

## BE LIKE THE MOON

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In a world where a lot of depressing events are continuously unfolding, it's much easier to flee than to stay and endure. When the negatives already outweigh the positives in our lives, it always seems that the easier option is giving up.

During the miserable times, people around us lurk around whispering to us the things they think we should do. Sometimes we blindly follow only to find out that we are only pushed deeper into the darkness. At other times, we fight their ideas believing that we know better. We exhibit a kind of confidence that emerges out of fear hoping that other people are wrong about their notions of us.

When these times come, remember the moon and be like it. The moon goes through phases of light and dark. Likewise, success and disappointment are part of our lives. It is a cycle that we must go through at least once in our lives. Sometimes, others don't see our brightness during the process, but it doesn't mean that we aren't whole anymore, because like the moon, we still are. Our light from within should remain no matter how dark this world would be. Our light should shine the brightest during the darkest days.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us the value of shedding light on others by sharing what we have to other people, lending a helping hand during difficult times, and just by being there when they need us. We don't need to be affluent to uplift others because money is not everything to everyone. Most people value the presence of their loved ones more than the abundance of wealth. That is the greatest realization that the pandemic has enlightened us with.

In the education sector, we, teachers, are the main frontliners. If we will choose to give up and flee, what will happen to our youth who hope to continue learning despite the limitations of today? What would happen to our country that longs for a future with responsible leaders and citizens? So, let's not surrender. Let's be like the moon.

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