



Biblical Approach to Interpreting Dreams & Visions

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Dreams

Acts 2:17 “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, *your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*”



Power of Dreams and Visions

Dreams are an important aspect of the Bible, and many Christians believe that God can speak to us through them.

However, interpreting dreams can be a complex and often misunderstood process.

In this teaching guide, we will explore a Biblical approach to interpreting dreams, drawing on the wisdom of early church fathers, the Bible, and current teachers.



Early Church Fathers

The early church fathers were very interested in dreams. They believed that dreams could be a source of divine revelation, and they often interpreted dreams in their writings. Some of the most famous early church fathers who wrote about dreams include:

Origen was a third-century theologian who believed that dreams could be a way for God to communicate with people. He wrote a book called ***On the Interpretation of Dreams*** in which he discussed the different types of dreams and how to interpret them.

Augustine was a fourth-century bishop who **also believed that dreams could be a source of divine revelation**. He wrote a book called *Confessions* in which he described his own dream experiences.

Jerome was a fifth-century monk who translated the Bible into Latin. **He wrote a book called *On the Interpretation of Hebrew Names* in which he discussed the symbolism of names in dreams.**



Old Testament – Joseph!

- Joseph dreams of his brothers bowing down to him (Genesis 37:5-10)
- Pharaoh dreams of seven fat cows and seven thin cows (Genesis 41:1-7)
- Pharaoh dreams of seven good ears of grain and seven bad ears of grain (Genesis 41:22-36)
- Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams (Genesis 41:37-57)





Jacob's dream of the ladder

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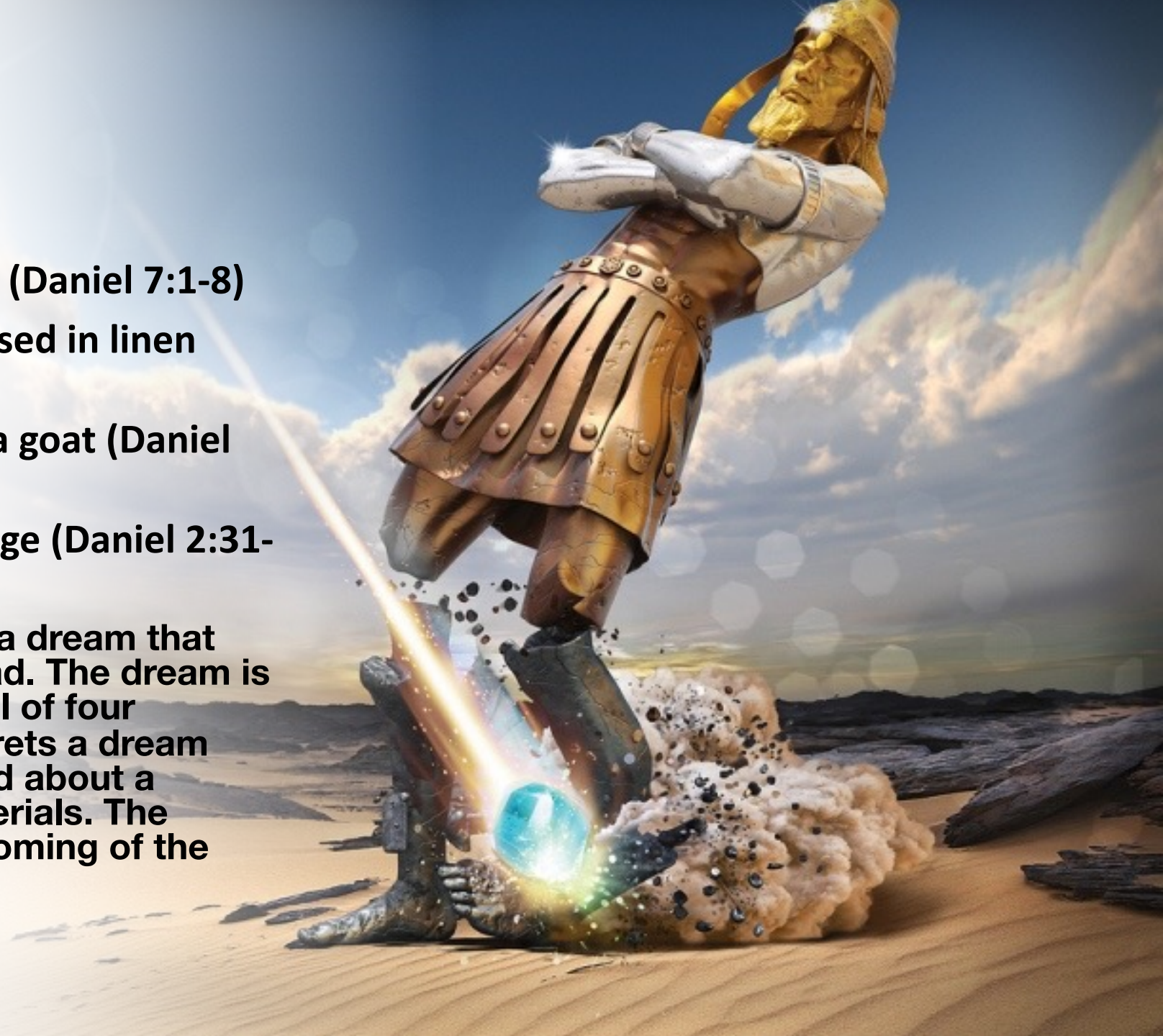
In Genesis 28, Jacob has a dream in which he sees a ladder reaching up to heaven. Angels are ascending and descending on the ladder, and God speaks to Jacob from above the ladder. This dream is a sign of God's covenant with Jacob and his descendants.



- Gideon dreams of a fleece (Judges 6:11-14)
- Manoah dreams of an angel (Judges 13:3-9)
- Samuel dreams that God is calling him (1 Samuel 3:1-10)
- David dreams that God has forgiven him (2 Samuel 12:13)
- Solomon dreams that God will give him wisdom (1 Kings 3:5-15)

Daniel

- Daniel dreams of four beasts (Daniel 7:1-8)
- Daniel dreams of a man dressed in linen (Daniel 10:4-10)
- Daniel dreams of a ram and a goat (Daniel 8:1-14)
- Daniel dreams of a great image (Daniel 2:31-45)
- In Daniel 2, Daniel interprets a dream that King Nebuchadnezzar has had. The dream is a prophecy of the rise and fall of four kingdoms. Daniel also interprets a dream that Nebuchadnezzar has had about a statue made of different materials. The dream is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah.





Joseph and Mary

- Joseph, the husband of Mary, dreams that an angel tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife (Matthew 1:18-25)
- Joseph, the husband of Mary, dreams that an angel tells him to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus (Matthew 2:13-15)

Dreams and visions were a common way for God to communicate with people in the Bible. They were often used to reveal God's plan for the future, to give guidance, or to warn people of danger.



Habakkuk

Habakkuk 1:17 - 2:4 (KJV) 1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will **watch to see what he will say unto me**, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.**

3 **For the vision is yet for an appointed time**, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.



John Paul Jackson's book "Understanding Dreams and Visions"

- The Types of Dreams and Visions:
 - Prophetic dreams and visions
 - Guidance dreams and visions
 - Warning dreams and visions
 - Comforting dreams and visions

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How to Interpret Dreams and Visions

Principles for interpreting dreams and visions

Common symbols in dreams and visions

Responding to Dreams and Visions

What to do with your dreams and visions

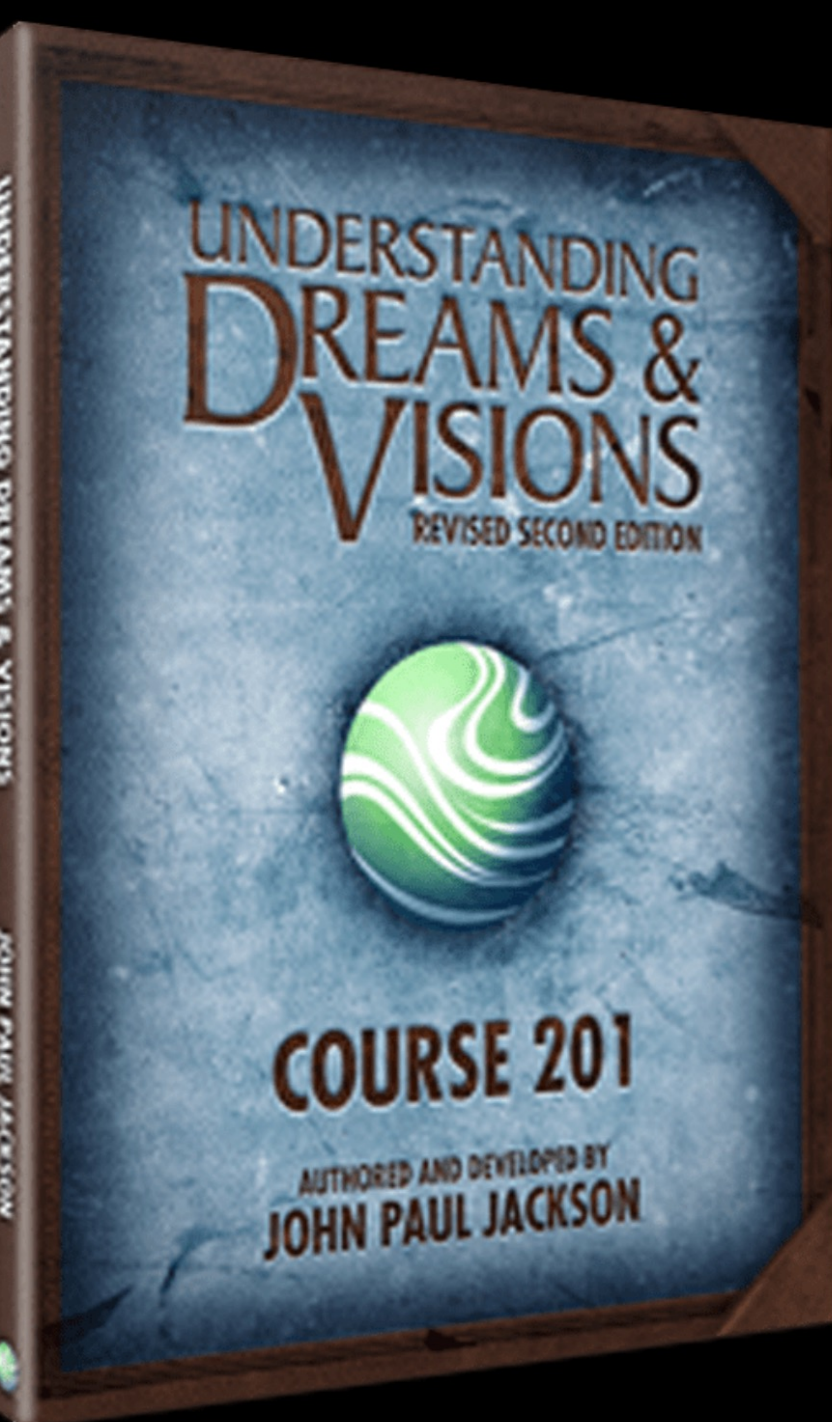
How to pray about your dreams and visions

Conclusion

The power of dreams and visions

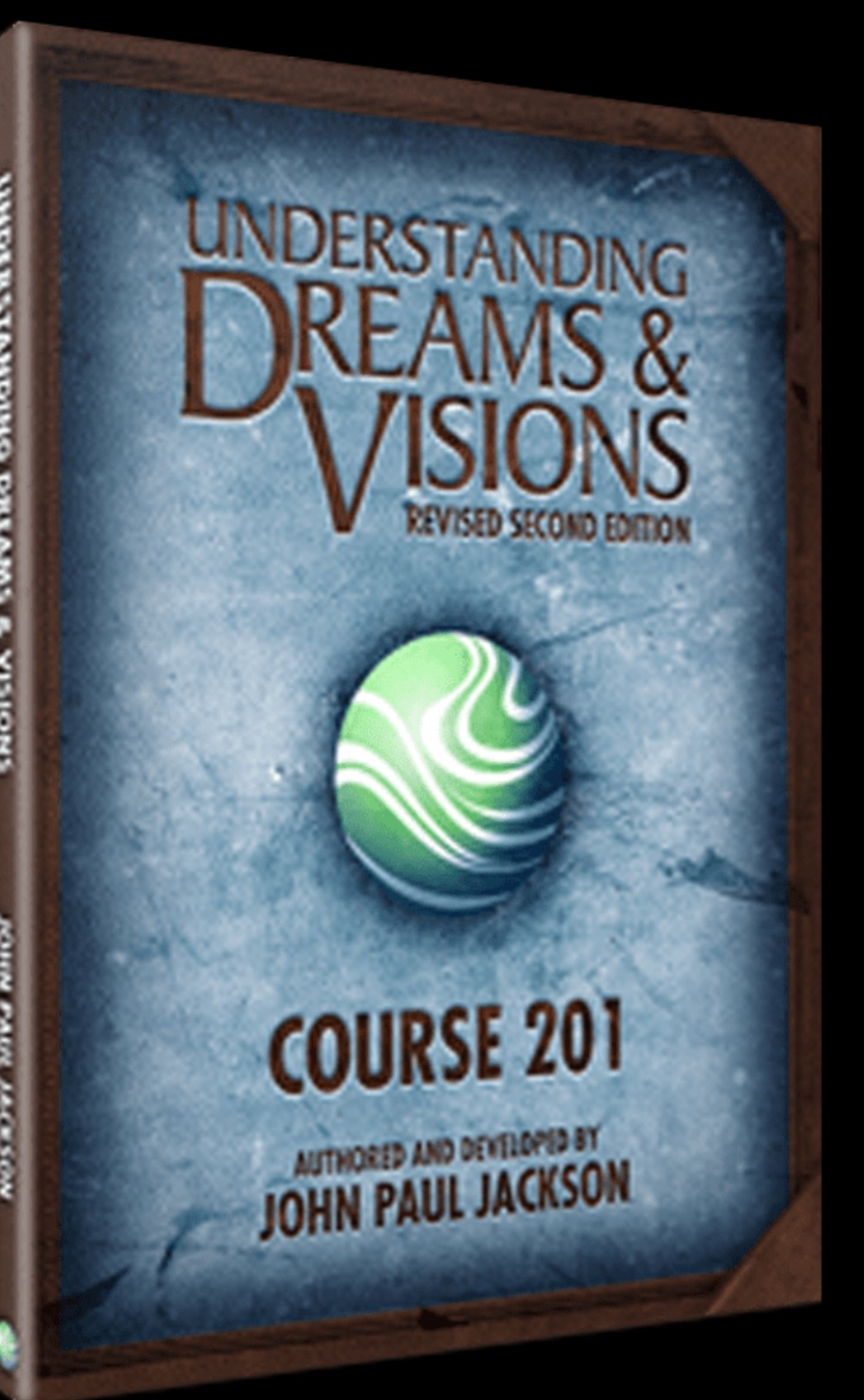
How to use dreams and visions to grow in your relationship with God

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1. Warning Dreams: These dreams alert us to potential danger or harm in our lives.
2. Direction Dreams: These dreams provide guidance or direction for our lives.
3. Prophetic Dreams: These dreams reveal future events or situations.
4. Processing Dreams: These dreams help us process and deal with emotions or experiences from our waking lives.
5. Healing Dreams: These dreams offer physical or emotional healing.
6. Teaching Dreams: These dreams provide us with insight or understanding about a particular topic or situation.
7. Calling Dreams: These dreams reveal our life's purpose or calling.
8. Ministry Dreams: These dreams involve ministering to others or receiving ministry from others.
9. Creativity Dreams: These dreams inspire creativity and new ideas.
10. Problem-Solving Dreams: These dreams provide solutions to problems or challenges we are facing.



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11. Relationship Dreams: These dreams offer insight into our relationships with others.
12. Symbolic Dreams: These dreams use symbols to convey a message or meaning.
13. Recurring Dreams: These dreams recur repeatedly over a period of time.
14. Epic Dreams: These dreams are long and detailed, often telling a complex story.
15. False Dreams: These dreams come from sources other than God, such as our own desires or fears.
16. Nightmares: These dreams are scary or disturbing and often involve danger or harm.
17. Lucid Dreams: These dreams involve a level of consciousness in which we can control or direct the dream.
18. Mystical Dreams: These dreams involve experiences of the supernatural or divine.
19. Epic Dreams: These dreams are long and detailed, often telling a complex story.
20. Visions: These dreams are vivid and detailed, often involving supernatural or prophetic experiences.

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The Biblical Model of
DREAM
INTERPRETATION

Avoiding the Pitfalls of
Soulish Methodology

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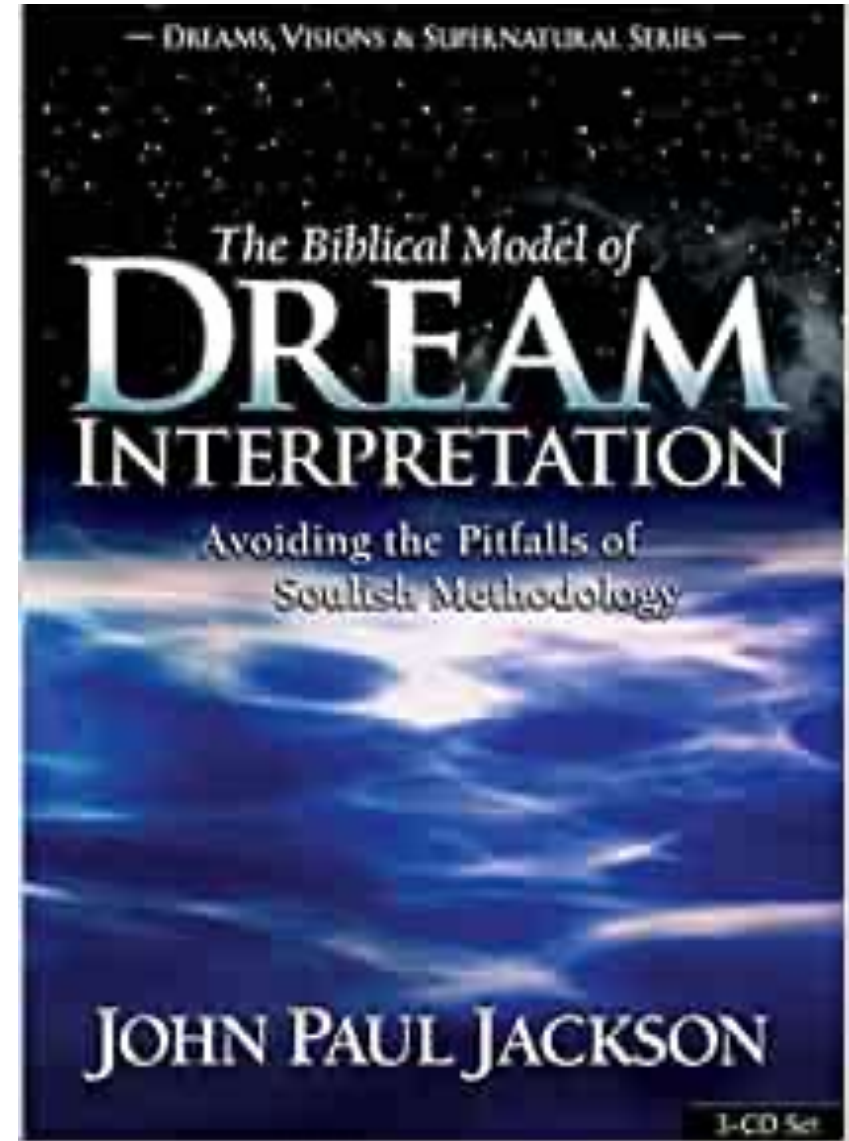
- In John Paul Jackson's book "Understanding Dreams and Visions," he offers practical guidance for interpreting dreams. Here are some of the practical dream interpretation techniques he discusses:
 - **Journaling**: Jackson suggests keeping a dream journal to record and track your dreams over time. This can help you identify patterns and recurring symbols, which can provide insight into the meaning of your dreams.
 - **Asking Questions**: Jackson recommends asking questions about your dream to help uncover its meaning. For example, you might ask: What emotions did I feel in the dream? What colors did I see? What actions did I take in the dream?
 - **Identifying Symbols**: Symbols are an important part of dream interpretation, and Jackson provides a list of common dream symbols and their meanings in his book. He suggests identifying the symbols in your dream and looking for their meanings.

Here are some of the practical dream interpretation techniques he discusses:

4. **Recognizing Metaphors**: Like symbols, metaphors are often used in dreams to convey meaning. Jackson suggests looking for metaphors in your dreams and identifying their meaning.

5. **Using Context**: Jackson emphasizes the importance of understanding the context of the dream. He suggests considering the events and emotions that occurred in the dream, as well as your personal experiences and beliefs.

6. **Seeking God's Guidance**: Ultimately, Jackson suggests seeking God's guidance and the help of the Holy Spirit in interpreting your dreams. He believes that God uses dreams to communicate with us and that the Holy Spirit can provide insight and understanding into the messages we receive through our dreams.



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Hearing

GOD

THROUGH
YOUR DREAMS

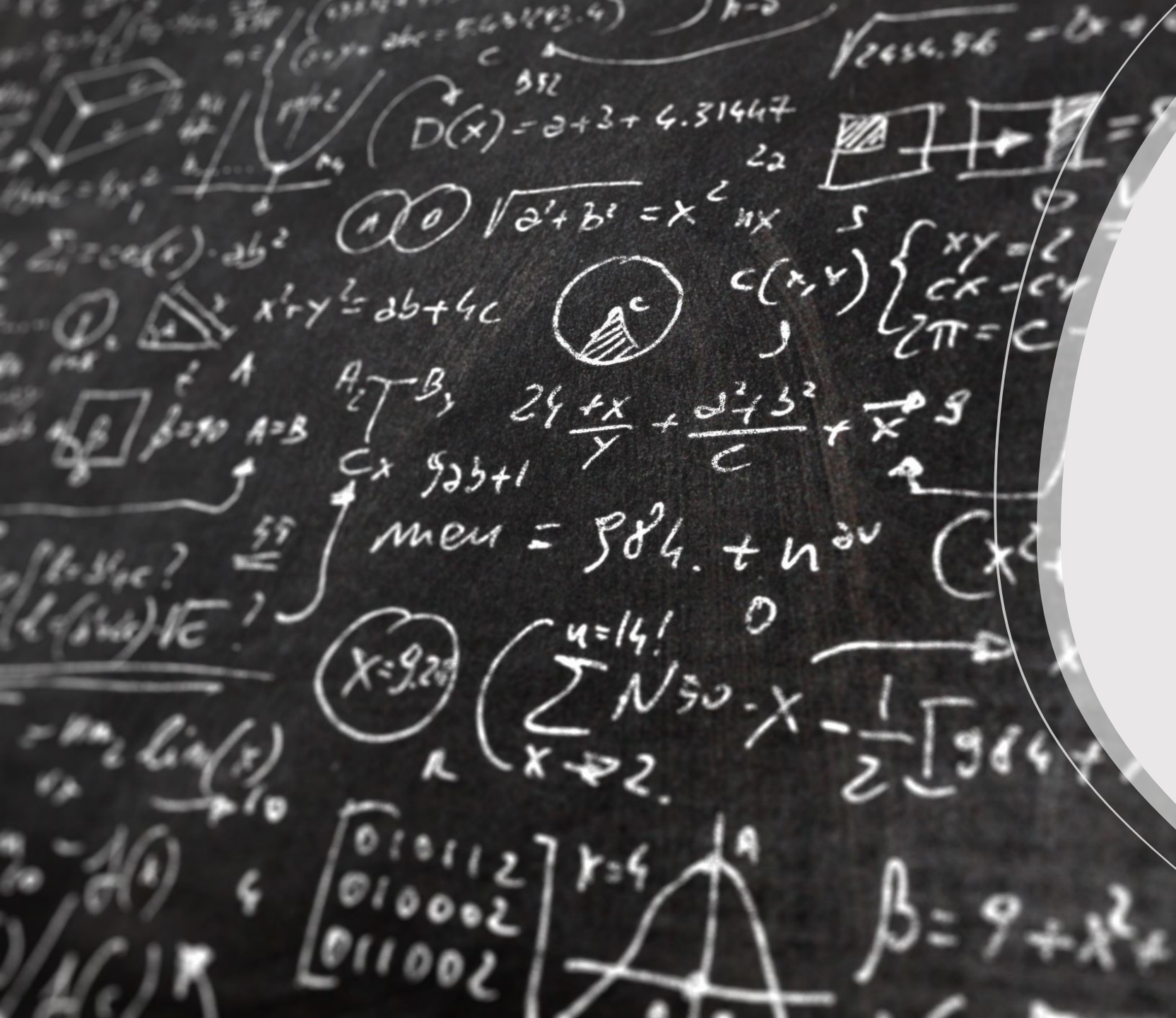
MARK VIRKLER *and*
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Mark Virkler's book

"The Ultimate Guide to Understanding The Dreams You Dream: Biblical Keys for Hearing God's Voice in the Night!"

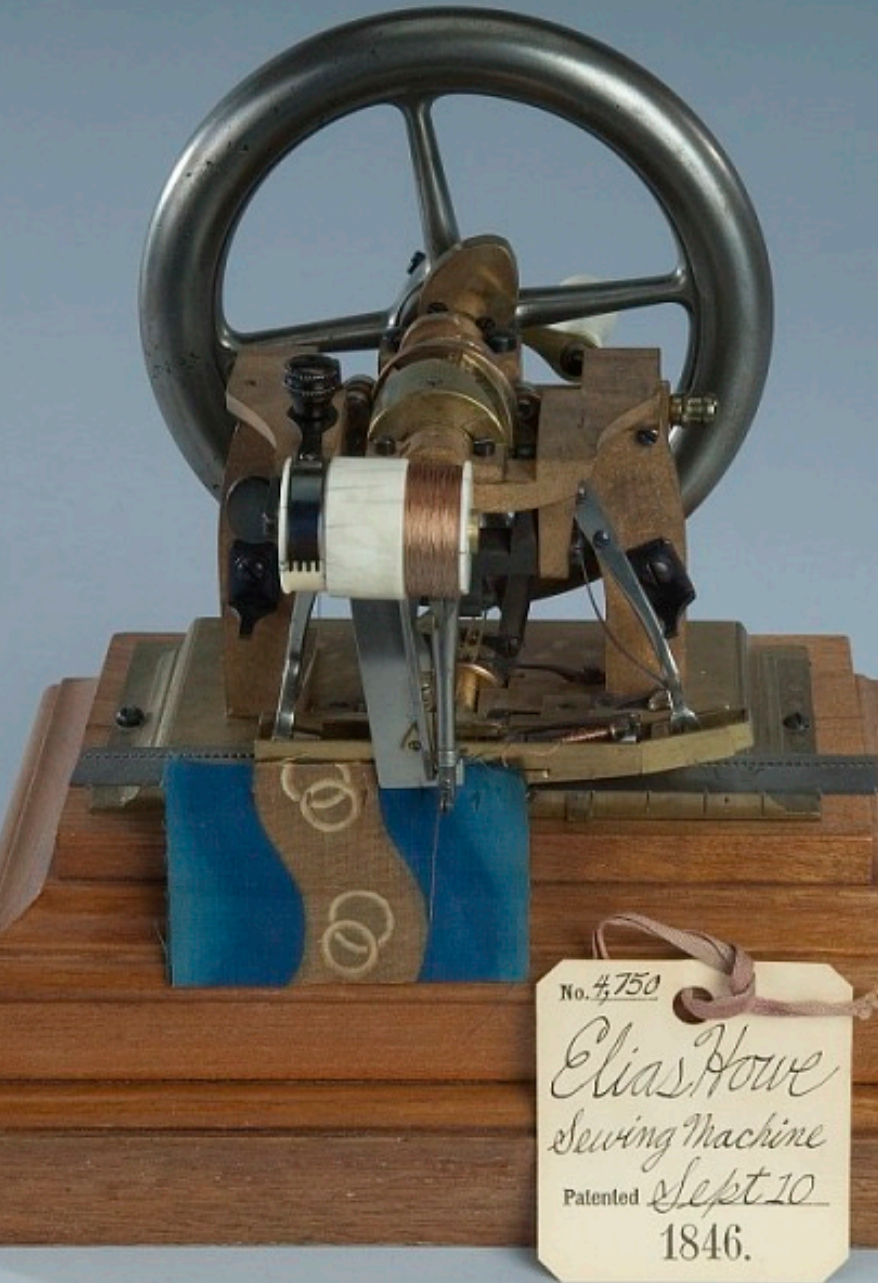
1. God Speaks Through Dreams: Virkler believes that dreams are a way that God communicates with us, providing guidance and direction in our lives.
2. Context is Key: Virkler emphasizes the importance of understanding the context of the dream, including the emotions, symbols, and events that occur in the dream. He suggests that this can help us identify the message that God is communicating through the dream.
3. Use Biblical Principles: Virkler suggests using biblical principles to interpret dreams, including prayer, seeking God's guidance, and considering the spiritual significance of the symbols and metaphors in the dream.
4. Ask God for Understanding: Virkler believes that we should ask God for understanding when interpreting our dreams, trusting that He will provide us with the insight we need to understand His message.
5. Keep a Dream Journal: Virkler recommends keeping a dream journal to record and reflect on our dreams. This can help us identify patterns and recurring symbols, as well as track our spiritual growth over time.

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Conclusion:

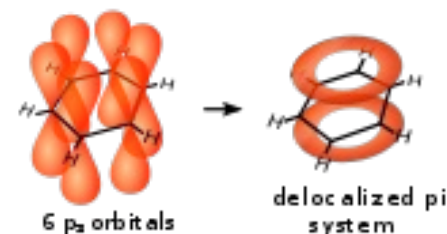
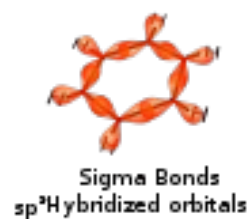
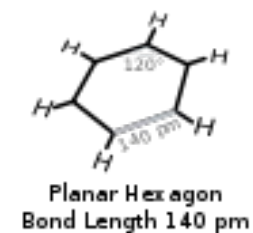
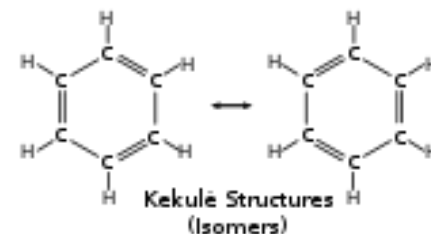
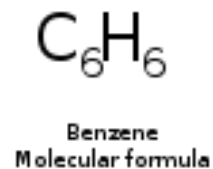
In conclusion, interpreting dreams is an important aspect of the Christian faith, but it requires wisdom, discernment, and an understanding of Biblical principles. By drawing on the teachings of early church fathers, the Bible, and current Christian teachers, we can develop a deeper understanding of the messages that God may be communicating to us through our dreams.



Inventions You Won't Believe Were Inspired By Dreams

The 19th century American engineer, Elias Howe, got his idea for the world's first automatic sewing machine from a dream. He had been trying to design a lock-stitch machine and his attempts had been unsuccessful. Perplexed about why this was so, he went to sleep troubled and had a nightmare about being attacked by tribal men with spears. As each spear was thrown at him, he noticed they had eye shaped holes in the tip. He realized his error. He had placed the hole in the middle of the automatic needle. Also, he changed the design to mirror that of his dream and placed the hole at the tip instead.

He patented his design for the [lock-stitch sewing machine](#) on the 10th September 1846, two years after his dream.



The Benzene Ring – a Component of Gasoline

- [Friedrich August Kekulé](#), a German chemist, is responsible for the discovery of the [Benzene ring](#). It is a chemical structure that is used in the preservation of gasoline and is vital to the petrochemical industry.

The Periodic Table

Dimitri Mendeleev, a Russian chemist, who reportedly obtained the idea for the table from a dream. He had been writing a text and attempting to classify all the elements, but was struggling to do so. After three days and nights working at his desk with no sleep, he gave up and allowed himself to rest. As soon as he slumbered, the answers became clear. He was quoted as saying

“I saw in a dream, a table where all elements fell into place as required. Awakening, I immediately wrote it down on a piece of paper, only in one place did a correction later seem necessary.”

Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period 1	1 H																	2 He
Period 2	3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
Period 3	11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
Period 4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
Period 5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
Period 6	55 Cs	56 Ba	57 La	* 72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
Period 7	87 Fr	88 Ra	89 Ac	* 104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Mc	116 Lv	117 Ts	118 Og
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				* 90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr	

Lorenzo's Oil

The treatment, named [Lorenzo's Oil](#) after Lorenzo Odone, was found to be effective at preventing the disease in children who had not yet developed symptoms, although it had mixed results for children already showing signs of the disease. Many symptomatic patients still died. However, Lorenzo himself exceeded expectations and lived until the day after his 30th birthday, a situation previously unheard of for ALD patients.

Lorenzo's father fell asleep. He had a dream of his son, tugging at both sets of paperclips, which were one. He realized that both types of fat were from the same enzyme and that this fat could be destroyed by oleic acid. From this dream he was able to formulate a treatment extracted from olive oil and rapeseed oil.



Insulin as a Treatment for Diabetes

In 1920, Dr Frederick Banting, a surgeon, hit upon the idea that digestive juices could damage the islets of Langerhans and if he stopped their flow, the cells could be preserved and extracted, to be used as a treatment for diabetes.

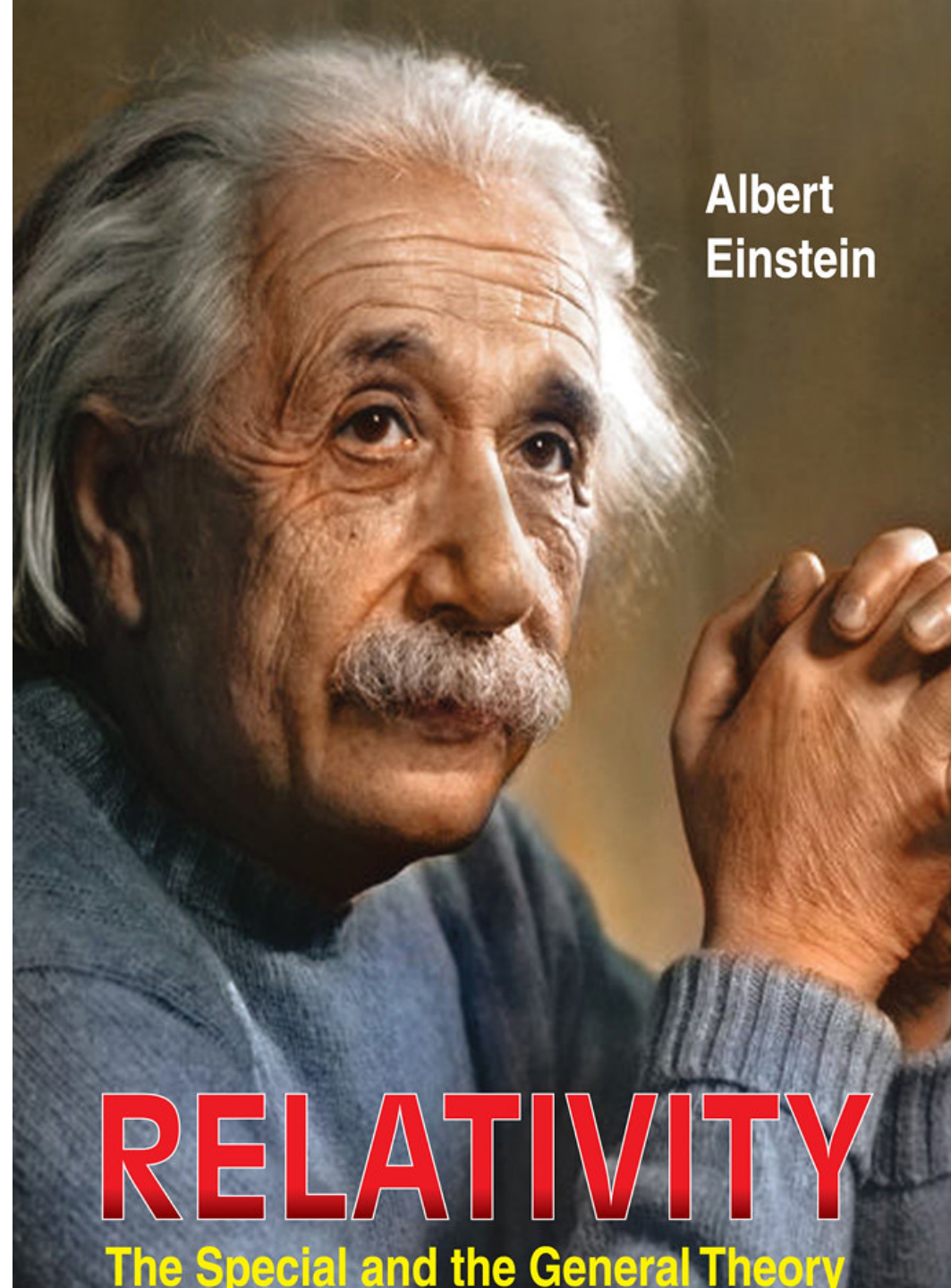
The idea came to him in a dream and when he woke up at 2 am on October 31, 1920, he penned down a few words that would lead to a treatment. When the cells were successfully extracted, he injected them into diabetic dogs, who became symptom free. He named the treatment 'Isletin'. A co-worker later suggested the name Insulin.



The Theory of Relativity

There's much debate about whether the inspiration for Albert Einstein's most famous theory - the mind-boggling intellectual area of Relativity - came to him in a dream, so much so that an entire work of fiction was created in 1992 by author Alan Lightman entitled *Einstein's Dreams*. Legend has it that Einstein dreamed one time that he was sledding down a mountainside at an enormous speed, which caused the stars to change their appearance.

Albert
Einstein



RELATIVITY

The Special and the General Theory

The Double Helix structure of DNA

James Watson, who together with Francis Crick, discovered the double helix structure of DNA - the building blocks of life - seemingly dreamed of a spiral staircase, ultimately planting the seed of an idea for how DNA might be constructed





The Scientific Method

René Descartes helped established the framework for scientific method's guiding principles in his treatise, *Discourse on the Method for Guiding One's Reason and Searching for Truth in the Sciences*, published in 1637, crystallising the modern scientific method which, of course, led to all the great discoveries and advancements that followed. **But he would not have written it at all had he not dreamt one night - during a stint in the army - of a new project for his life: to rejecting everything he had been taught was true, and building it back up on an arguable, firm foundation.**

$$f(a, b) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} b^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$$




Srinivasa Ramanujan

Mathematician of
Genius

“While asleep, I had an unusual experience. There was a red screen formed by flowing blood, as it were. I was observing it. Suddenly a hand began to write on the screen. I became all attention. That hand wrote a number of elliptic integrals. They stuck to my mind. As soon as I woke up, I committed them to writing.”

“... each of the 24 modes in the Ramanujan function corresponds to a physical vibration of a string. Whenever the string executes its complex motions in space-time by splitting and recombining, a large number of highly sophisticated mathematical identities must be satisfied. These are precisely the mathematical identities discovered by Ramanujan.”

MICHIO KAKU, BORN 1947 Theoretical Physicist



Hearing God
Through Your
Dreams:
Understanding the
Language God
Speaks at Night

Part 2



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God Makes Himself Known in Dreams!

Numbers 12:6 clearly states, “If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream” (ESV).



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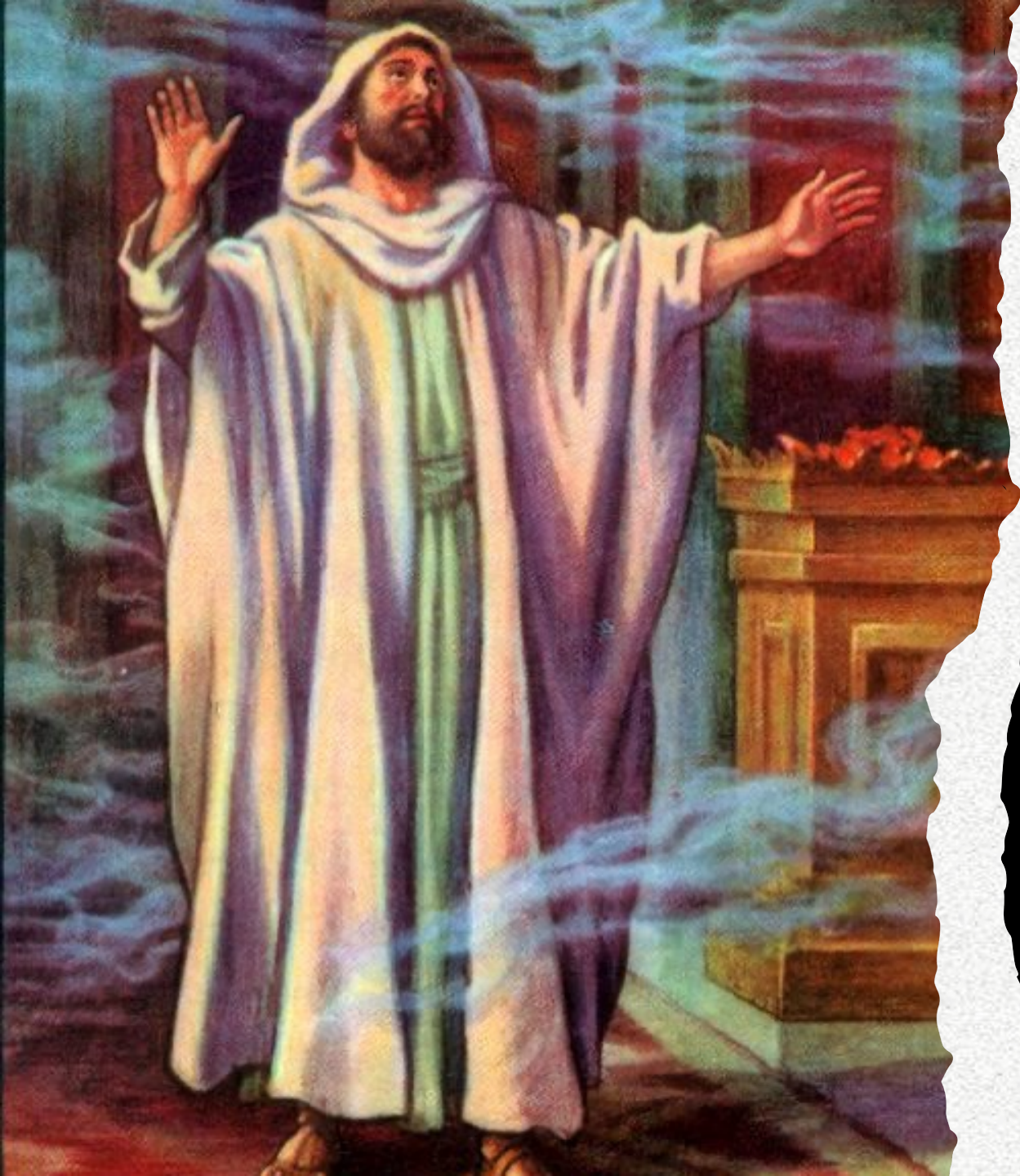
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Job 33:14-16

**Job 33:14-16 (KJV) For God speaketh once,
yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,
when deep sleep falleth upon men,
in slumberings upon the bed;
16 Then he openeth the ears of men,
and sealeth their instruction,**



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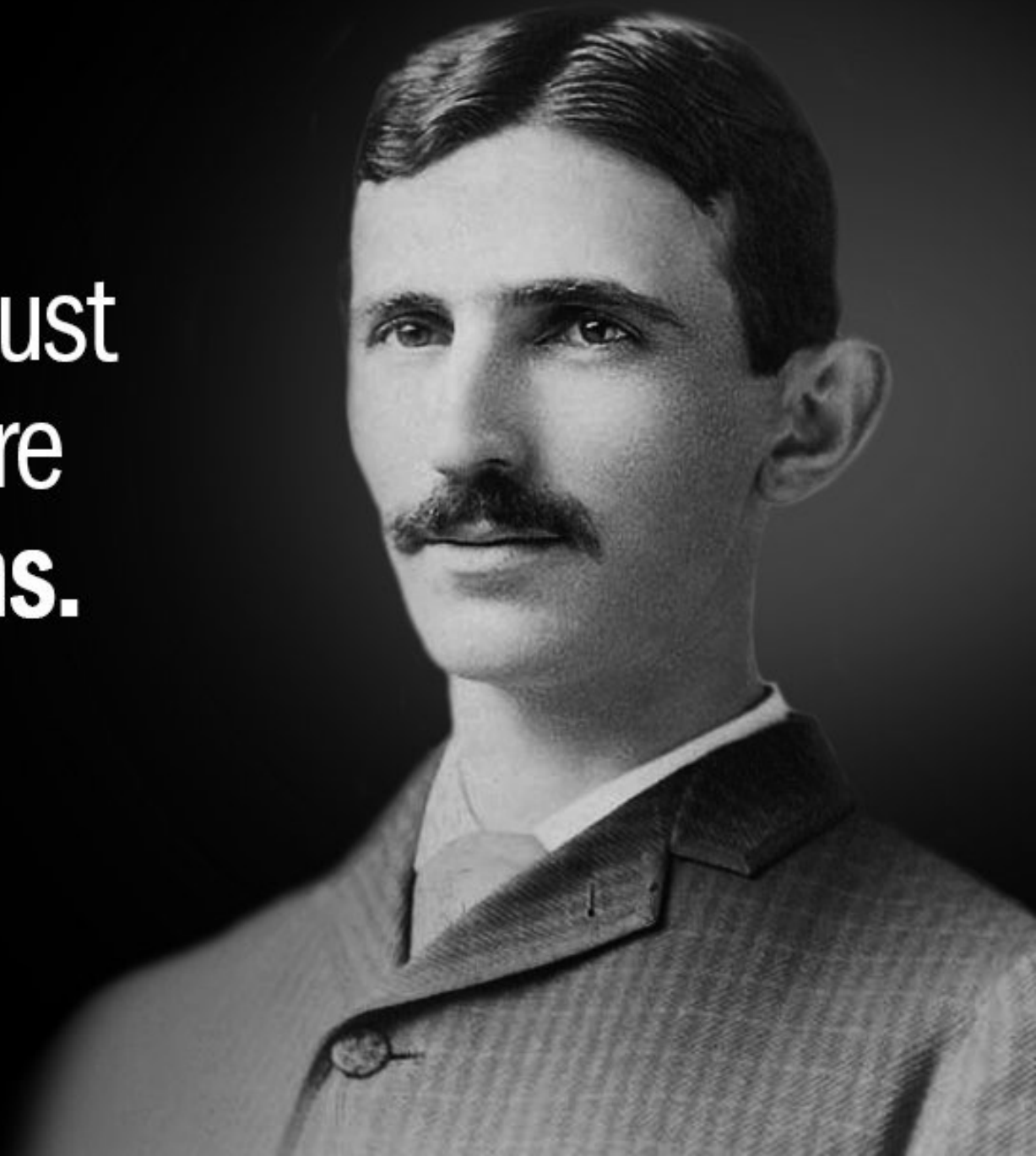


Isa 29 – Powerful revelation of dreams

**(NIV) Isa 29:7 “...will be as it is
with a dream,
with a vision in the night—”**

To know each other we must
reach beyond the sphere
of our **sense perceptions.**

– *Nikola Tesla*



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Jacob's Dream of the Ladder	Genesis 28:10-22	Jacob	A vision of a ladder reaching to heaven with angels ascending and descending, signifying God's presence and promise to bless Jacob and his descendants.
Pharaoh's Dreams	Genesis 41:1-36	Pharaoh of Egypt	Two dreams about seven fat cows devoured by seven thin cows and seven healthy ears of grain consumed by seven thin ears, interpreted by Joseph as seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine.
Joseph's Dreams	Genesis 37:5-11	Joseph	Dreams of his brothers' sheaves of grain bowing down to his sheaf and the sun, moon, and stars bowing down to him, indicating his future position of authority over his family.
Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 2:1-45	King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon	A dream of a large statue made of different materials, interpreted by Daniel as representing successive kingdoms and the ultimate establishment of God's everlasting kingdom.
Joseph's Dream of Jesus' Birth	Matthew 1:18-25	Joseph, the husband of Mary	A dream informing Joseph that Mary would give birth to a son conceived by the Holy Spirit and instructing him to name the child Jesus.

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Solomon's Dream	1 Kings 3:5-15	King Solomon	God appeared to Solomon in a dream and asked him what he desired. Solomon requested wisdom to govern the people of Israel, and God granted his request, along with riches and honor.
Daniel's Dream of Four Beasts	Daniel 7:1-28	Daniel	A dream featuring four beasts representing different earthly kingdoms. The dream ultimately reveals the establishment of God's eternal kingdom and the triumph of the saints.
Peter's Vision	Acts 10:9-16	Apostle Peter	Peter had a vision of a sheet filled with various animals descending from heaven. God instructed him to eat the animals, breaking the Jewish dietary laws, symbolizing the inclusion of Gentiles into the Christian community.
Paul's Vision of a Man from Macedonia	Acts 16:9-10	Apostle Paul	Paul saw a vision of a man from Macedonia pleading for help, prompting him to travel to Macedonia and spread the gospel there.
Joseph's Dream to Take Jesus to Egypt	Matthew 2:13-15	Joseph, the husband of Mary	Joseph had a dream where an angel instructed him to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus to escape King Herod's threat.
Paul's Vision of Paradise	2 Corinthians 12:1-4	Apostle Paul	Paul describes a vision in which he was caught up to the third heaven and heard inexpressible things, an extraordinary spiritual experience.

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Gideon's Dream of Victory	Judges 7:9-15	Gideon	God appeared to Gideon in a dream, assuring him of victory over the Midianites and affirming his role as a leader of Israel.
Samuel's Dream of Eli's Judgment	1 Samuel 3:1-18	Samuel	Samuel, as a young boy, heard God's voice in a dream, revealing the judgment that would come upon the house of Eli the priest.
Joseph's Dream in Prison	Genesis 40:5-23	Joseph (son of Jacob)	Joseph interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker while they were in prison. The cupbearer's dream indicated his restoration to his position, while the baker's dream signified his impending execution.
Paul's Dream of a Man in Macedonia	Acts 16:9-10	Apostle Paul	Paul saw a vision of a man from Macedonia urging him to come and help them, leading him to bring the Gospel to Europe.
Paul's Dream in Corinth	Acts 18:9-10	Apostle Paul	The Lord appeared to Paul in a dream, assuring him of His presence and protection and encouraging him to continue preaching boldly in Corinth.
Jacob's Dream of Breeding Sheep	Genesis 30:37-43	Jacob	Jacob used selective breeding techniques inspired by a dream to increase his wealth and possessions of livestock.

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Ezekiel's Vision of Dry Bones	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Prophet Ezekiel	Ezekiel had a vision of a valley filled with dry bones. God showed him that the bones would come to life, representing the restoration of the people of Israel.
Jacob's Dream of the Stairway to Heaven	Genesis 28:10-17	Jacob	Jacob dreamed of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending on it. God reassured Jacob of His presence and promised to bless him and his descendants.
King Solomon's Dream at Gibeon	1 Kings 3:4-15	King Solomon	Solomon dreamed of God appearing to him and offering to grant him any request. Solomon asked for wisdom to govern the people of Israel effectively.
The Magi's Dream	Matthew 2:12	Wise Men from the East	After visiting Jesus, the Magi were warned in a dream not to return to King Herod, and they departed for their own country by another route.
Joseph's Dream of Returning from Egypt	Matthew 2:19-23	Joseph, the husband of Mary	Joseph had a dream instructing him to return from Egypt with Mary and Jesus after Herod's death.
Paul's Dream of a Man in Corinth	Acts 18:5-11	Apostle Paul	Paul had a vision in which the Lord assured him that he should continue preaching in Corinth, as He had many people in the city.

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Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of a Tree	Daniel 4:4-37	King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon	Nebuchadnezzar had a dream about a massive tree that was cut down, representing his own downfall and subsequent restoration, as interpreted by Daniel.
Joseph's Dream of Mary's Pregnancy	Matthew 1:18-25	Joseph, the husband of Mary	Joseph had a dream in which an angel assured him that Mary's pregnancy was from the Holy Spirit and instructed him to proceed with their marriage.
Paul's Vision of a Macedonian Man	Acts 16:9-10	Apostle Paul	Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia pleading for help, prompting him to go to Macedonia and share the Gospel.
Solomon's Dream of Wisdom	1 Kings 3:5-15	King Solomon	In a dream, God asked Solomon what he desired. Solomon requested wisdom to govern the people of Israel, and God granted his request along with riches and honor.
Peter's Vision of Clean and Unclean Animals	Acts 10:9-16	Apostle Peter	Peter had a vision in which a sheet containing various animals was lowered from heaven. God instructed Peter not to consider anything unclean that He had made clean, signaling the inclusion of Gentiles in the Christian faith.
Paul's Dream of Encouragement	Acts 23:11	Apostle Paul	While imprisoned, Paul had a dream in which the Lord stood near him and encouraged him, assuring him that he would testify about Jesus in Rome.

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Joseph's Dream of the Sun, Moon, and Stars	Genesis 37:9-11	Joseph, son of Jacob	Joseph dreamed that the sun, moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to him. This dream symbolized Joseph's future rise to power and authority over his family.
Samuel's Dream of Saul's Kingdom	1 Samuel 28:15	Samuel (deceased prophet)	Samuel appeared to Saul in a dream after his death, foretelling the downfall of Saul's kingdom and his defeat in battle.
Paul's Dream of a Man in Asia	Acts 16:6-10	Apostle Paul	Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia calling him to come and help them. This led Paul to redirect his missionary journey to Macedonia.
Abimelech's Warning Dream	Genesis 20:3	Abimelech, king of Gerar	Abimelech dreamt that he had taken Abraham's wife, Sarah, and that God warned him of the consequences. This led Abimelech to return Sarah to Abraham.
Jacob's Dream of Striped and Speckled Sheep	Genesis 31:10-13	Jacob	Jacob dreamt that the flock of Laban, his father-in-law, was giving birth to striped and speckled sheep. This dream guided Jacob in his breeding practices to increase his own wealth.
Daniel's Dream of the Four Beasts	Daniel 7:1-8	Prophet Daniel	Daniel had a dream of four beasts rising out of the sea, representing different kingdoms. This dream provided insight into future geopolitical events.

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Pharaoh's Dreams of Cows and Grain	Genesis 41:1-36	Pharaoh of Egypt	Pharaoh had two dreams: one of seven fat cows being devoured by seven thin cows, and another of seven healthy ears of grain consumed by seven thin ears. Joseph interpreted these dreams as seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine.
Joseph's Dream in Prison	Genesis 40:5-23	Joseph (son of Jacob)	Joseph interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker while in prison. The cupbearer's dream indicated his restoration to his position, while the baker's dream signified his impending death.
Solomon's Dream of God's Promise	1 Kings 9:1-9	King Solomon	God appeared to Solomon in a dream after the completion of the temple. He reassured Solomon of His continued presence and promised to establish his kingdom if he remained faithful.
Paul's Dream of the Man of Macedonia	Acts 16:9-10	Apostle Paul	Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia pleading for help. This prompted him to go to Macedonia and preach the Gospel, leading to the establishment of churches in Philippi and other cities.
Jacob's Dream of God's Covenant	Genesis 28:10-22	Jacob	Jacob dreamt of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending. God reiterated the covenant He made with Jacob's ancestors and promised to be with him.
Belshazzar's Dream and the Writing on the Wall	Daniel 5:1-30	King Belshazzar of Babylon	Belshazzar had a dream that frightened him, and Daniel interpreted the message written on the wall, which foretold the downfall of Belshazzar's kingdom.

Daniel

Daniel 2:19 (KJV) 19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Daniel 7:13-14 (KJV) 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.



One-third of the Bible
is revealed through
Dreams and Visions!



A futuristic, glowing blue and purple digital landscape. The scene is dominated by a central vortex of light and energy, surrounded by intricate, geometric patterns and structures. Bright blue lightning bolts streak across the sky, and a warm orange glow emanates from a point on the right side. The overall atmosphere is one of high-tech, digital wonder.

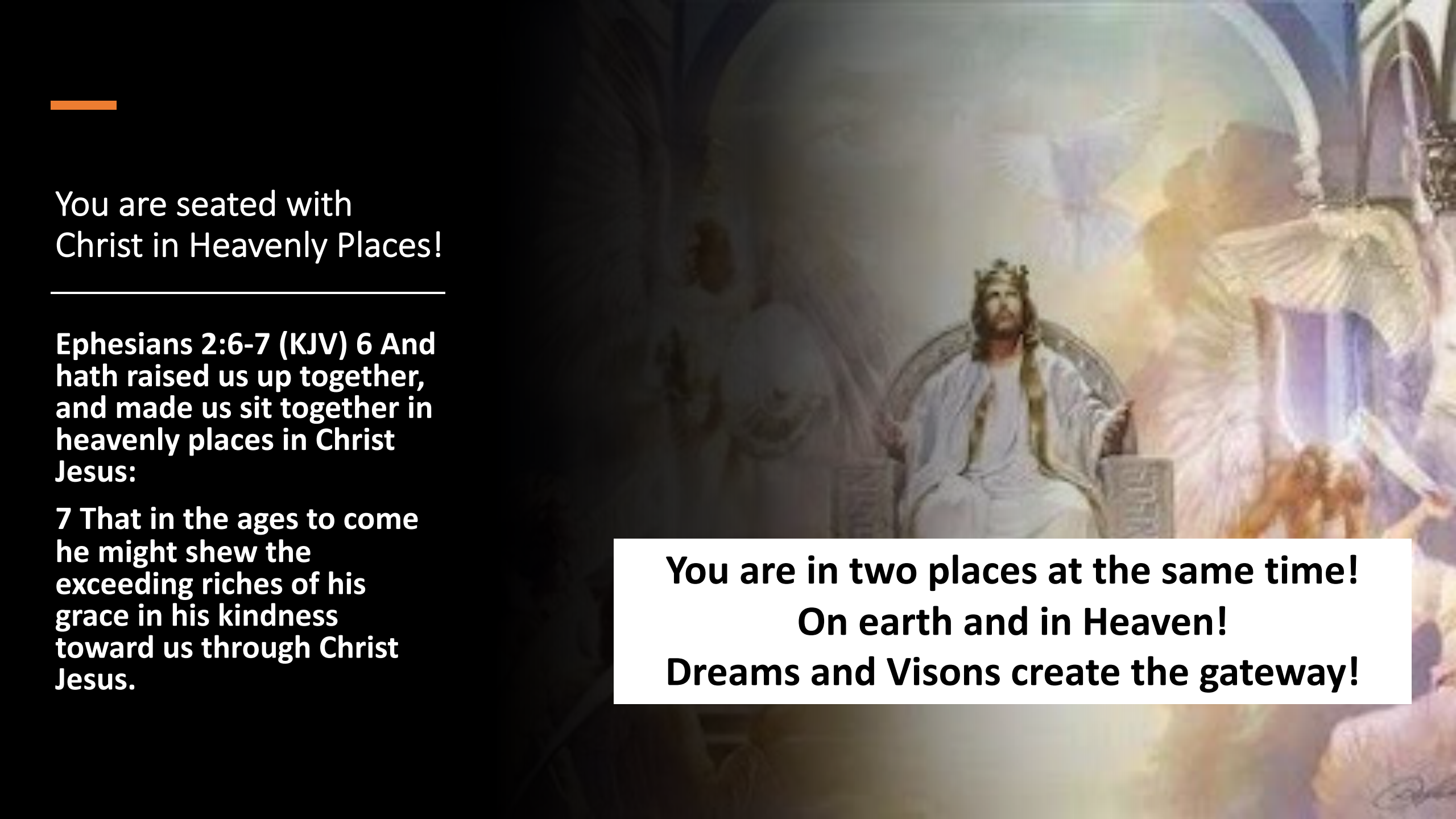
Dreams are a gateway
to the spirit realm!

- **They are accessible and available to everyone every night!**
- **While the physical body is asleep the spirit and soul are awake and alive to the spirit!**

**You are seated with
Christ in Heavenly Places!**

**Ephesians 2:6-7 (KJV) 6 And
hath raised us up together,
and made us sit together in
heavenly places in Christ
Jesus:**

**7 That in the ages to come
he might shew the
exceeding riches of his
grace in his kindness
toward us through Christ
Jesus.**



**You are in two places at the same time!
On earth and in Heaven!
Dreams and Visions create the gateway!**



Dreams and Visions – Open Heaven!

John 1:51 (KJV) 51 “And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

1 John 4:17 (KJV) “...because as he is, so are we in this world.”



Quantum Physics
Demonstrates The Access of
All Possibility! Dreams are
Possibilities Revealed!

Mark 10:27 (KJV) 27
“And Jesus looking upon
them saith, With men it
is impossible, but not
with God: for with God
all things are possible.”



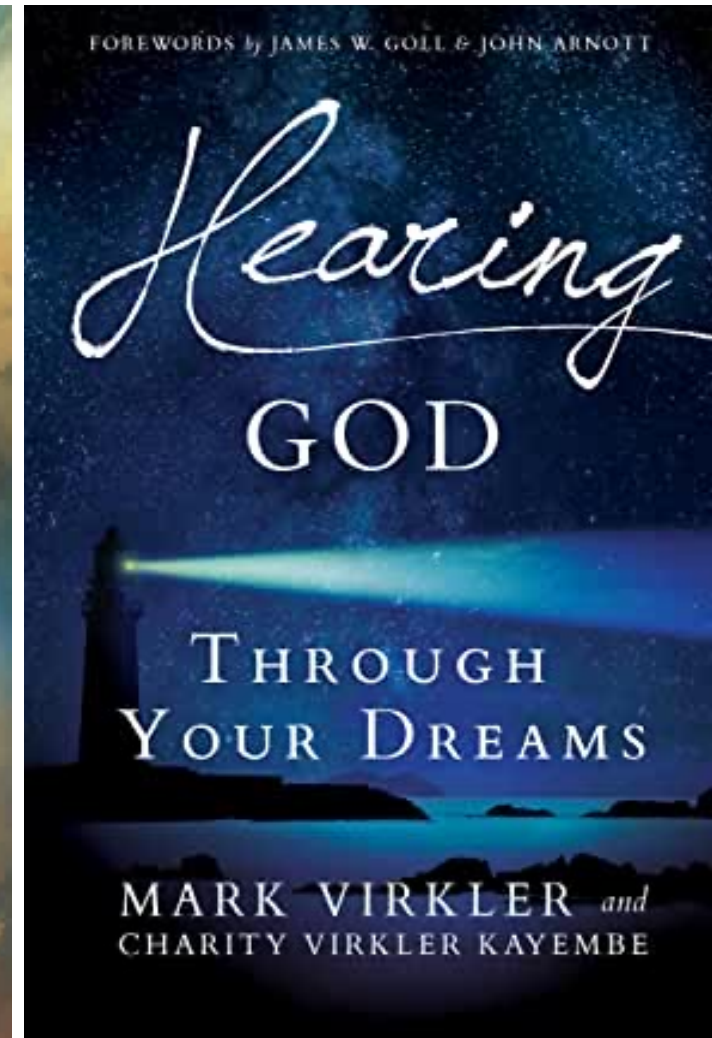
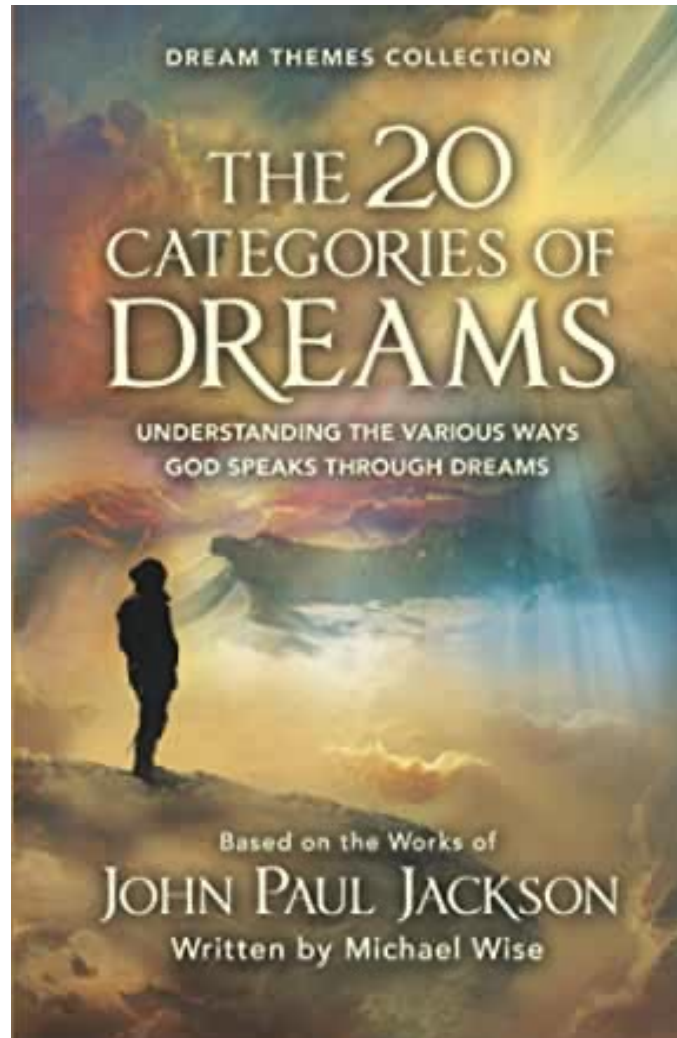
Be the observer of the eternal!

Heb. 12:3 NAS “...**fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the righthand of the throne of God.”

2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV

18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Recommended
Reading



When we see the eternal!

Phil Mason, Spiritual Director of New Earth Tribe in Byron Bay, Australia, elucidates the spirit/quantum connection in his excellent work *Quantum Glory*. He teaches that God is the Ultimate Observer and that because He sees all, everything exists.¹ Every possibility is present in the spiritual realm, but God wants us to co-create with Him and bring what exists in Heaven to earth. He has already made it available and authorized it; we just need to co-sign His check.

Virkler, Mark; Virkler Kayembe, Charity. *Hearing God Through Your Dreams* (pp. 43-44). Destiny Image, Inc.. Kindle Edition.



with
GOD
all things are
Possible

Seeing the Father!

John 5:19-20

John 5:19-20 (KJV) Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.





TOP TWELVE TAKEAWAYS

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Most dreams are symbolic and full of figurative language; they are not literal.

Most dreams are about the dreamer and the issues his or her heart is facing, not about others.

The setting of a dream is like the legend of a treasure map; we don't understand one without the other.

The main action and feeling of the dream usually correlate with a similar action and emotion in waking life.

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Once we match the dream's action and feeling with the corresponding action and feeling in waking life, we understand to which area of our life the dream is speaking.

Dreams, like Holy Spirit Himself, reveal but do not condemn.

Dream pictures evoke emotion, and emotion moves us to action.

Dreams amplify and exaggerate to get our attention. If we ignore a dream's message it will reoccur, often more dramatically (i.e., in a nightmare).

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Nightmares are often the scream of an unhealed heart revealing broken places into which we must invite Jesus to touch and restore.

Dreams are a form of meditation that move scriptural truth from our heads to our hearts.

Dreams are God's contingency plan, ensuring He always has a way to connect with us.

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SECRET MESSAGES IN DREAMS



Dreams

Acts 2:17 “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, *your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*”



John Paul Jackson's book "Understanding Dreams and Visions"

How to Interpret Dreams and Visions

Principles for interpreting dreams and visions

Common symbols in dreams and visions

Responding to Dreams and Visions

What to do with your dreams and visions

How to pray about your dreams and visions

Conclusion

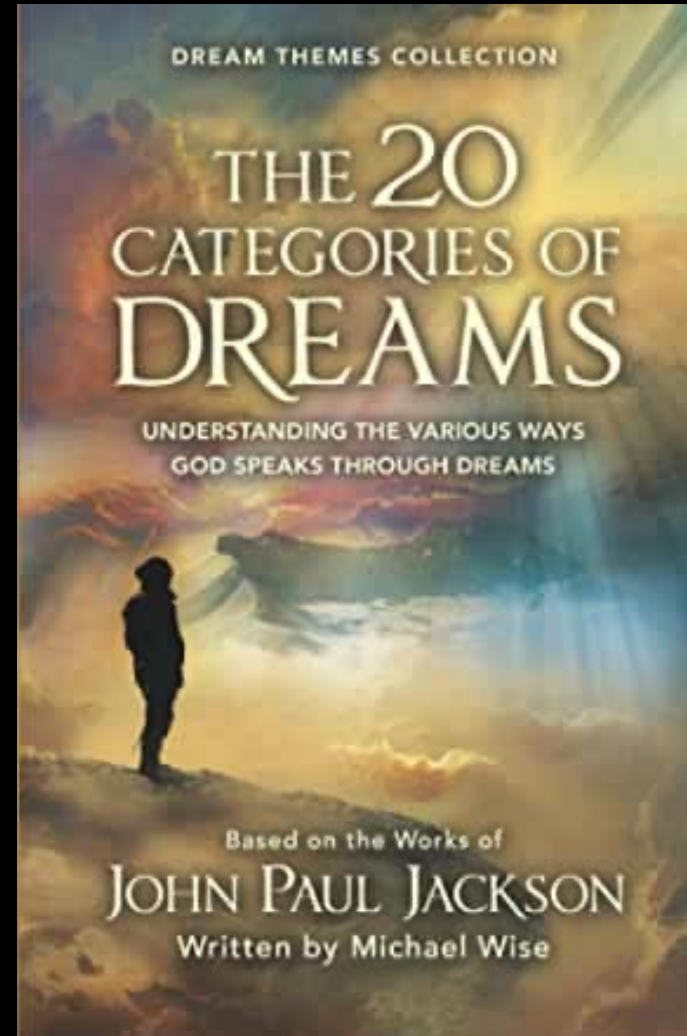
The power of dreams and visions

How to use dreams and visions to grow in your relationship with God

<https://streamsministries.com>

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Please keep in mind that dream interpretation is subjective, and symbols can have different meanings for different individuals. If you'd like to delve deeper into John Paul Jackson's specific interpretations, I recommend referring to his works directly for more detailed information.



HERE ARE A FEW SYMBOLS FROM JOHN PAUL JACKSON

01

Symbol: Snake
Meaning:
**Transformation,
healing, or
deception**

02

Symbol: Water
Meaning:
**Emotions,
cleansing, or
spiritual renewal**

03

Symbol: Flying
Meaning:
**Freedom,
empowerment, or
ambition**

04

Symbol: Falling
Meaning:
**Insecurity, fear of
failure, or loss of
control**

HERE ARE A FEW SYMBOLS FROM JOHN PAUL JACKSON

05

Symbol: House
Meaning: Self,
family, or personal
identity

06

Symbol: Car
Meaning: Personal
drive, journey, or
life direction

07

Symbol: Money
Meaning: Value,
self-worth, or
material concerns

08

Symbol: Death
Meaning:
Transition, change,
or end of a phase

HERE ARE A FEW SYMBOLS FROM JOHN PAUL JACKSON

09

Symbol: Fire
Meaning: Passion,
transformation, or
purification

10

Symbol: Tree
Meaning: Growth,
stability, or
rootedness

11

Symbol: Teeth
Meaning: Self-
confidence,
power, or
concerns about
appearance

12

Symbol: School
Meaning:
Learning, growth,
or the need for
knowledge



**DREAMS ARE THE GATEWAY
TO ACCESS GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU!**

Symbol	Meaning and References
Sun	Symbolizes consciousness, vitality, and the source of life. Represents the active, masculine principle.
Moon	Represents the unconscious, intuition, and the feminine principle. Symbolizes the receptive and reflective aspects of the psyche.
Cross	Symbolizes the intersection of opposites, the meeting point between the conscious and unconscious, and the union of spirit and matter.
Fish	Represents the depths of the unconscious, the realm of the unknown and hidden treasures. Symbolizes fertility, abundance, and spiritual nourishment.
Spiral	Symbolizes growth, evolution, and the cyclical nature of life. Represents the journey towards individuation and the expansion of consciousness.

Cave	Symbolizes the depths of the unconscious, a place of initiation and inner exploration. Represents the unknown and the process of self-discovery.
Mirror	Represents reflection and self-reflection. Symbolizes self-knowledge, introspection, and the recognition of one's true nature.
Crown	Symbolizes spiritual authority, enlightenment, and the highest state of consciousness. Represents the union of the individual with the divine.
Key	Symbolizes unlocking hidden knowledge, access to the unconscious, and the discovery of personal meaning. Represents the journey of self-discovery and psychological transformation.
Labyrinth	Symbolizes the journey of self-exploration and the search for meaning. Represents the twists and turns of life and the intricate paths of the psyche.

Fountain	Represents the source of creativity, inspiration, and vitality. Symbolizes the flow of life force and the rejuvenation of the spirit.
Boat	Symbolizes the journey of life, the passage from one state of being to another. Represents the navigation of the unconscious and the exploration of the unknown.
Thunderbolt	Symbolizes sudden insight, illumination, and the transformative power of divine intervention. Represents a breakthrough in consciousness and the activation of inner potential.
Scales	Symbolizes balance, justice, and the weighing of options or decisions. Represents the need for equilibrium and the integration of opposing forces.
Temple	Represents a sacred space, a place of worship and inner reflection. Symbolizes the connection with the divine and the exploration of spiritual truths.



Sword

Represents clarity, discernment, and the power of reason. Symbolizes the ability to cut through illusions and face challenges head-on.

Chalice

Symbolizes receptivity, intuition, and the feminine principle. Represents the vessel of the soul and the connection with emotional and spiritual depths.

Maze


Symbolizes confusion, entrapment, and the struggle to find one's way. Represents the challenges and obstacles encountered on the path of self-discovery.

Rose

Symbolizes beauty, love, and the unfolding of the soul. Represents the integration of passion and spirituality, and the blossoming of the individual.

Bridge

Symbolizes the connection between different realms or states of consciousness. Represents the link between the conscious and unconscious, the individual and the collective, or the earthly and the divine.



A surreal landscape with a glowing blue sky, a winding river, and rocky terrain. The sky is filled with ethereal, glowing patterns. The river flows through a valley, reflecting the light. The terrain is rocky and rugged, with a large, flat-topped mountain in the background.

Power of Dreams and Visions

Dreams are an important aspect of the Bible, and many Christians believe that God can speak to us through them.

However, interpreting dreams can be a complex and often misunderstood process.

In this teaching guide, we will explore a Biblical approach to interpreting dreams, drawing on the wisdom of early church fathers, the Bible, and current teachers.