

And yes I am also indebted to my Mom who lived to be 101 years of age... Monique and I played poker with her each time we visited her at the nursing home... A day before she died she called me over and whispered your lucky I'm to sick to play poker you still owe me 2 dollars and 25 cents... My Mom grew up in Puerto Rico with 4 brothers and an older sister who left Puerto Rico to live in the States ... My Moms Brown Mother, my Brown Grandmother migrated to Puerto Rico from Southern Spain, the Brown-Man who would become her husband and become my Moms Father, and my Grandfather journeyed to Puerto Rico from Mexico where he was born and raised he and my Grandmother loved horses married and built up a horse farm on one of the Conejo islands off the Puerto Rican mainland...

My Mom like her Mom and Dad was very religious... When I was about ten years old and an Alter-Boy I asked My Mom about GOD She would tell me "You can only Know GOD by Searching for GOD, and YES I am still searching... I Thank my beautifully Brown Mother and my Brown Step-Father who taught me how to play his favorite sport, base ball and My Mom who taught me how to read and write in Spanish and English and how to dance the Puerto Rican Mereñe and a Mexican Posse Doble...

I thank my Sister who as a child studied classical Ballet I would listen to the Latino and Classical Music she always practiced to at home... My Step-Father used to call Classical Ballet and Classical Music Puerto Rican High Culture...

I Thank my 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher Mrs. Bloomenthal who took our class on virtual tours with images from books to The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Natural History and the Planetarium... That's when I decided I would some day be an Architect and build a Museum I called that Museum El Museo del Barrio... I merged all of the virtual tours Mrs Bloomenthal took our class on... I decided that I would also definitely be an Artist, and that I would also definitely be a Yaqui, like my Great Grandmother, I also decided I would definitely be an Astronomer like the Mayans and yes I will be a Teacher like Mrs. Bloomenthal...

I have studied and studied and practiced and practiced to be all those personas I am an Artist, I am in Spirit a Yaqui, like a Mayan Astronomer I search the heavens for clues that will reveal GOD to