

## **New Moon June 2011 – My absence of doubt casts a vote.**

The Moon's journey through June of 2011 has something sweet to say about what matters in an enduring sense. It is offering a vision of life lived from a place beyond drama and hooks. What REALLY will you remember about your life?

Think of all the things that have been SO IMPORTANT to you that there was no room for anything else in your life. Perhaps you've experienced romance at that Romeo and Juliet intensity – the most amazing ecstasies and agonies that life offers through a bond with another. Or perhaps you've gotten to experience passionate idealism, that identification with a way of life that will save the planet. Veganism or environmental activism or some other version of life where you had such a clearly-felt sense of right and wrong that you could base your every day on the knowing that came through.

Then maybe further down the road you experienced the drama of your SELF – the sudden realization that the most important thing in your life was to understand yourself. You gave yourself permission to want and feel and not want and not feel and it turned your life upside down.

Please allow me to NOT limit the ways in which you identify with what I'm saying here. Please think of all the ways your perspective on what's really important in life has changed. Think of how much you've cared about how you look, for instance, or how much you cared about how someone else thought of you. Imagine all those "all-or-nothing" moments in your life.

I remember I used to do this sort of "death-bed analysis" of myself and the people around me. "How will you feel about this choice you've made when you're dying," I'd think. The concepts of Virtue and Justice seemed so very clear to me. Truth was something I could define.

And now I think of all these things differently. There is this knowing that it's ALL part of the story – your story and how important it is to you to get it right and my story and what I do with it are both parts of the same story. And what's amazing to me now is how beautiful that story is. The beautiful intensity of each life is a fractal of the whole of what life is.

Remember when where you were going was so important? And then you got that sense that the journey was more important than the destination. What I think now is that it's my perspective of the journey that really matters, even more than any quality of the journey or destination. In other words, how I choose to FEEL is even more important than what I do or where I do it or who I do it with.

Carl Jung has said, "Free will is the ability to gladly do that which I must do." We place so much faith in the idea of choice. That we can somehow learn to choose to be a certain way and therefore be that way. And it all has to do with the desire to be happy. We think, "I can choose to be a certain way, choose to do a certain thing, with a certain person or in a certain place, and I will experience happiness." But that's not what Jung is saying. What he is saying is that we can choose to be happy, period. Like that may be all we can choose in life – to be happy with life or not. Perhaps all the ways we make it more complex than that are simply limiting our ability to experience it.

God has given us this world, this life. And it is really really good. Fun, even. Please do not make it more complicated than it has to be. Many people are uncomfortable with the word God for instance. What it is to me is just a nice 3 letter word that encompasses every concept of the divine that all the books and lifetimes devoted to the concept have expressed without casting doubt on those books or those lives. I use the word God because it is simple – no word can limit God or my concept of it.

I have no doubt that God is good. Because God has created everything that exists, I have no doubt that EVERYTHING is good. Life, death, health, illness, wealth and poverty... these are all to deepen our experience of joy. God is joy. In the absence of doubt, I am happy. As I am happy, I bring to myself and the world around me more happiness.

Because there is a God, it is challenging to be happy. Otherwise we would be born enlightened, and then, why be born? Whether we are being borners or becoming be-ers is irrelevant. The fact is, it takes work to learn to be happy. This is one of the ways I know there is a God – I can't answer the question of why being happy

seems to be so challenging. So there must be a God, a Designer of the journey, of the need for the existence of the journey even.

The Designer has decided that we need to work through our karmas, whatever they may be, towards a sense of happiness. The Designer has given us contrast and the law of attraction, so that we may clearly know what is important to us and draw it to us. As I gladly do that which I must do, I draw gladness to me. We get so hooked on these ideas of radical manifestation – all they are is our idea of what will make us happy. And you can say, “no, it’s more than that...” And I can pray that you love your journey.

“Free will is the ability to gladly do that which I must do.” And doubt is that which says “I want more than this, there is something else than what is that will create for me my happiness.” In order for some thing, event, person or belief to be BAD, I have to doubt that it can be good.

If I live to be 100, I will get to experience approximately 660 more months in my life. 660 New Moons. 660 Full Moons. Oh God, may my eyes twinkle with merriment and understanding at each poignant point along the way! May my heart be open to each person I meet, to each situation I am in. May I in no way limit anyone by my judgment of them. May I allow each to be as free as I want them to allow me to be. May growth be, and may I have no belief limiting my growth. May no doubt enter my mind!

The Moons of June, 2011, offer a journey through the eyes of someone who has seen it all and who has learned to love it. It seems to me we are being offered a chance with this month’s moons to deepen our relationship with acceptance. To help us realize that the perspective of the moment is far more important than the details of the moment.

To start this journey into what is enduring, I offer you the Fairchild symbol for the New Moon of June, 2011. I ask you to imagine yourself as this symbolic person. I ask you to let your mind play with the perspective, the wisdom, the twinkle in the eye of “**A woman, 102 years old, casting a vote.**” Isn’t she sweet?

Not only will she know exactly what you are going through, but she will laugh, knowing it is just a step along the way. The drama, the tragic, the journey... she has had her heart filled with desire, and it has been broken. She has outlived children and lovers, she has seen the world change, presidents and wars. She has needed help and found herself alone, and she has needed help and gotten it. She has been fervent in her beliefs and she has learned that the beliefs of others are as valid. Nearer to God is she.

She is standing in line, seeing all this that you deem important, and she loves to see it. For she has found the ability to be glad. She has enough hope to be casting a vote, and does not doubt that she can make a difference. The hope that she expresses helps all of us to let go of doubt. The difference she makes is to increase the feeling of hopefulness. She knows that because she chooses to be glad, there is more hope.

On this New Moon of June 2011, which is exact on Wednesday the first at 2 in the afternoon, I invite you to play with this image. Give yourself a chance to have the experience and the fortitude to be 102 years old and still hopeful. Do not doubt that it can make a difference.

May wisdom give you laughter!

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