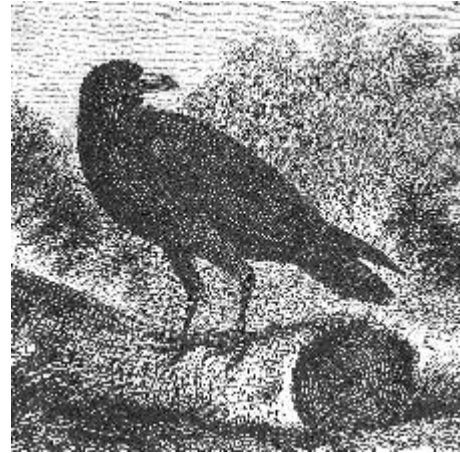


Raven & Crow



Since man's earliest history the Raven and Crow have held a high and honored position in our mythology and spirituality.

The Norse God Odin had two ravens, "Thought" and "Memory", which he would send to fly around the world each day so they could report back to him events as they unfolded.

Native American tradition holds the Raven~Crow as the courier of energy flow that brings about change and creates new realities. Being black, they are associated with the "great void" from which all energy flows.

Northwest coastal tribes believed Raven was the Creator of the Heavens, Earth and Sea. It was he who brought forth the light and lifted us out of the darkness. He was very wise but he was also known to be a "trickster".

For Southwestern Native Americans he was their "Storyteller". Passing down knowledge and wisdom from generation to generation through myths, stories and parables. Listeners beware! One could never be sure if the story told was a simple truth or perhaps held some more mischievous lesson....

Aesop's "The Crow and the Pitcher" illustrates Crow's intelligence and how "necessity is the mother of invention".

Ravens and Crows are considered to be the most intelligent of the birds, and they are known for "collecting" bright, shiny or colorful objects to decorate their nests.

For me they represent the "scavenger" or "gatherer" of my found objects from the past and they are a "messenger" of the many mysteries that we call spirituality.

The key Raven~Crow holds symbolizes the opening of doors and the welcoming of positive change into our lives.

When Raven~Crow is perched on a ball he serves as a representation of living in balance.

If he is perched on a heart, it is to help us remember that which is most important in our lives.

Raven~Crow sometimes holds a pair of dice to symbolize chance or fate.

The egg relates to new beginnings, to potential and to family and ancestry.

If he holds an old watch it is to remind us of our place in the universe and to live in the moment.

Raven~Crow uses a compass to help us find our way or to give us direction.