

your children where a dream you hold in your heart will be brought to fruition in the physical sense.

**Q** Some weeks ago while walking home one night I came across a black cat. The cat was wearing a collar, so I presumed it was just a neighbourhood cat, and not a mysterious cat. As I continued along the footpath, I heard it meow. I approached it and patted it for a few moments, and noticed it was quite thin. The cat circled me and began to follow me for a while, then it remained in its local area. I have thought about this quite a bit. Although the cat was black I'm not suggesting it was supernatural, I just mention it in case it has significance. To me it was unusual for the cat to allow me to approach it so easily, as I believe most cats are wary of strangers, but this cat welcomed me. Do you have any insight regarding this matter, as I am unclear of the lesson/message? *Tav, via email*

**A** It is a false assumption that cats are solitary animals that shun contact with humans. On the contrary, most cats will approach humans readily, so long as the animal feels an acceptance and respect within the individual. Cats are highly aware creatures and can tell immediately if they will be received well or not by strangers, and as a result will often avoid contact if there is the slightest hint of rejection. Cats, particularly black cats, can be invoked as a powerful form of protection on the sexual level, as cats are often referred to as "pussycats", making them the designated guardians of the sexual region and the root chakra. When Cat makes an unexpected visit, ask yourself if you have sexual issues that need to be healed, or are you tempting fate with an unwanted pregnancy?

**Q** I have been learning about the Craft over the past two years, but last year I became more active in my learning and it was around this time that I began to see bird feathers everywhere, and in some strange places around my home. I also noticed that certain birds, especially currawongs, constantly surround me. I would have just brushed that aside in the past, but I now dream a lot more about birds, bats and snakes. I would like to know more about Australian animal guides and their meanings, especially the currawong. With all these birds and animals around me, does it mean that my spiritual journey is more shamanic? *Nina, NSW.*

**A** Earth-based religions like Wicca and shamanism teach that Mother Nature leaves signs for those of us who still look to her as our teacher, healer, protector and counsellor. Looking to the feathers as a portent of Spirit wanting to reassure, inspire and guide us suggests that you are keen to remember the ancient art of 'listening with your eyes'. Finding a feather is a reminder to strive for greater things, higher levels of consciousness and awareness, and the ability to raise above all known obstacles be they emotional, spiritual or physical. Currawong medicine helps us to weed out the soul rubbish from our past – to cut out the spiritual dead wood and to cull the weaker sides of our personality, while bats speak of spiritual rebirth, and snakes hint at the need for transmutation, healing and change. Shamanism is one of the only spiritual paths that offer the medicine of the animals as a source for wisdom and knowledge through its core understanding of totems and power animals, but that is not to say that you cannot incorporate them into any other path that you may choose to explore.



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