

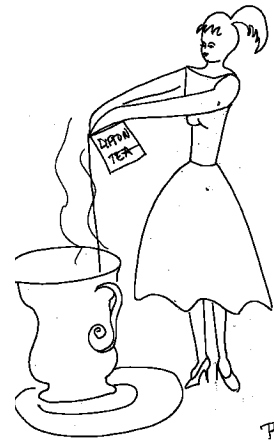
stay up all night to sew it back together by hand. I needed the dress for a scapular ceremony at school the next morning. It was one time my Mom couldn't find it in her heart to yell at her pure little angel. I'm sure it was a right of passage she never forgot. I haven't.
– Eva Marie Vargo

Thanks to them all

Think of your family and all those friends, who partake in your celebrations year after year. They never miss one chance to help support you, to make your passage more significant, to let you know how special you are and how significant your stay on this earth truly is. Rites of passage are not only about achievements, they are about those whose lives you impact as a result. They serve as a reminder of your responsibility to those around you- those who love you, those who live life with you, those who inspire you to be the best you can be. Rights of passage feed our spirits, making them richer and deeper, and make our lives richer and deeper as well.

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Rites of Passage



Thanks for joining us.

Tea Time Dais is an emanation of the Salon, a cultural oasis in post WWI France, where visionaries gathered to share thoughts and expand horizons.

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Rites of Passage

Points to Ponder

“Rituals and ceremonies feed our spirits, making them richer and deeper. Modern culture tends to down play the importance of the rites of passage that mark our transition from one life stage to another, but they are as important as ever . . .” --Zaratyst

Rites of Passage celebrate important times in our lives. Many such as birth, marriage, and death are commonly recognized, but others are unique to our various cultures.

As long as people marry, bear children, age, and die, they will commemorate life changes in rites of passage. The rituals themselves may change dramatically over time, but they continue to address needs that have endured for as long as sixty thousand years. Ritual objects validate the ceremonies, and are tangible reminders of who we have been, who we are and who we may be.

June Rites of Passage

In the United States, the month of June is popular for graduations, Father’s Day, and a favorite for nuptials. Each one of these is a celebration - a rite of passage.

Graduation

Considered by some as an extreme, a kindergarten graduation is still an opportunity for the kindergarten to be introduced to the graduation rite of passage. The mortar board, gown and diploma become a symbol of accomplishment. The accomplishment is held high and celebrated joyfully by the family, friends, the school, the community. With each graduation, grade school, high school, and university, the accomplishment becomes more significant . . . the rite of passage more honored, more distinguished.

Father’s Day

One of the most significant rites of passage is fatherhood. From the moment a man sees his first child come into the world, he is faced with the responsibility of nurturing, loving and raising a child that will be a reflection of himself. We as the offspring honor him especially on the third Sunday of June. We let him know what an influence he has been in our lives. We search for just the card, just the right gift, just the right words to show our appreciation and let him know how important his status of father is in our lives.

Nuptials

The ritual union of two people as they venture forth into a new life together is a most popular occurrence in the month of June. The June wedding . . . the June bride has become a cultural cliché. This does not, however, take away from the seriousness and significance of marriage as family and friends get together to celebrate, to enjoy and to witness this rite of passage.

Throughout our lives, we experience rites of passage. We get together with family and friends to celebrate births, birthdays, anniversaries, christenings, bar mitzvahs, communions, confirmations, graduations, promotions, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, nuptials, retirements, just to name a few. All these rights of passage have a common thread. They are all occasions when we get together with family and friends to celebrate, to enjoy, to reflect, to project, to congratulate, to give best wishes to those we honor for their achievements and for what they will bring to life in the future.

Memories

During our tea today, take a moment to reflect on one of your own rites of passage and then share it with us. What is the first thing that comes to your mind? Is it humorous? Is it something someone said? Is it something someone did? Feel free to share an interesting humorous memory with us.

At my First Holy Communion party at the park, I decided to play hide n’seek in the bushes in my beautiful white lace dress. Imagine my surprise and horror when a branch caught on to the skirt and ripped it from top to bottom. It may seem funny now, but I’m sure my Mom didn’t find it so funny, having to