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Hummingbird is associated with the Ghost Shirt religion, which taught that a certain dance done properly would bring about the return of the animals, and that the white people would disappear; the Indian race would be restored and a regenerated Earth would come into being where the pristine conditions of life would prevail... a message of salvation. Once again the Original People would know the joy of the old ways. In Mayan teachings, Hummingbird is connected to the Black Sun and the Fifth World. (We are now in the Fourth World, moving into the Fifth World of peace, healing, and transformation. The end of this the Fourth World is a time of great transformation and change, of what some say is the coming of the Black Sun.)

The song of Hummingbird awakens the medicine flowers. Hummer sings a vibration of pure joy. Flowers love Hummingbird because nectar-sucking brings about the reproduction of their families. Plants flower and live because of Hummingbird.

Hummingbird can fly in any direction. Hummingbird can also hover in one spot and appear to be motionless. Great Spirit created Hummingbird to be slightly different from other feathered creatures.

Because of their magical qualities, Hummingbird feathers have been used for millennium in the making of love charms. It is said that Hummingbird conjures love as no other medicine does, and that Hummingbird feathers open the heart chakra. Without an open and loving heart, you can never taste the nectar and pure bliss of life. To Brother and Sister Hummingbird, life is a wonderland of delight - darting from one beautiful flower to another, tasting the essences and radiating the colors.

If Hummingbird is your personal medicine, you love life and its joys. (Do you take the time to manifest this joy in your life?) Your presence brings joy to others. You join people together in relationships which bring out the best in them. You know instinctively where beauty abides and, near or far, you journey to your ideal. You move comfortably within a beautiful environment and help others taste the succulent nectar of life.

Hummingbird holds the Bow of Beauty which is delicately inlaid with gold and silver flowers, pearls, and precious jewels. Hummingbird disdains ugliness or harshness, and quickly flies away from discord or disharmony.

If Hummingbird has flown into your cards, get ready to laugh musically and enjoy Creator's many gifts. Drop your judgmental attitude and relax. Hummingbird will not doubt give you a flash of the spirit, darting here, there, and everywhere. Get ready for a strange new burst of energy which may send your senses reeling.

Hummingbird hears celestial music and is in harmony with it. Hummingbird may invite you to an art museum or a concert. Hummingbird energetically embraces the highest aesthetics.

Never be coarse in front of Hummingbird, for this is a fragile Medicine which may have no understanding of worldly affairs. Beauty is the target, and its mission is to spread joy or to be destroyed. It quickly dies if caught or imprisoned.

Follow Sister Hummingbird. Be filled with joy and experience the majik of living.

Contrary

If contrary Hummingbird is in your cards in any configuration, it speaks to you of matters of the heart. How or why has your heart center been closed? Have you done something callous to another, causing them to shut off the love they once felt for you? The contrary Hummingbird may presage sorrow and the inability to see the many blessings we two-leggeds have been given and the primordial beauty that surrounds us. If contrary Hummingbird sings its forlorn song, perhaps you should journey into your personal pain and know that your sorrow is your joy in another reflection.

Overview

The hummingbird is a magnificent little creature that, unlike any other bird, can fly in any direction and even hover. Its long beak enables it to draw succulent nectar from every variety of flower. Its movement from one flower to another is a dance of delight, and its singing is a melody of ecstasy.

In American Indian folk stories, the hummingbird is associated with love and joy. Its appearance as a power animal is indicative of the sheer delight of living, and of living the bliss of loving. It implies an ability to see beauty in everything and it is concerned with bringing out the best in people and the good in every situation.

Hummingbird embraces the highest principles and brings the majik of the spiritual realm into earth activities. Hummingbird can help you make the progress of living a Dance of Beauty. Dance in beauty.

Embrace what makes you happy. Be joyful. Count your blessings. Open yourself to pleasure.

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