The service was so representative of the two of us and the essence of our relationship that we were left speechless. We received numerous compliments and praise for your service. Thank you for making our wedding day unforgettable. We are truly grateful.

Wanted to say thanks again for conducting the service. Everything was perfect! Both Kim and I received numerous compliments from both sides of family in reference to your God is love and love brings us together sermon. Not sure if they mentioned anything to you during the reception.

Thank you so much for conducting our wedding ceremony! It is beautiful, personal, and is just as what

you have visualized with us prior to the wedding. We are very happy with how everything turned out. Many people commented afterward at the wonderful sermon you performed. Thanks for coordinating our wedding party and made everything run so smoothly. We both feel comfortable and confident to have you stand by us; Ching-yi's non-English-speaking parents also felt comfortable with how you had them involved during the ceremony. Thank you very much. We are grateful to have you as our priest.

Thank you so much for giving us a beautiful ceremony. We're really glad that you were part of our special day.

We wanted to thank you for making our special day that much more special. Your homily was truly inspirational and had us and the audience not only captivated, but in another place, which was exactly what we wanted, but thought was not possible. We have been to several weddings over the last year or two and no priest or officiant has been better received. We can't tell you how many people have come up and asked us where we found you and raved how absolutely inspirational the ceremony was. People who had long turned their backs on organized religion came up and said, "Man, that guy had me on the edge of my seat, hanging off of every word that he uttered. I just wanted to hear what he was going to say next." … You truly made our special day that much more perfect, and we could not have asked for more.

Lisa and I wanted to Thank You for such a wonderful wedding ceremony! We both have received so many compliments about you and your delivery... it was excellent! Many of our family and friends have mentioned "it's the best wedding they have ever been to".

Thanks for conducting the ceremony. We've received quite a few compliments on it. You said all the right things without belaboring the obvious.

Thank you for the most wonderful wedding ceremony. We will remember it forever. We have had so many of our guests tell us it was the best wedding they had ever attended. We have to agree. It was such a pleasure working with you. Thank you again for making the most important day of our lives so beautiful and memorable.

I have wanted to write you a note since you performed our wedding last November [note: 4 months earlier] … sorry I am just getting around to it. I wanted to thank you so much for your help and guidance. You performed a beautiful ceremony and one I will always remember. I had so many positive comments about you. You made our perfect day even more so, and we both thank you for that!

Thank you for your kindness and your special thoughtfulness. We felt another card was necessary to let you know how much we appreciated the ceremony you prepared for us. It was just perfect! Thank you also for the nice certificate … Our special day was everything we hoped for, and we are very grateful for your contribution.

Thank you so much for officiating our wedding on March 18th. You were the perfect person to stand with us that night and we are very grateful.

Thank you for being such an important part of our special day. The ceremony was both beautiful and touching. We will make it a point to live our lives by the readings we chose and the homily you gave. Thank you again!

I wanted to thank you again for performing our ceremony on April 9. The ceremony was absolutely beautiful and very poignant. We received so many compliments about you at the reception – we couldn't have been happier.

We wanted to thank you for such a beautiful ceremony! The weather was gorgeous and everything was just wonderful. Many people have come up to me and have told us how much they enjoyed the ceremony. Thank you for all your help and support.

We just wanted to say thank you again for performing our wedding ceremony! Everything was beautiful and the guests had nothing but good things to say about you.

We wanted to thank you for the beautiful job you did at our wedding ceremony. Our guests couldn't stop commenting on what an amazing ceremony it was and how special they felt to be involved in the ceremony. It was a glorious day and we feel blessed to have had you there with us.

Brian and I want to thank you for such a wonderful wedding ceremony. As you have heard many times before – we received so many compliments about the ceremony … "IT was the best ceremony we ever attended." You made the entire ceremony seem so seamless. Thank you for making our special day so memorable.

Thank you so much for officiating our August 11th wedding! You did such a wonderful job of incorporating all of the things we wanted and that made the day so special for us. Your talk on love was incredible and we loved the message of tolerance and love that pervaded the entire ceremony.

Thank you very much for the beautiful ceremony, and thank you for putting us completely at ease. We never worried about what we had to do next. I received many compliments about your sermon. We wish you the best and will recommend you to others.

Glenna and I wish to say thank you for conducting a wonderful wedding ceremony and for all your help

and advice. Many people have told us what a beautiful ceremony our wedding was.

We so appreciate your coming here in such bad weather and on such short notice. Because of you, we were able to fulfill our plan for a Valentine wedding.

It's important to take a moment to remember special people who blessed or touched your life in a positive way and more importantly; to acknowledge it. Thank you so much for officiating our quiet wedding in Warrenton; you made a simple ceremony rich with spiritual meaning … You brought a beautiful presence that really touched our hearts ... a thank you is in order...better late than never. :) You made our wedding memorable and seasoned with the heart of Christ's love. God bless.

We're glad you could play such a special part in making our dream come true. Thank you for all of your help and guidance.

Thank you for a great ceremony. It was beautiful!

Thanks so much for the ceremony. It was great. I was incredibly nervous, but you walked me through it and calmed me down. Everyone enjoyed your homily too. Most of the guests come from a science background, so it was interesting how you mix science with spirituality and show that the two coexist (instead of contradict). Again, thanks so much for making our day special.

Ray and I want to thank you greatly for presiding over our wedding. It was a glorious service and very well put together. Thanks for making our wedding day even more special. I'll make sure to send you a link to the wedding pictures.

Linnett and I just wanted to take an opportunity to thank you for performing such a beautiful service for our wedding. Both of our families were impressed with how you handled the ceremony, especially given the two different religions. We were so happy that everything went so well, and you were a big part of it. We really appreciate everything you did for us. Thanks again.

Thank you for creating wonderful moment at our wedding. Jamie and I could not have been happier with your part in our ceremony at the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens on August 18, 2007. The day was perfect. Your letter discussing the permanency of love will be periodically reviewed to help us have a wonderful loving partnership for the rest of our lives!

We would like to thank you for officiating at our wedding. The ceremony was wonderful, and everything we pictured. Our friends and family really enjoyed the ceremony.

Patrick and I are back from our honeymoon, and we wanted to write you right away to tell you how much we appreciated all that you did for us. I cannot tell you how many people came up to us to tell us that your words really struck them and how meaningful the ceremony was. You could not have expressed a more perfect reflection on the meaningfulness of our unity in marriage. We are simply beyond words to thank you. I know you spoke freely during your talk on love, but by any chance do you have that talk written down? Even in note form? It was so moving and we would love a copy if at all possible. Jim, again, it was an honor working with you. Your words and kindness truly inspired us and we feel so fortunate to have found you to officiate our marriage.

Nina and I wanted to say thank you very much for the wonderful ceremony. You impressed everyone there with your heartfelt words and your discussion on love and the universe ... my brother Jim was especially impressed and trust me that's not easy to do. Long story made short you made our small wedding a very large experience and we can't thank you enough. We were also very appreciative of the printed script that you provided of the ceremony. We've attached a picture that I hope you'll enjoy, take care and many blessings.

A dozen thank yous couldn't tell you all the happiness your presence brought. Thank you so much for a nice service. Everybody made good comments about your sermon and the service. Thank you for the note you sent as well.

Thank you again for making our 2007 dreams come true! Our family and friends are still talking about our beautiful wedding ceremony. We sincerely hope that our paths will cross again. In the meantime, we have enclosed a photo of that special day so you don't forget us. We certainly will never forget you!

Thank you so much for performing our ceremony! It was exactly what we wanted, and people couldn't stop talking about what you had to say! What a great message on a great day! We really appreciated your follow-up letter as well. Thanks again.

Sorry it has taken me a while to get this out, but between the wedding and the traveling to NJ/PA/NY/VA/ and Iraq/Pakistan again, we have had our hands full. The ceremony was beautiful and I appreciate your wonderful service as well as Catherine. We both thank the Lord above we had someone to express in words the love we have for one another. Hopefully in the future we will see each other again. My prayers to you and your family.

Thank you very much for making us feel so special on our wedding day. Everybody who attended commented on how it was the most beautiful wedding they have ever been to. We know that it wouldn't have been complete without your help and guidance. Thank you also for the wonderful letter you have written us. We will cherish your words and use them to guide us throughout our lives.

Thank you for doing such a wonderful job with our wedding ceremony. We had a great time! Your

sermon was wonderful and we received so many compliments on how excellent you were. Thank you for being part of our wedding day and for welcoming us to the start of our marriage.

You spoke beautifully. Everyone said that this was the most personal and intimate wedding they had ever been to. They loved the first person readings and all the interactions. I simply don't know how to thank you enough. I may never be able to repay you. Our ceremony was perfect! I will never forget it! I was so surprised to receive your letter, and thank you so much! Such wonderful and thoughtful words to live by. What else can I say? You are the best! Thank you!!!

Thank you for being there for us! Your message of love made our wedding ceremony special and meaningful. We thought you were great! Thank you for everything!

Thank you so much for the beautiful ceremony. We really enjoyed working with you for our special day. We felt that your delivery was warming and just what we were looking for. Thank you!

We wanted to write to say thank you again for organizing and conducting such a wonderful ceremony – we have had so many compliments and praise on the service. You did exactly as you promised – created a personal, heartfelt message about love which everyone could relate to, regardless of their religion or background. We thoroughly enjoyed the ceremony and the whole day! Many thanks!

Thanks for making us so comfortable and our ceremony so easy. You were very good in guiding us step by step. The letter you just sent us has very valuable advice. We're glad we chose you to be our officiant.

Hi Jim, I just wanted to thank you again for the great job you did for our ceremony on June 21st. Jake and I were very happy and we got lots of compliments about how nice the ceremony was. You made us feel very comfortable too considering how anxious and excited we were.

I wanted to thank you again for such a wonderful service. Of course, that evening will always be a night held special in our hearts and you were a major part of that.

THANK Y OU so much for officiating our wedding. Our day was so beautiful, largely in part of your words. The day flew by so fast, but we will remember the ceremony the most. It suited us perfectly. Everyone complimented it! Thanks for all of your support and guidance. We really loved working with you!

Words cannot express how grateful Christos and I are for your delivery of our beautiful and unforgettable wedding ceremony. People are still talking about how it was the most beautiful ceremony they've ever seen, and we agree completely; not only because it was our wedding (we may be biased) but it was truly amazingly fitted to us and you said exactly everything we would have wanted our wedding officiant to say

on our special day. Your kindhearted and gentle way of describing love matches our exact thoughts and as we returned today from our honeymoon and read your beautiful letter, we were even more (if possible) beyond extraordinarily content with your service.

Thank you so incredibly much for making the best day of our lives just that. We will recommend you to everyone, though everyone present instantly fell into complete engagement with you and we need not convince them.

Thank you for your kind guidance. Your positive attitude and humor are extraordinary gifts. We are honored to have you with us. Thank you so much.

We just returned from our honeymoon and were eager to send a huge thank you for the ceremony! We could not have been more pleased with everything, and our families commented on how wonderful you were and how special the ceremony was. Thank you so much for making such an important day to us memorable and unique – you are fantastic!

Just wanted to thank you for a lovely ceremony, which we have received many positive comments about.

I hope this email finds you well. Blake and I are settling back into life post wedding and honeymoon and we just wanted to send a quick note of thanks. Thank you so much for all you did to make our wedding so special. You were a wonderful, calming presence on our big day. So many of our guests commented on much they enjoyed your talk on love, and even more want to know how you got those deer to run by!

It has been ten days since you officiated at our wedding, but it seems like only yesterday that you did so. Time flees us so quickly that we barely have time to accomplish all that we set within our sights. As busy as we were before our wedding and as busy afterwards, it is only now that we must make time to express our heartfelt appreciation for your services. We have been blessed with many friendships and we are pleased to have found a friend in you.

Your sermon carried a message of true love that was felt throughout our wedding congregation. We have received many compliments on our choosing you to be our minister. Your experienced guidance in planning the ceremony was indispensable. Sure, we knew some of the elements we wanted in our ceremony, but it was you who recommended the right order of procedure and gave us the guidance we needed to make it the spiritual ceremony we wanted. The inclusion of members of the family in the ceremony with the readings and their expressions of our unity and support of our love made them a part of our wedding day. They expressed their compliments on what a beautiful ceremony they witnessed and took part in and said it was beautiful because you made it so. Your sermon touched the hearts of all who were present and we could not have asked for a better expression of your sincerity. We are sure all future weddings you conduct will be of equal magnitude.

Somehow we knew from our first meeting with you that we felt confident that we had selected the right minister for our wedding and we were not disappointed in our choice. We expressed our feelings to others and were not surprised when we had later learned that Michael and Nick had also chosen you to be their officiant. After all, they were in our congregation to hear your sermon.

Thank you so much for performing such a beautiful ceremony for Zack and I. The service that you helped us create was absolutely perfect and I really appreciated how you listened to and reflected what we were looking for. It was a wonderful experience to work with you and thanks again for making our day so special!

Eugenia and I cannot thank you enough for the beautiful ceremony for our marriage last month. We feel lucky that we found you and enjoyed each meeting we had with you leading up to the wedding. We particularly liked your talk on "love" that you shared with us and our guests during the ceremony. We fully agree with my uncle who called it the most thoughtful wedding ceremony he had attended in a long time.

We couldn't be happier with our decision to select Jim Burch as our wedding officiant. My husband and I do not currently belong to a church but have similar spiritual outlooks and backgrounds which so closely aligned with Jim Burch's approach that it felt like we had a life long priest performing our ceremony. His outlook on God and love were so touching and heartfelt that his enthusiasm for both felt contagious by the end of the ceremony. The majority of our wedding guests enthusiastically relayed how much they enjoyed his homily and asked for his information to pass along to their contacts.

While my husband and I are both generally outgoing people, nothing quite prepares you for the overwhelming emotion of joining your partner in this world in a single moment in front of all of your family and friends. We were both overwhelmed with emotion and joy and had it not been for the smooth subtle guidance from Jim throughout, I know we would not have had such a beautiful ceremony free of mistakes or issues. We both felt that a trusted friend and passionate man of God guided us through our vows on our wedding day and we feel eternally grateful to Jim for being such a special part of our lives.

We would like to thank you for the absolutely beautiful wedding ceremony. Your words created the loving atmosphere that we wanted to share with our guests on our "Big Day'!

Thank you very much for the most heart-felt and memorable wedding ceremony. The ceremony was a complete reflection of Andy and I as a couple. The blend of Judaism and Catholicism was truly amazing and brought together the two families even more. We can't even tell any more how many compliments we received on your ceremony! Our guests were truly amazed by the beautiful ceremony you delivered. Thank you so much … especially for all your support and dedication. I couldn't have asked for a more beautiful and magical ceremony. Thank You!

Thank you so much for presiding over our wedding. Everything was wonderful! From the vows to your discussion of love and marriage, the entire ceremony was a wonderful celebration of our love. We cannot say enough about how the beauty of the words you put together made the whole day come alive for us and our families. I had several friends and relatives come to us afterwards and say how impressive and touching the words and passages were that you spoke to the gathering. Thank you so much for bringing your experience, wisdom and love of love to us so that our day was that much more beautiful and perfect.

Josh and I just wanted to write and thank you, once again, for providing us with a beautiful ceremony and keepsake. We are so grateful that you were able to accommodate us on such short notice. You made our special day that much more special with your thoughtful, caring words.

Bonnie and I wanted to take a moment and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the simply terrific job you did performing our wedding ceremony this past New Years Eve. We could not have been more happy and joyous and inspired by you. Your words and acts not only were heart felt by us but by all of our friends and family who attended and commented on what a wonderful ceremony it was.

From our first meeting with you at your home and all through our subsequent talks, discussions and preparations Bonnie and I knew we had made not only a great decision having you perform our ceremony but had made a special friend in the process. Your kindness and spiritual connection shines through in all that you say and do.

We both absolutely believe that anyone who is planning a wedding ceremony in the future could not help but be as please as we were and will always remember what a special occasion their wedding was by having you conducting their ceremony.

We cannot properly express how much we loved having you perform our wedding ceremony. Thank you a million times over! My Dad is singing your praises – you were the topic of choice for him at our wedding brunch! Thank you again!

Hey, Jim! We just got back from Jamaica. On behalf of both our families, we loved you and the way you did our ceremony. Anyone would be a fool to pass you over as an officiant!

Rev. Jim Burch

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