

TWO Traditions, ONE Marriage

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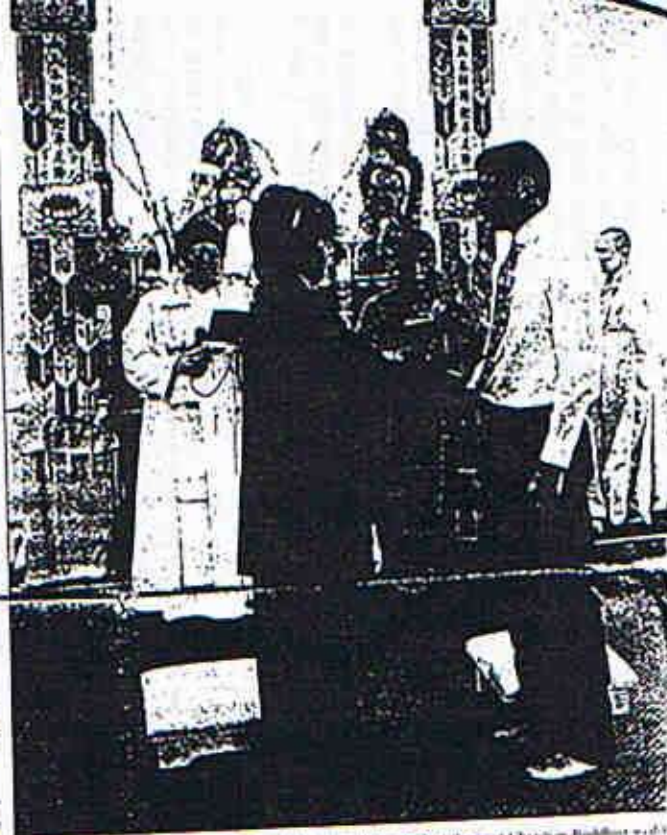
Heston and Kerley, subjects both from Iraq, at their wedding table.

BY THE REV. DR. DONALD H. THOMAS
OF THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

A historic wedding in Harrison County, West Virginia, was held on the grounds of the church of the Resurrection in Shenandoah, Va., on Saturday, Feb. 25. Yes, a Friday to the 30th of the month. The ceremony was held at 11:30 a.m. in the presence of the bride and groom, their families, and a large number of guests. The ceremony was held in the presence of the bride and groom, their families, and a large number of guests.

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The Rev. Cheryl Thomas and the Rev. Hing Hui Hui preside at the joint Christian-Buddhist wedding of Dajwan Kerley and Shelton Heston at the Ten Thousand Buddhas Summer Monastery at Mt. Airy.

The bride was dressed in black, white, and red. The groom was dressed in a white shirt and a green tie. The ceremony was held in the presence of the bride and groom, their families, and a large number of guests.

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"A scattered mind and confused talk make the offerings of the faithful hard to digest."

Heselton's stepfather made a toast while welcoming his new daughter-in-law to the family. He wished them "many happy years to come."

The Rev. Neal Kentch of the Corydon Christian Church also attended the wedding.

"This is a fine example of the kind of cooperation we see here (in Harrison County) today," he said.

After a brief stay in Louisville, the groom was headed back to New York, to Fort Drum. He is working now as a civilian for Westinghouse Electric and hopes to relocate to Texas, in the Fort Hood area, where his bride is stationed.

Thorne, who headed a youth mission trip to Ghana, Africa, in 2001, and who made many friends of different nationalities as a student at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, said, "This was definitely a first for our county."