

## Greetings friends!

This months information is **non gratis** [*Free, gratis, nonpaying, entered, free visit, without expenses*] and in part is also from last years report [edited]. And based upon the current and persistent drought conditions in the Western USA, as well as in other certain areas of the country, better free as opposed to the ever increasing rates for water and other utility usage that we in the West are facing, while in some neighborhoods the neighbors just keep on watering their sidewalk, street and cars! This is probably sounds similar to statements you hear in your own corner of the world, perhaps for different reasons, but all the same, it only helps to prove, as **Bill Bonner** once stated about our economic senses, "*The entire world economy rests on the consumer; if he ever stops spending money he doesn't have on things he doesn't need -- we're done for.*"

Yes, there's some more dry jokes at the end of this months report for those of you who share in this, our second year of serious drought. Better to laugh than to dry up and blow away - eh? And yes, it's really that time again to stand our watch for the next new moon. Here's **the DATA:**

### The DATA!

**June 01, 2003** at even is 30 days from the last new moon sighting, the 1st will be 30 days since last. Calculations show that there will be an apparent new moon in Jerusalem, Israel on June 1 at about 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Illumination should be at 2%. The age will be *1 day, 10 hours and 33 minutes*. Later the same day we in the Western USA will see a near 3% illumination by just after sunset viewing.

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## Names of the Month

June -- Juno's month

Middle English jun(e)

Old French juin

Old English junius

Latin Junius "of Juno"

### Latin Junius mensis "month of Juno"

Junius had 30 days, until Numa when it had 29 days, until Julius when it became 30 days long.



Juno is the principle goddess of the Roman Pantheon. She is the goddess of marriage and the well-being of women. She is the wife and sister of Jupiter. She is identified with the Greek goddess Hera.

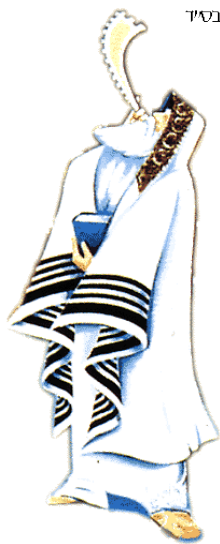
## The Jewish calendar month

June 01 [at even] should start month 3. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> biblical month of the year, also called **SIVAN**.

From **Easton's Sivan**

a Persian word (Assyr, sivanu, "bricks"), used after the Captivity as the name of the third month of the Jewish year, extending from the new moon in June to the new moon in July **[Est\_8:9]**.

*Note: This year we experienced Adar II, which adjusts the months to the seasons, thus the Roman months may vary from May to the new moon in June, or June to the new moon in July accordingly.*



**Strong's H5510**  
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s1yvan see-vawn' - Probably of Persian origin; Sivan, the third Hebrew month: - Sivan.  
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| Months           | Weather    | Crops & Activity     |
|------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Sivan (May/June) | Dry season | Wheat harvest begins |

We also are at the end of the **50 days count to Pentecost** per biblical instruction and example of **Pentecost** in the New Testament **[Acts 2]**.

### The Feast of Pentecost

The Feast of Pentecost, also called the **Feast of First Fruits**, falls on the 50th day after the Passover Sabbath. This feast is a reminder, a guarantee of Yahweh's power to produce spiritual fruit in the field of human salvation. The literal first fruits of the soil are merely the physical types or expressions of the real first fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The first fruits of the Holy Spirit are the true believers won to God by His Son the firstborn. **(1 Cor. 15:20&23, James 1:18, Rev. 14:4)**

The ancient ceremony of presenting the Almighty with the firstfruits of the earth **(Deut. 26:1-11)** with two oven-baked loaves, in which the leaven had been de-activated **(Lev. 23:15-17)**, was a figure, a type, a shadow of the spiritual harvest of human souls in whom the yeast of sin will one day cease to exist. There is coming a day when the power of sin will be de-activated in us believers just as the power of leaven is neutralised in an oven baked loaf.

The breathtaking experience recorded in **Acts 2** was but the early harvest, a kind of "firstfruits" of an even greater out-pouring of divine power scheduled to fall upon the church in the near future when the main harvest of human beings will be gathered in.

**The Feast of Pentecost**, in short, prefigures, guarantees and commemorates the early harvest, the

first fruits of human souls: and those who celebrate it declare their willingness to be part of that spiritual multitude which will one day be gathered in and presented to the Almighty by His Son - the Firstborn!

For a more complete explanation of the [Feast of the First Fruits](#) please see the [Festival Booklet - The Feast Days of the God of Israel](#)  
Note from the author: The differences of the traditional Hebrew calendar, the Biblical and the Roman calendars reveal much regarding the histories and customs of their respective authors. We today use the civil Roman calendar for our commerce and governments with almost global acceptance. However, for the Bible student it should be noted that there are several factions among each of the faiths thus the sometimes confusing and differing names of the months, seasons, beginning of years including sometimes even the [Holy Days](#).

For further reading see "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)". Most common Roman calendar month references are NOT correct per biblical calendar - [see tefukah](#)]

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The Birthstones for the month of **June** are:

Modern Birthstone - [Pearl](#), [Moonstone](#)

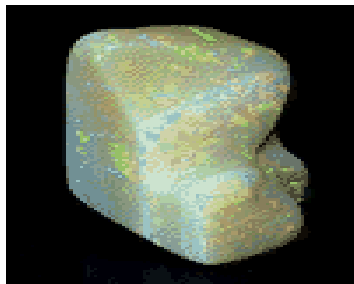
Traditional Birthstone - [Alexandrite](#)

Mystical Birthstone - [Moonstone](#)

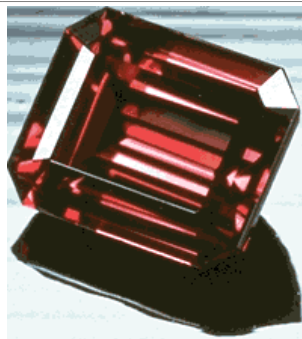
Ayurvedic Birthstone - [Pearl](#)

Other Birthstone - [Opal](#)

The **birthstone** for the month of **June** is the [Alexandrite](#), the color is white, the flower is the *Rose*- meaning [Love](#) and [Romance](#).



Opal



Alexandrite



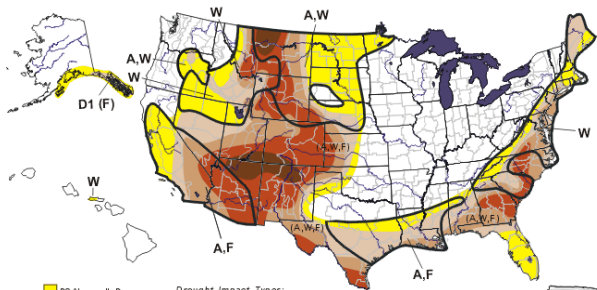
Red Rose

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Drought Info:

## U.S. Drought Monitor May 28, 2002



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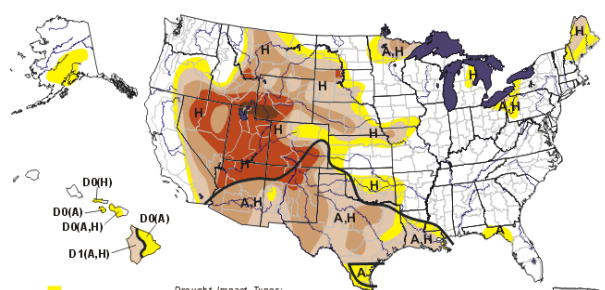
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 Author: Mark Svoboda, NDMC

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>

## U.S. Drought Monitor May 20, 2003



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Released Thursday, May 22, 2003  
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May 11 was **Mother's Day 2003!**

[May - Lily of the Valley]

Happy Mothers Day to all Mothers, Ma's, Mom's and Mommy's!

## Holidays June 01

Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

**China PR, Mongolia :** Children's Festival Day

**Kentucky-1792, Tennessee-1796 :** Statehood Day

**Kenya :** Madaraka Day, a day to enjoy freedom

**Philadelphia :** Elfreth's Alley Day-celebrates oldest US street

**Samoa :** Independence Day

**Thailand :** Visakha Puja

**Tunisia :** Victory Day/Constitution Day (1959)

**Western Samoa :** National Day

**Massachusetts :** Teachers' Day - - - - - ( **Sunday** )

**Ireland :** Bank Day - - - - - ( **Monday** )

**Bahamas :** Labour Day - - - - - ( **Friday** )

**New Zealand :** Queen's Birthday - - - - - ( **Monday** )

**Western Australia :** Foundation Day (1838) - - - - - ( **Monday** )

## Religious Observances June 01

**Eastern Orthodox :** All Saint's Day

**Moslem-Uganda :** Supreme Council Day

**RC :** Commemoration of the BVM, Mediatrix of All Graces

**Ang, Luth :** Commemoration of Justin, martyr at Rome

## Religious History June 01

**1793** Birth of Henry Francis Lyte, Scottish clergyman who wrote the hymns 'Abide with Me' and 'Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken.'

**1922** Birth of Ray Knighton, who in 1954 founded the Medical Assistance Program (MAP International) in Chicago.

**1930** Missionary-linguist Frank C. Laubach wrote in a letter: 'I must talk about God, or I cannot keep Him in my mind. I must give Him away in order to have Him.'

**1953** The Christian Aid Mission (CIM) was chartered in Washington, DC by founder Bob Finley.

**1978** The Evangelical Free Baptist Church was incorporated in DuPage County, Illinois, having withdrawn from the Southern Baptist Convention following a doctrinal dispute.

**Source: William D. Blake. ALMANAC OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.** Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987.

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### *Health tips from the Old Farmer's Almanac*

#### *Are you too skinny or just **right**?*

HERE'S AN EASY formula to figure your Body Mass Index (BMI), now thought to be a more accurate indicator of relative body size than the old insurance charts. W is your weight in pounds and H is your height in inches.

If the result is 25 or less, you are within a healthy weight range.

If it's 19 or below, you are too skinny.

Between 25 and 27, you are as much as 8 percent over your healthy weight.

Between 27 and 30, you are at increased risk for health problems.

Above 30, you are more than 20 percent over your healthy weight. It puts you at a dramatically increased risk for serious health problems.

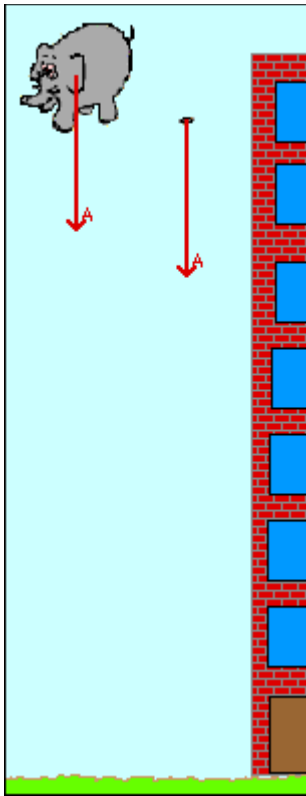
There are a couple of exceptions to the above. Very muscular people with a high BMI generally have nothing to worry about, and extreme skinniness is generally a symptom of some other health problem, not the cause.

Here's another way to see if you are dangerously overweight. Measure your waistline. A waist measurement of 35 inches or more in women and 41 inches or more in men, regardless of height, suggests a serious risk of weight-related health problems.

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$$\text{BMI} = \frac{(W \times 705) \div H}{H}$$
 ... a basic physics lesson here which compliments the previous article regarding weights.

### **Elephant and Feather - Air Resistance**



Suppose that an elephant and a feather are dropped off a very tall building from the same height at the same time. We will assume the realistic situation that both feather and elephant encounter air resistance. Which object - the elephant or the feather - will hit the ground first? The animation at the right accurately depicts this situation. The motion of the elephant and the feather in the presence of air resistance is shown. Further, the acceleration of each object is represented by a vector arrow.

Most people are not surprised by the fact that the elephant strikes the ground before the feather. But why does the elephant fall faster? This question is the source of much confusion (as well as a variety of misconceptions). Test your understanding by making an effort to identify the following statements as being either true or false.

The full explanation can be found at [The Physics Classroom](http://www.glenbrook.k12.il.us/gbssci/phys/mmedia/newtlaws/efar.html):  
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## Signs in the lights of the heavens?

For current biblical calendar information please see the articles [Calendar Info](#) and [Calendar of the Saints II](#).

Further reading of "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)" can also be seen at:  
<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

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## Scriptural reading [Excerpts from the article [Baptism by the Holy Spirit](#)]

### Rising to a life of Righteousness / Obedience

The next sign of a valid baptism is a **righteous life**. The believer has not merely stopped sinning (that statement merely tells us of what he does not do). But **he rises from the baptism to live a life of righteousness** (This statement tells of what he does do). The Spirit-baptised believer, in short, will stop sinning (Sign 1) and will go on to do righteous deeds (Sign 2). He will obey the Law of God. He has not only stopped breaking the Law of God, but has now started to obey it. In symbolic language righteousness (obedience) is referred to as **good fruit**. And that is why when John the Baptist saw that true righteousness was very often missing from the lives of those who came to him for baptism, he spoke these scathing words:

**Luke 3:7** *Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*

**8:** *Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance,...*

**9:** *And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

This man of God knew very well that if **righteousness** (right actions, good fruit) did not follow water baptism, then the whole symbolic exercise was invalidated and pointless. John was looking for good fruit - true repentance followed by obedience in the lives of those who came to him - and when he didn't find it his denunciations were voiced in no uncertain terms:

***"Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire."***

The Saviour expressed the same thought when he said:

**Matthew 7:15** *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

**16:** ***Ye shall know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*

**17:** *Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*

**18:** *A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*

**19:** ***Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.***

**20:** ***Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.***

In other words, a believer who is Baptised in the Holy Spirit will live a righteous life. He will be eager to **obey** the Law of the Most High. He will not merely stop sinning (**Sign 1**) but he will go on to produce good fruit by obeying Yahweh's Law (**Sign 2**).



*I want to know God's thoughts ... the rest are details.*

--Albert Einstein

---In light of our current [ongoing in 2003] widespread drought it would do us well to find a sense of humor in an otherwise parching matter.

*"Drought probably sums up the rancher's sense of humor about as well as anything. One time I was with a group of ranchers having coffee out in Fort Stockton, Texas, talking about the current drought, when a fellow from back East, visiting one of the ranchers, asked, 'Has this drought broke anyone around here yet?'"No,' one the local replied, 'but we're all bent pretty bad."*

If a dog's prayers were answered, bones would rain from the sky.

--Old Proverb

And lastly, this:



So how hot and dry can it get? Some responses gleaned from Texas folklore:

*\* It was so dry, the cows were giving evaporated milk.*

*\* It was so hot, we had to feed the chickens cracked ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.*

*\* It was so hot the birds had to use pot holders to pull the worms out of the ground.*

*\* It gets so dry in some parts of West Texas that citizens have to fasten stamps to letters with safety pins.*

*\* "The drought in Texas is so intense," a Kentucky newspaper wrote in 1886, "that potatoes are cooked in the ground, and all the people have to do is dig them up and eat them. Workmen carry salt in their pockets and don't have to go home to dinner."*

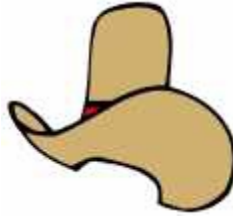
*\* And finally, a visitor to Texas once asked, "Does it ever rain out here?"*

*"Yes, it does," a rancher quickly answered. "Do you remember that part in the Bible when it rained for 40 days and 40 nights?"*

*"Yes, I'm familiar with Noah's flood," the visitor said.*

*"Well," the rancher puffed up, "we got two and a half inches during that spell."*





***Happy NM watching ya'll!***



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A friend in Christ,  
David W. Lacey

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