

Embracing Your Muse

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Inspiration is an intangible yet inseparable part of the creative process. Nearly all creative possibilities are related to the muses that inspire us. The ancient Greeks believed that all creation, whether artistic or scientific in nature, was motivated by goddesses who served as the literal embodiment of inspiration. These were the Muses--the givers of the creative spark. We still rely on muses to drive the creative process, though ours may take a diverse range of forms. People we meet, intriguing ideas, movies, books, nature, and cultural ideals all have the potential to awaken our imaginative minds. When we are touched by our muses, we understand viscerally that we are capable of producing our own unique kind of greatness.

Many people move through life unaware of the presence of their muse. This lack of awareness can be compounded by the fact that we may have one muse that remains with us throughout our lives, multiple muses that inspire us concurrently, several muses that come and go as necessary, or a single

muse that touches us briefly at specific moments. You will know that you have found your muse when you encounter a force that makes you feel courageous enough to broaden the range of your creativity. The presence of this force will erase your self-doubt and motivate you to give your thoughts and feelings form. Should your muse continue to elude you, however, there are steps you can take to increase your chances of falling under its inspired influence. If you surround yourself with people who support you, keep a pen and paper handy, immerse yourself in culture, and brainstorm frequently, you will soon reconnect with your muse.

Once you have identified your muse, embrace it by giving yourself over to the creative inspiration it provides. No matter what you are moved to create, you will find that neither fear nor criticism can penetrate the wonderful bliss that goes hand in hand with the act of taking an idea and turning it into something the whole world can enjoy.

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Phlorida Keys Phobias

- Fear of stinky people - Autodysomophobia
- Fear of the ocean or sea - Thalassophobia
- Strangers or foreigners - Xenophobia
- Sun or sunlight - Heliophobia
- Sunshine or daylight - Phengophobia
- Hurricanes - Lilapsophobia
- Women - Gynophobia
- Long words - Hippopotomonstrosquipedaliophobia
- Alcohol - Potophobia
- Bridges - Gephyrophobia
- Fear of cold - Frigophobia
- Drinking - Dipsophobia
- Drugs - Pharmacophobia
- Trailer Fires - Arsonophobia
- Fear of hearing good news - Euphobia
- Fear of becoming homosexual - Homophobia
- Insanity - Maniaphobia
- Music - Melophobia
- Marriage - Gamophobia
- Fear of phobias - Phobophobia
- Sex - Genophobia
- Shellfish - Ostraconophobia
- Fear of slime - Myxophobia
- Time or clocks - Chronophobia
- Getting wrinkles -Rhytipobia
- Writing - Graphophobia
- *Fear of crack heads - Pipeaphobia
- *Wrinkled old prostitutes - Hagaslutaphobia
- *Toothless people - Gumaphobia
- *Fear of musicians - Jamaphobia
- *Fear of newspapers - Coconuttelegraphaphobia
- *Fear of oil in the ocean - BParedicksaphobia

A man went to a psychiatrist for his phobia.

"Doc," he said, "I've got trouble. Every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it. I get under the bed, I think there's somebody on top of it. Top, under, top, under. You gotta help me, I'm going crazy!"

"Just put yourself in my hands for two years," said the shrink, "Come to me three times a week, and I'll cure your fears."

"How much do you charge?"

"A hundred dollars per visit."

"I'll sleep on it," said the man.

Six months later the doctor met the man on the street.

"Why didn't you ever come to see me again?" asked the psychiatrist.

"For a hundred bucks a visit? A bartender cured me for ten dollars."

"Is that so! How?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed!"

* We made these ones up.

Note to self:

Your neighbors do not find it amusing when you put on your renaissance outfit and roll your wheelbarrow through the street calling to "bring out yer dead!" at 7 am.

Take it easy people.
Pretty soon you'll be able to kiss and have sex with the one you love.

But for now, just stay home and do it with the one you're married to.

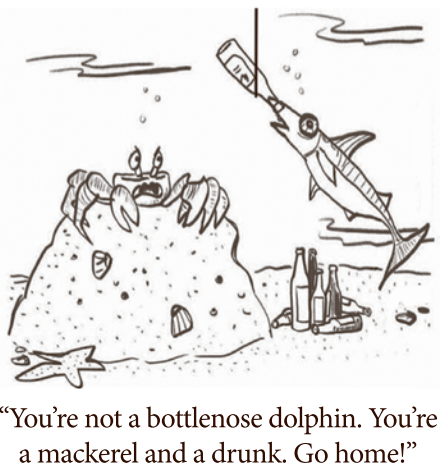
LADIES

TIME TO START DATING THE OLDER DUDES

THEY CAN GET YOU IN THE GROCERY STORE EARLY



After all of this has wound down we should honor truck drivers with a holiday on October 4th. A Big 10:4 if you will.



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