

Greetings friends!

June and July officially starts the summer season by Roman calendar reckoning. This translates into barbecue season for many - its a year round thing for most in the Western USA. This month we will share some summer fun and anecdotes with you about summer culinary practices of the sometimes far out Western backyard chef. But first, a monthly reminder for new moon **4** watch and some **must have DATA!**



The DATA!

NOTE: New moon seen the even before date shown in banner [top right].

June 30, 2003 at even [around 6:00 PM] is 29 days from the last new moon sighting. A new moon should be sighted in Jerusalem. The moon will be about 21 hours and 28 minutes old after conjunction with an illumination of around 1%.

My calculations show that there also will be a new moon here in the USA [Mountain Standard Time] on **June 30** at even. The moon will be about 1 day and 6 hours old after conjunction [our time] with an illumination of about 2%. I will send confirmation via email to those who are on my email list.

This will be the 4th chodesh [[Strong's 2320](#) - new moon] of the biblical calendar year. See **1 Samuel 20:5** for a biblical example of the use of the word "chodesh" actually translated into English for us as *new moon*.

The Calendar of the Saints [new moon chart](#) has a graph near the bottom showing the number and names of all the months and the expected beginning dates.



BBQ Quotes: *"Invite couples with children - everyone loves children - especially if they are cooked properly"* - WC Fields

New Moon watch for moon **4**, **Tammuz**, referred to as "*... the fourth month ...*" in **Jeremiah 39:2** but was never named in the Bible, is upon us! Yes, that's correct. There has been no name found in the scripture for this month, but Roman calendar month **6** was named June and the Jewish month named **Tammuz** - origins are as follows:



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 [Hera](#).

From "The History of Valentine's Day": In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor **Juno**. **Juno** was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the 'Feast of Lupercalia', which was a time to honor several other Gods and Goddesses. Mars, the god of war, was the son of Jupiter and **Juno**.

The Jewish month of Tammuz



Tammuz - a corruption of Dumuzi, the Accadian sun-god (the Adonis of the Greeks), the husband of the goddess Ishtar. In the Chaldean calendar there was a month set apart in honour of this god, the month of June to July, the beginning of the summer solstice. At this festival, which lasted six days, the worshippers, with loud lamentations, bewailed the funeral of the god, they sat "weeping for Tammuz" ([Eze 8:14](#)).

For a really interesting article regarding Baal and Istoreth and other variations on the topic of sun and earth worship see the article:

[BAAL: Pagan God of Fertility!](#)

BBQ Quotes: "Spare rib anyone?" - Adam

The Biblical Calendar Month 4

Strong's

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tammuz tam-mooz' - Of uncertain derivation; Tammuz, a Phoenician deity: - Tammuz.

4 Tamuz **Jeremiah 39:2** Name not in Bible

Harvest time in Israel:

Tamuz (Jun/Jul) **Wheat harvest completed** / first

figs

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

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

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

Traditional Birthstone - [Alexandrite](#)

Mystical Birthstone - [Moonstone](#)

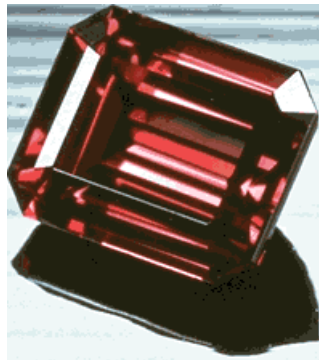
Ayurvedic Birthstone - [Pearl](#)

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

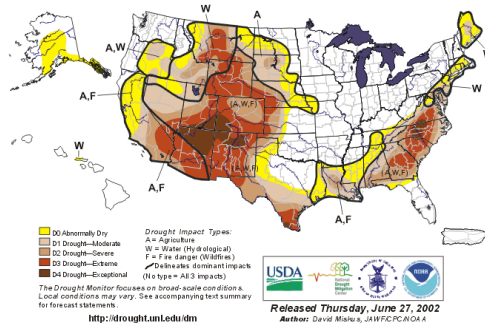


Red Rose

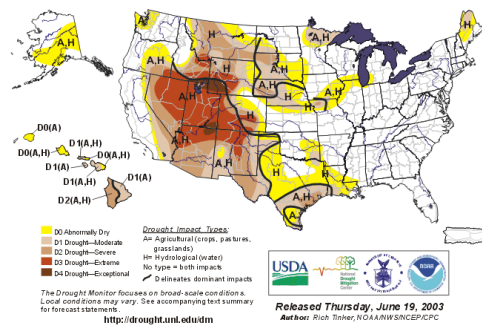
BBQ Quotes: *"It is a far, far better barbecue that I have now, than I have ever had before"*
- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities

Drought Info:

U.S. Drought Monitor June 25, 2002



U.S. Drought Monitor June 17, 2003



Information for your area may be found at: [Drought Monitor](#)



Some days it's just too hot to get anything done around here.

Holidays for June 30

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

Guatemala : Revolution Day (1871)

Lybia : Troop Withdrawl Day

Mongolia : Constitution Day

Rwanda & Burundi : Independence Day (1962)

Surinam : Lebaran, official holiday

Za9re : Independence Day (1960)

Iowa : Independence Sunday (1776) - - - - - (Sunday)

Religious Observances June 30

RC : Commemoration of St Paul

RC : Memorial of the 1st Martyrs of the See of Rome (opt)

Religious History June 30

1629 The settlers of Salem, Mass. appointed Samuel Skelton as their pastor, by ballot. Their church covenant, afterward composed by Skelton, established Salem as the first non-separating congregational Puritan Church in New England.

1780 Benjamin Randall organized a fellowship of churches known as Free Will Baptists in New Hampshire. It became one of the early branches of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, which was formed in 1935.

1909 In Rome, the Catholic Pontifical Biblical Commission issued a decree interpreting the first 11 chapters of Genesis as history, not myth.

1973 In Korea, the Far Eastern Broadcasting Co. began transmitting the Gospel from HLAZ, its first radio station in this country. FBEC is active today through radio missions outreach, and focuses its work among the islands of Eastern Asia and the Pacific.

1974 Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr., and a church deacon were slain by a crazed gunman in Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, where her son, the assassinated civil rights leader, once preached.

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BBQ Quotes: *"The larger the mass of food, the more energy it will take to cook. This energy input*

should be distributed over a larger time period or the surface of the food will receive a disproportionate amount of that energy" - Albert Einstein

A special insert from the **The Old Farmer's Almanac**

Shish Kebabs

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

This traditional way to prepare lamb is simple and simply wonderful, especially if you can cook it outside on a grill. Serve on or off the skewers with rice, a green salad, and pita bread that has been oiled, sprinkled with garlic, and toasted on a grill or in a toaster oven.

- 3 pounds leg of lamb or shoulder, cut in 1-1/2-inch cubes
- 1 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed rosemary
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 green bell pepper, cut in 1-1/2-inch squares
- 1 red bell pepper, cut in 1-1/2-inch squares
- 1 large onion, cut in 1-1/2-inch squares
- cherry tomatoes

Place the lamb in a large shallow baking dish. Combine the olive oil, lemon juice, rosemary, garlic, salt, and pepper. Pour over the lamb, cover, and marinate overnight in the refrigerator, turning once or twice. Just before serving, preheat the broiler or prepare a fire in the barbecue. Arrange the meat and vegetables on separate skewers. (The meat takes longer to cook than the vegetables do.) Broil or grill, turning and brushing with the marinade every few minutes. The meat will be done in about 10 minutes, the vegetables in 5 to 6 minutes. Serve at once.



Texas chuck wagon - BBQ

How Weather Effects Us

- Studies show that the most healthful conditions occur when the temperature is 64 degrees Fahrenheit and the humidity is 80 percent.
- Hot, dry winds exert a tremendous influence upon people often causing irritability and an increase in drunkenness.
- Lowell Thomas writing ... "People in this frozen corner of Siberia live longer than anywhere else" ...
- Four-fifths of the world's crops are produced on one-fifth of the earth's surface. The crops are at their best where the weather is stormy and changeable ...

The complete article is located at URL:

<http://www.almanac.com/tour.2001/weatheraffects.html>

Scriptural reading

Revelations 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

From the webmaster of "[To the Saints](#)"

Let us attempt to reach out and acknowledge, to share, to give or assist in service to the saints of the congregation(s), not so as to absolve the uniqueness of those congregations, but to help establish that unity of the Spirit of God which is from the same sacred and Holy rule which He gives as a gift to His seven churches and their members.

Matthew 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

About **BBQ** foods, "*To BBQ or not to BBQ, that is the question*" - William Shakespeare

Dietary Laws in Scripture

In this article we examine the subjects of **Vegetarianism** and the **dietary laws in Scripture**. Let me deal with vegetarianism first.

Vegetarianism

Millions of people do not eat meat for a variety of reasons:

- It is against their religion (Hinduism).
- Man's original diet according to Genesis 1:29 did not include meat.
- Meat from diseased animals can be a danger to one's health, and it is difficult to be sure that the meat bought in the market place is disease free.
- Meat is a major source of cholesterol, a fatty substance found in animal tissues, thought to cause hardening of the arteries.
- Meat is expensive and the money spent on it could more profitably be spent on fruit and vegetables.
- Meat is difficult to digest etc.

There are other reasons, but these are amongst the main ones. ... However, there are certain meats which **Yahweh, the Almighty God of Israel** has forbidden His followers to eat. This is discussed later. Our observations concerning vegetarianism are as follows.

- The Scriptures do **not** forbid believers from eating **clean meats** (from animals that chew the cud and have the cloven hoof, or fish that have scales and fins).
- Most Israelites in Bible times (the prophets, patriarchs, apostles and the Saviour) ate meat. The Bible has scores of texts to prove this point. See John 21:13 where the record states that the Messiah even ate fish after His resurrection. Yahweh - as stated - has not forbidden His people from eating meat. He even symbolically talks of giving us "*a feast of fat things full of marrow*" (the choicest parts of a meat dish) at the great spiritual banquet still to be held in the future (Isaiah 25:6-8).
- Most of the offerings made to the Most High on His Sabbaths were meat offerings, of which the priests partook (Leviticus chapters 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14 and Numbers chapters 28 and 29). Those animal sacrifices represented Yahweh's Son the Messiah whose "**flesh**" we believers symbolically partake of at each communion service. (John 6:53-56)
- Meat is also a symbol of the advanced doctrines of Yahweh; whereas the eating of vegetables is likened to a spiritual babe's diet. (Hebrews 5:2-14, Romans 14:1-13)
- Vegetarianism as a spiritual requirement originated in heathen India, where multiplied millions are strict vegetarians. We note that even after thousands of years of vegetarianism there is no evidence that Indians are any healthier than other nations. Their neighbours the meat-eating Moslems of Pakistan, for example, live just as long as the vegetarian Hindus of India: and both countries have the same climate. The Indians are no healthier, stronger or long-lived than their Moslem neighbours. Neither do Indians excel in sport when competing in the Olympic Games.
- Forbidding a believer to '*marry*' or '*eat meat*' is a deception of Satan's. In his letter to Timothy the apostle Paul calls this practice "***a doctrine of demons.***"

1 Timothy 4: *1: Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**
 2: Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
 3: **Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats,** which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

Students of the Bible know to make it a point of duty not to go beyond the authority of the Scriptures. You will see from the above arguments that a believer in Yahweh is allowed to eat **clean**

meats; and no one should judge him/her - least of all a vegetarian.

Romans 14: 3: *For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not, and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for Yahweh hath received him.*

Conclusion

- Vegetarianism is not taught in the Scriptures. It may or may not have advantages: most certainly they are not evident in vegetarian nations such as India. Indians are no healthier or long-lived than other nations.
- According to the Scriptures, believers are allowed to eat the flesh (**but not the blood or the fat**) of clean animals: **animals that chew the cud and are cloven footed**. Clean animals include cattle, sheep, goats and deer. Animals such as the pig, the horse, the rabbit, the mouse and the snake are unclean. They do not have those two qualifying points. **Fish which have scales and fins are clean**. Shell fish are unclean. Birds of prey are unclean. See Leviticus 11 for further details.
- When an unbeliever, of whatever race, accepts the Saviour and is washed in his cleansing blood, he/she then becomes clean and is henceforth acceptable to **Yahweh the Almighty God of Israel**. Cornelius the Gentile became a believer, and was cleansed through his faith in the Saviour's blood. Cornelius became clean and was acceptable to the Most High. That was the lesson God was teaching Peter in the experience recorded in Acts 10. In no way was the Almighty reversing His law regarding clean and unclean animals.
- **Unclean animals are still unclean**. Dogs, cats, pigs, rabbits, rats and mice have not been cleansed. They are still unclean animals: and eating their flesh will bring down judgement on the eater.

The above excerpts are from the article by Stewarton Bible School URL: [Dietary Laws](#)



BBQ Quotes: *"Strong the sauce in this one truly is" - Yoda*

Barbecue Humor

My barbecue this year really has a great charred, smokey taste. I'm using the wood from my deck that burned down last year.

Rare ... medium ... well done..... I've got all three types of burns on my hands from barbecuing this weekend.

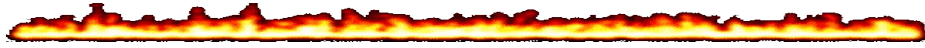
The key to good barbecuing is having a sauce that can cover up your mistakes.

I love to barbecue. Last night I barbecued a chicken, a basting brush, and two Betty

Crocker oven mittens.

I barbecued last weekend, but it wasn't such a big deal. Only two alarms.

I look at barbecuing as a challenge. Me, I want to char where no man has charred before.



BBQ Quotes: "*It is better to have burnt and lost, then never to have barbecued at all*" - William Shakespeare

And lastly, this [from last years chodesh 4 report].



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YHWH, The Almighty God of Israel Is With Us!

See also:

The **Stewarton Bible School** web page: <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/>
A Voice in the Wilderness web page: <http://www.avoicethewilderness.org/>
MatanYah Learning Centre, South Africa: <http://mercury.spaceports.com/~matanyah/index>

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