CHAPTER 19

THE ESOTERIC NATURE OF DREAMS

“In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men in upon the bed; then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, that he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.” (Job 33:14-17)

The Power of Dreams

PRINCIPLE #1
Dreams and visions and the interpretations thereof are vital to our development and success in life.

Many people are trapped by a belief system that purports that acknowledging dreams and visions implies belief in a measure of superstition. As a result, many people do not seek to interpret their dreams, which is a by-product of their belief system. However, the dreams and visions and the interpretations thereof are vital to our development and success in life. Therefore, we
must change our belief system, realign our thinking, and acknowledge the power of dreams and visions and their impact in our lives.

Dreams and visions are oftentimes ignored and/or misinterpreted because people are not secure in who they are in God. They second-guess the source of their dreams and visions, and fail to realize that dreams and visions are directions and instructions from God for guidance in this life.

As prophets, we must learn to trust the power of dreams and visions and the importance of interpretation. We should trust what we are feeling, sensing and hearing. Even if we do not understand everything about the dream or vision, we must first trust that it is from God. There is only one power - God, the good, omnipotent. Dreams and visions are of God.

There is a difference between dreams and visions. Dreams occur in the state of sleep, and visions occur in the awakened state. Dreams are the result of the thoughts that are resident in your subconscious mind. Visions are the result of thoughts that are resident in both the conscious mind and the subconscious mind. The conscious mind is the mind that plants the seed, the place of active decision making. Men represent the conscious mind, and women represent the subconscious mind. The conscious and the subconscious are constantly communicating with each other. Manifestation starts with a thought (seed), and then the thought has to germinate. A man plants the seed into a woman, but it has to germinate in the woman’s womb before it forms.

So it is in the mind. Ideas are generated in the mind and then they percolate in the subconscious. The subconscious mind sends messages to the conscious mind. Every conscious thought is a mirrored expression of the subconscious. Even though the conscious mind makes the decisions and it looks like it is inde-
dependent, in reality, every decision that the conscious mind makes is influenced by the subconscious.

**The Esoteric Nature**

The word “esoteric” can be defined as hidden. We can derive a good understanding of the meaning of esoteric by using the onion as an analogy. An onion has many layers, the contents of which are exposed when the onion is peeled. The core of the onion is hidden underneath the many layers.

The hidden mysteries of God are revealed through esoteric interpretations. However, the Church’s interpretation of biblical truths is strictly from an exoteric perspective. Many people interpret the scriptures from a literal standpoint. For example, an exoteric interpretation of the second coming of Christ is that the sky will split open and Jesus will come down on a white horse. The esoteric interpretation of the second coming of Christ is that Christ reveals himself in you. Christ is continually coming in our lives. Christ is continually coming into our individual worlds. The resurrected Christ is continually revealing Himself in you, through you and as you.

**The Impossible Dream**

**PRINCIPLE #2**

There are some things God wants to manifest in our lives that He cannot reveal to us in our conscious state. Some things will only manifest out of our dream state.

When we dream, we are dealing in a realm that is untouched by time and space. Sleep allows us to get in touch with who we really are. We are spirits trapped in flesh. When we close our
eyes, we are closing out the three dimensional world and entering into a realm where there is no limitation, the realm where God is. Sleep energizes and invigorates the physical body, as well as the mind. There are some things God wants to manifest in our lives that He cannot reveal to us in our conscious state. Some things will only manifest out of our dream state. That is why it is important for us not to be afraid of our dream state. When we are in our dream state, we are limitless. We can do anything we want, because in the Spirit realm we are limitless.

In Genesis 28, Jacob dreamed about angels ascending and descending heaven. He awakened and said, “Surely, the Lord was in this place but I was not aware.” In the Bible, angels represent thoughts. God was revealing to Jacob that there is continual communication between heaven and earth (the subconscious mind and the conscious mind). They are connected. It was a revelation to him that he was one with God. God has given every man a measure of faith. We are working through our faith. If you have a bad dream, never label it an omen. You have to have faith that God is trying to teach you a lesson. God is trying to reveal negativity in your life so that you can eradicate it from your life forever. You have to ask God to reveal the hidden lesson. God will not show you anything unless it is for your good.

There is no devil. What the church world calls the devil is really just the results of life choices. If watch horror movies before you go to sleep at night, then the events in the movie will be in your consciousness and will manifest through your dreams. Does that mean that the devil did something to you? No. It means you made a choice in the way that you live and it infused your subconscious dream.

From God’s perspective, there is no past or future. God is in the now. So from God’s perspective, everybody is the same age. The fact that you are dreaming about something that happened in the past
shows you that it is present in your life, right now. Your subconscious is trying to let you know that there are unresolved issues in your life. After you have a dream, analyze what the dream was about. If the dream was devastating, then it was devastating for a reason.

You may have a dream about your childhood fantasy of flying a plane. That dream may be God’s way of telling you to move on from your desk job and pursue your dreams. You may dream about a person that has passed away. The dream could mean that you have some unresolved issues that need to be resolved. Just because a person has passed on from this life does not mean that you cannot resolve past issues that may still have an effect in your life. Go back in your dream and change it. If you had conflict with the person, re-visualize yourself loving that person and being loved in return.

The scripture says, “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” (Philippians 2:12) We cannot get all of our answers from the prophet, from a book, mommy or daddy. There is only so much people can do for you. You have to take responsibility for your own life. The prophetic will not absolve you from your responsibility. If anything it will put more responsibility on you. The God in you will show you the answers and work everything out. We all have a third eye. It is our intuitive eye, the eye that does not see duality.

Where There Is No Vision the People Will Perish

PRINCIPLE #3
The prophetic word brings redemption.

Edgar Allen Poe once said: “Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.” A vision is dreaming by day. A daydream is actually a sur-
face level of a vision. “Déjà vu” is another level of vision that we all have. Déjà vu is the French word for seeing something you have already seen before. The fact that we have déjà vu should show us that there is no past, present or future. How can you meet with a person and leave the meeting feeling as if you had the conversation some time before? Time and space is just an illusion. In reality, everything is happening at one time.

Proverbs 29:18 says, “Without a vision, the people perish.” Vision can be defined as redemptive revelation. A redemptive revelation is the type of vision we need in order to keep the people from perishing. Just having a vision of falling in the lake without seeing the coast guard rescuing you is not going to help you survive in life. You need to have visions that are redemptive and constantly bringing you to a higher level. That is what the prophetic word is designed to do. The prophetic word brings redemption. A psychic will say, “I see you getting hit by a bus.” The prophet sees the bus coming and moves you out of the way. Visions are very important. Whenever you see a vision in the scripture you will see that it is tied to redemption. For example, 2 Kings 6:15-17 says, “When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. ‘Oh, my lord, what shall we do?’ the servant asked.

‘Don’t be afraid,’ the prophet answered. ‘Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’ And Elisha prayed, ‘O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.’ Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” Elisha was trying to get to the King of Syria, but could not because the enemy stood between him and where he needed to go. His servant could only see the superficial perspective of the situation. So he cried to
Elisha, “What are we going to do?” Elisha prayed, “Lord, open his eyes that he might see.” And then he saw a vision of chariots of fire around them protecting them. In the end, they were able to get through the situation and make it to their destination. This is an example of redemptive revelation. As a result of Elisha’s redemptive revelation, the people did not perish.

Never let anything put you in a crisis! You want to be in the Christ mind, not a crisis mind. You always want to be in a controlled state of mind. Dreams and visions have a hidden language that we must discover. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we learn how to interpret our dreams and visions. Dreams and visions are vital to our growth in God.

**AFFIRMATION**

My conscious mind and my subconscious must get on one accord.

I must learn to fall asleep and get intimate with God.

My mind is a power tool. My mind is a power tool.

I will dream my dreams and see my visions and allow the truth of God to speak within Me.
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