

## **New Moon Ceremony**

Friday, July 13, 2018

[make a circle with cornmeal, compose a cross with tobacco, lay down blanket, place stone in the north (representing Earth), candle in the south (representing Fire), feather in the east (representing Air) & shell in the west (representing Water)]

i invite you to have a seat with me.

[light candle]

we used to move through the wilderness with every plant, rock & animal embracing us in song. each moment was animated, charged with vitality & a sense of life-affirming wonder. we delighted in the ebb & flow of communication with the natural world. attentive & appreciative, we remained immersed in the abundant spirit of Mother Earth. we viscerally understood Her. we knew the diverse expressions of Her cosmic auras & world cycles. sensitive to the seen & unseen forces that hold the fabric of Her creation together. we established deep alliances with these powers for the greatest good of all. in that time, we kept alive the ritual of the coming & going of each day. we honored the seasons with song & dance. we cultivated the community needed to maintain this respectful relationship. children became elders who shared with each new generation the wisdom of this accord. Earth & humanity coexisted in sacred trust.

we all carry a piece of that time within our hearts. but with the rise of the modern world, many have forgotten this sacred bond. we've fallen into a long forgetful sleep & separated ourselves from nature. we live in a time of great challenge. it's more important now than ever to remember our primal roots. we ask that this New Moon Ceremony renew our connection to the world. together, the New Moon & Venus provide energy to nurture new beginnings & empower fresh creation. let us use this time to align ourselves with these cosmic energies & receive guidance & inspiration for events that are yet to come.

[pause for reflection]

we have much to be grateful for:

Grandmother Moon, lighter of the night's sky, we give thanks to You. even during this New Moon while You remain in shadow, we know that You are present. You are the leader of all women, governing the movement of the tides within our bodies & guiding the waters of all the world's rivers, lakes & oceans. by Your changing face we measure time.

Grandfather Sun, we send greetings & thanks to You. each day You travel across the sky, bringing the light of day. You are the source of all fires & passions. each one of us is marked by that special fire & we are grateful for these gifts.

we give thanks to the all the Waters of the world for quenching our thirst & cleansing our bodies & souls. we know Your power in many forms - waterfalls & rain, mists & streams, rivers &

oceans. guide us to use Water wisely, to learn from its humility, to consume it sparingly, & to protect its purity.

we give thanks for the vast fields of Plants & forests of Trees, the fruits, grains & greens that grow. they work wonders, nourishing & protecting our bodies. we ask that they continue to give life for generations to come.

we give thanks to all the Animals. we are honored by them when they give their lives so we may use their bodies for food & clothing. they have many things to teach us. remind us to watch & listen to their ways. we are glad they are here & hope that it will always be so.

we give thanks to the Heavens. in the day's infinite blue & amid the countless stars of night, remind us that although it is vast & majestic beyond all of our knowing, it is also no further from us than the tilting upwards of our heads & the raising of our eyes.

we give thanks to Mother Earth, master of metals, germinator of seeds & storer of the Earth's unreckoned resources. thank You for Your bounty.

[pause for reflection]

everything we need to live a rich life is given to us by Mother Earth. we give Her thanks & ask that this Ceremony renew our connection to the world. let us pay attention to Her cycles. let us remember that we must care for Her Plants, Animals, Waters & Grounds so that She may continue to be fruitful. we gather our minds together & send our words of greetings & thanks. we close this Ceremony by burning these words as an offering for all the things we named & for all the things that were left unsaid. thank You.

[burn pages]