

offering individual strengths and sacred wisdom that promises to enhance the ways of our world.

We are encouraged by Spider to explore life, to investigate all the strands on offer and to make the most of them. Some strands offer reward and others do not. As we journey the positive strands, all is hearty

and life is good. We are nourished and our path seems abundant. A 'wrong' turn, however, leads us along a strand that offers nothing. Life becomes difficult, our attempts to free ourselves are fruitless. The Web of

Life is riddled with pit-falls, but it also promises greatness to those who are prepared to take risks and work hard. Spider is the Dream Weaver. She helps us to explore life, and to reweave our web when our path becomes barren. She helps us to reclaim our power and to bring our dreams to fruition. She warns, however, that in order to open new doors, we must first close old ones. We must face all our fears and make choices that will herald new beginnings.

Snake speaks of the need to heal, to address issues that hold us in a place of darkness, and to shed outworn modes of thinking, values and beliefs. Green Snake, however, represents a higher level of learning and a healing that transcends the mundane. Green Snake is the totem of Raphael, one of the seven archangels and emissary of the Sun (the ultimate symbol of new beginnings). Raphael is an angel of healing, science and knowledge. Head of the guardian angels and chief of the angelic orders of virtues, Raphael's name literally means "God has healed".

Animals that inspire fear, like your Green Snake did in your dream, suggest aspects of ourselves which we would rather suppress or ignore. They represent our 'shadow side', the darker, secret facets of who we are. It is my belief that something you have long feared or something you have suppressed for years is calling for your attention. You must address some

aspect of yourself that is holding you in a place of darkness, a place that hinders your growth, sense of freedom and your ability to make choices. You need to destroy your old web by healing your past, so that you may reweave your destiny and bring your dreams to fruition. The Green Snake is saying that you have not been forsaken or overlooked by Spirit, that you have been blessed and touched by God. You are being looked after. You are protected and you will heal. Raphael has paid you a visit, and no matter what your spiritual belief, you are being guided by a higher force. And the best time to start your path of healing is now!

The Spiders nesting in your bedroom window are offering a 'window of opportunity'. If you look closely, you may find a white ball – an egg sac offering the promise of new life. If not, the web should be seen as a very real dream catcher, woven for you personally by the Spider.

SYMBOLIC RELATIONSHIP

The other night I had a disturbing dream about a beetle. It was an average lawn beetle which my friend in the dream had contained in a jar. She let it out and it flew to our right. We were on a jetty on a dark beach and as it flew away my old cat, which disappeared years ago, ran to chase it and began to drown. I had to jump in and resuscitate my cat. I succeeded but I distrusted that beetle in my dream and felt that there was something sinister about it, as it caused my cat's near death experience. This cat has featured in my dreams before. It was a favourite of mine but I never thought it would keep popping up in my dreams. I have a cat at the moment and have considered myself "over" the disappearance of this other cat years ago. What does it all mean? Why do I feel the need to save this cat?

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Cats are universally referred to as "pussy cats" – an obviously crass, yet archaic reference that directly links this animal to the feminine fertility, or yoni, symbol and its emblematic connection to female creativity, the birth canal and the womb.

In a dream, Cat can symbolise those that have known you on this deeply personal level. Cat can suggest a sexual connection once held sacred with another person.

The Cat in your dream could be suggesting, therefore, a previous lover, an ex-spouse or partner, and the possible reconnection to this person on a personal level – the resuscitation of a past relationship that may have died an overwhelmingly emotional death, symbolised by the drowning.

Beetles represent rebirth or a new beginning that comes after some shake up, ending or symbolic death. Beetle can be seen as an omen suggesting misunderstanding, or that life has been affected inappropriately by a misleading tale, a lie or unfounded gossip. Someone gruff and seemingly unapproachable may in fact be a gentle, overly emotional soul, for example. Or, a situation that apparently offers no joy or enlightenment may turn out to be a blessing in disguise on closer examination.

Whatever the circumstance, Beetle often suggests that unjust assumption has led to misunderstanding, or that some deeper consideration is needed. You need to reconsider some aspect of your life where your decisions may have been made too quickly, or in a rash manner, and in doing so you will need to trust your feelings, favouring what your heart says in contrast to what your head tells you.

It is my belief that you are going to recoup a relationship with an ex or an old friend, a relationship that you have been mourning and have always felt was left incomplete; a relationship that was never resolved. I feel that the relationship was ended due to gossip or some misunderstanding, and that you need to look at what it represented from a different perspective and reconsider your motives for bringing closure to the relationship.

To dream of witnessing someone drowning, and to see yourself going to their rescue, is to realise some assistance that you can offer a friend in the form of a leg up that affords them a higher plane of awareness. In doing so, such a dream also signifies much happiness coming to you as a reward for your selfless actions. ☸

