

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK for September

NEW BEGINNINGS

September is the time of year for new beginnings. We associate this month with new classes, new classrooms and new lessons.

My husband and I had a bat incident at our cabin in July. During the night, we could feel it flying over our faces. So, we arose and the bat flew with us to the living room where I opened the sliding glass door and screen. We didn't see it exit but it soon was gone. I decided to look up the meaning of the Bat Totem. Bat Medicine is the ritual death of the shaman to his/her old ways of life and personal identity. It means to break down all the former notions of self. This ritual death brings the right to heal and to be called Shaman or Wise Woman/Man. Most of these rituals are brutally hard on the body, mind and spirit; you must be a person who can take the abuse and come through it with your balance intact. Every emotional button is pushed hard.

If you are being challenged with Bat Medicine and having a difficult time this September, hang in there!! Upside down if need be!! You will be experiencing new beginnings and healing in the days and weeks ahead.

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