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Passing Through

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Passing through, by definition means (1) going by, beyond, past, over or through (2) lasting only a short time, short lived, fleeting, momentary. Passing through, whatever the circumstance or reference, signifies a short trip out of necessity which cannot be avoided, with better results on the other side, hopefully!

Have you ever had to pass through something that you were afraid or unsure of? I have, and I am sure everyone *has* or *will* encounter along your life's journey, situations which challenged your resolve, and forced you to step away from the familiar and the comfortable *and* out of the box. This brave move allows one, to pass through the mundane, and into the miraculous possibilities of courageous actions.

Passing through brings to mind the passing through of an old covered bridge or through a long scary tunnel during one of your travels, or some equally unsettling event, all due to fear of the unknown and what *would* or *might* await you there. There will be *many* instances and occurrences which will beckon you to move forward, to progress and to not become stagnant or stationary due to your fear.

Think about the many things you have or will pass through, ----- without kindergarten, there would not have been a grade school, or middle school, no high school no college matriculation etc. Had we not had tests, exams, initiations, attunements and other rights of passage, we would not have experienced what our hard work and personal self determination could create or attain.

We could also equate passing through, to our own growth and maturation from one stage to another, and from infancy through old age and beyond. Passing through life, training for any sports, attaining an education or other accomplishment or occupation, finding a life mate, military or public service etc., each of these are daunting at first until they are tackled with a ferocity which says that *I will win, I will accomplish, and I will achieve!* I suppose that the old saying, *no guts, no glory*, definitely applies here!

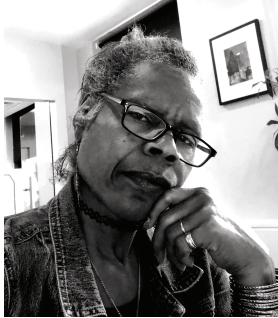
Passing through, means that you have bravely faced whatever obstacles which were placed in your way, faced the fear which kept you from trying, and with perseverance, determination, clarification of thought and direction, have forged ahead to cross the goal line! Passing through the *I can't* to the *I can* and finally, to the *I did!*

So, if we really think about it, we as a people are designed for movement, to constantly be moving forward and passing through one situation or experience after another, for we are programmed for curiosity, for learning and seeking.

Later in life we realize the obstacles in life we were most afraid of, were conjured up in our mind and were never as gigantic as we imagined them to be.

Wisdom & Knowledge: The tools of perfection

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Proverbs 4:7; *"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding."*

The Oxford dictionary defines wisdom as *"the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise."* Similar words are; understanding, insight, discernment, common sense, knowledge, learning and logic. Wisdom is the principal thing that we all should aspire to obtain. Yet it must be foundationed or fortified with understanding, which tenderizes all the information and knowledge that we acquire, educationally and otherwise. Understanding enables us to apply wisdom gracefully, beneficially, and inspirationally, in its due season.

Gloria Steinem; *"The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn."* In a quest for true wisdom, we must be willing to open our minds and hearts to the truth within ourselves. Who we really are. What we really believe. Always willing to self-convict, acknowledging that we could be wrong, foolish, or stagnated in our own selfish perceptions.

Confucius; *"By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experi-*

ence, which is the bitterest." We may meditate on the benefits of wisdom embracing it as an attribute of supreme value. We may imitate wisdom, following that which we have been taught or instructed by others. Or, we may experience wisdom by our own trials and errors, life lessons that though we are scarred, we are wiser from it all.

Maya Angelou; *"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song"* True wisdom will always have a story to tell. One that exhales experiences in life, and an inspiring finale of not only educational advancement, but spiritual enhancement that will witness to others and enlighten their perspective in some way or another.

Socrates; *"True wisdom comes to each of us when we realize how little we understand about life, ourselves, and the world around us"* The Lord has told us that to come to Him we must become like a little child. When we realize our weaknesses and fallibilities, then we can say that we are truly wise. Realizing the brevity of life is often the beginning of wisdom.

Helen Keller; *"Knowledge is love and light and vision"* Wisdom and knowledge is for all who desire to achieve a greater quality of life and live life to its fullest regardless of situations or circumstances, allowing no set back to stagnate the mind or spirit. Considering knowledge as love, light, and vision is a God-like perspective cultivating the heart, and shedding His light from the inside out, filling any void or deficit with keen sensitivity and discernment.

Embracing the Goddess Within: Are you listening?

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Are you tapped into the universal knowledge and wisdom of God? Can you hear? Are you listening? Can you move beyond sound and sit in silence and discover truth?

Can you hear soft words being whispered into your spirit guiding, protecting and teaching you - sometimes telling what to say or not to say and sometimes telling you what to do? Know that as you listen to God that GOD is listening to you. The spirit of God is alive. The spirit of God is alive in you.

Are you receptive to the many messages and the meaning of the visions and dreams that God is sending you?

You are an instrument, a vessel for God to co-create and work through. Your life is not your own. You don't just belong to you. If you feel empty inside like something is missing it's because you are missing a part of you.

You are not acknowledging and not owning who you really are. You are not living in your highest truth. You are a part of something and someone greater than you. You are the light and God is the fuel. You have come into this world to create and give birth to something new, to give life to the seeds and visions that God has implanted within

you. You are God's gift to the world. You are a sacred and precious jewel.

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Wednesday September 18, 2024

**Detroit and other Michigan Cities
will visit Lansing (the state capitol)
and**

**Step Up for Safe Driving
Residents will petition lawmakers to
enact and enforce laws that
will put an end to red light running
and drag racing.**

***This event has been approved by the state.
Chartered buses and cars will meet and leave
Bert's Warehouse near downtown Detroit
at 9:00am and return at 4:00pm. Participants
from other cities can meet at the Lansing
State Capitol at 11:00am.**

**The program will start at 12 noon.
It is advisable to bring a lawn chair.
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**1123 people in Michigan die
each year in traffic accidents,
that equals 21 people per week.
In Detroit alone 156 deaths
equaling 3 per week.
20,000 accidents**



James Ford

I walked away
but will you?