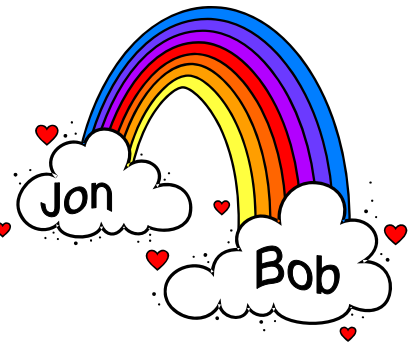


August 5, 2001 and September 8, 2012

A Devotion Ceremony



Bob: We are happy today that we can share the joy of our love for each other with friends and family as well as have the opportunity to voice our aspirations for the future.

Jon: We aspire to make our spiritual path the core of our life together and to help each other along our lives' paths—nurturing in each other the seeds of loving-kindness, compassion, equanimity, generosity, ethics, patience, joy, concentration, and wisdom.



Bob: We aspire to continue cultivating a love that makes both of us better people and that continues to give us joy and a zest for living, also provides us with the energy to face the responsibilities of life.

Jon: We aspire to see all of life's circumstances, pleasant ones as well as challenging ones, as opportunities to help us to grow, to open our hearts; to accept ourselves, others and life itself; and to generate compassion.

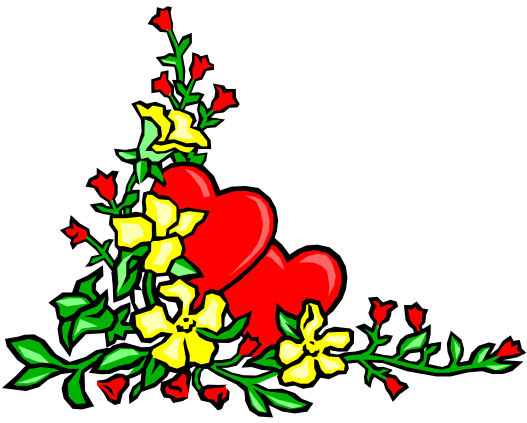
Bob: We aspire to understand ourselves and each other, and to regard all the mysteries of life with curiosity and joy so we can be better friends to each other.

Jon: We aspire to preserve and enrich our affection for each other, and to share it with all beings. We will take the feelings we have for each other—of care, consideration, affection, and our vision of each other's potential and inner beauty— and we will look to these feelings as an *example* as we endeavor to open our hearts for EVERY being.



Bob: We aspire to examine our own minds and continually have an open dialogue with each other so that this vision remains alive in our hearts.

Jon: We aspire that at the end of our lives we will be able to say: because we have loved each other, we have shared warmth and security and an inner peacefulness that has filled our hearts and been a blessing to our lives, and to the lives of others.



Bob: Together we will face all of life's experiences and share one another's dreams and goals.

Jon: We will be equal partners in an open, honest, loving relationship.



Commitment Vows

Bob: Jonny Bunny, it is my intention, with my utmost capabilities, to respect and support you, to be patient with and kind to you, to work together with you to achieve those things that are important to us, to accept you unconditionally, and to share life and love with you throughout the years.

Jon: Bobbie Swee'ie Pie, it is my intention, with my utmost capabilities, to respect and support you, to be patient with and kind to you, to work together with you to achieve those things that are important to us, to accept you unconditionally, and to share life and love with you throughout the years.

Bob: The following expression of the magic of this moment is adapted from a Native-American blessing:

Jon: Now we are not overwhelmed by the storm,
For each of us is shelter to the other.

Bob: Now we feel less cold,
For each of us is warmth to the other.

Jon: Now there is less loneliness,
For each of us is companion to the other.

Guests: You may seal your vows with a hug.

(Then:)

Guests: And now we are very pleased to pronounce you Bob and Jon, two devoted companions.

