



As I rounded the corner on the windy country road, I was awe struck by the huge luminescent full moon. Then I saw them. It was as if the moon wished to put a spot light on the two small figures scurrying across the road in front of me. I slowed down to see an adult raccoon and her baby a few feet behind her. She got to the other side of the road and paused turning to watch for her youngster making sure she got across safely. As I got closer the mother raccoon and her kit lingered making eye contact with me. I could feel her appreciation for my slowing down. I shared my appreciation for the encounter. The experience not only felt like a sacred exchange, but also a magical one.

For me such encounters bring me messages or reminders of something I may need to look at that point in my life. A major aspect of raccoon medicine is about the use and wearing of masks. Most of us have heard the phrase, wearing different hats. The same could be said about masks. There are times when we need to wear a different mask for different situations. Perhaps we wear one mask when we are at work and another when we are at home.

As I drove off I wondered what the significance was of the mother and the youngster. To me this would represent something that is mature in my life and something that I am growing. I let this sit until I grew an understanding of the message offered. What a beautiful unfolding and reminder that we only need to be aware and open.

In Kinship,  
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