

18) Meaningful Dream Last Night

Mea culpa, no other or institution is accountable for this student work. Dreams as Medium between conscious and unconscious.



Mount Hood

Indeed, O Brother, if we ponder each created thing, we shall witness a myriad perfect wisdoms and learn a myriad new and wondrous truths. One of the created phenomena is the dream. Behold how many secrets are deposited therein, how many wisdoms treasured up, how many worlds concealed. Observe, how thou art asleep in a dwelling, and its doors are barred; on a sudden thou findest thyself in a far-off city, which thou enterest without moving thy feet or wearying thy body; without using thine eyes, thou seest; without taxing thine ears, thou hearest; without a tongue, thou speakest. And perchance when ten years are gone, thou wilt witness in the outer world the very things thou hast dreamed tonight. Now there are many wisdoms to ponder in the dream... First, what is this world, where without eye and ear and hand and tongue a man puts all of these to use? Second, how is it that in the outer world thou seest today the effect of a dream, when thou didst vision it in the world of sleep some ten years past? Consider the difference between these two worlds and the mysteries which they conceal, that thou mayest attain to divine confirmations and heavenly discoveries and enter the regions of holiness. God, the Exalted, hath placed these signs in men, to the end that

philosophers may not deny the mysteries of the life beyond nor belittle that which hath been promised them.

~ Baha'u'llah, *The Seven Valleys*, pp. 32-33.

Last night a meaningful dream. This morning, after prayers and during reflection, the dream memory rose up with clarity. My brother, Clint, who died climbing Mount Hood 40 years ago, was with me in a bank. A bank as the stronghold of materialism symbolizing this material world. He urgently left the bank to address a problem outside. As he stepped out I felt he must come back now. I ran to the massive wide 10 inch thick glass door and struggled to open it for his return. I could not.



A dual barreled shotgun appeared in my hands. I blasted both barrels at the door on the right side. Only a large chunk of smooth glass ejected out of the irregular hole at the deep impact of the blast. The hole did not penetrate all the way.

I recognized at the the memory of the dream that the glass wall is between this world and the next. The dual barreled shotgun as the understanding of time and space that has unfolded, that time and space as the transparent boundaries which separate us. It is only by understanding them we can can alter them. Time is not physical, not even the instant of now. Space is physical; exactly the dipole moment of an electron has physical location. The electron $\leftrightarrow$ positron involution, inversion, *inside to out and outside to in*, puts space into time and flips time, paradoxically, parallel-ality as to here. Time has no spacial location, nor does the conscious that perceives it. The linkage, the Alif boundary, between space-time is the mystery of oneness at its most essential physical manifestation.

In the dream, the bank staff was quite frightened. I took the shotgun to the banking counter and folded it open to show the barrels and that it was only a paint style airgun for metal balls (particles?). I explained was not threatening to rob the bank.

The remainder of the dream faded as meaning was examined. The basic feeling emerged that Clint is helping me to understand the reality of relations space, to time, to meaning, to possibility, to purpose. The intention to understand time and space does not justify using that knowledge to step across the Alif boundary. Only the Manifestation whose pre-cise alignment with Primal Will is author-ized to use such knowledge. The boundaries of physics exist to teach us. All of creation exists to teach us. We will not be empowered to use unity to dissolve boundaries until we respect and understand the purpose and meaning of those boundaries. Boundaries permit the individuation of entities and personal conscious, Time⇒Space in this world,

Purpose⇒Meaning in the next.

Awareness In The Next Life ...the faculty for perceiving that world cannot pierce it in this world until that faculty perceiveth and understandeth the underlying reality. (Bahá'u'lláh, Ma'idih-yi Asamani, 4:20; Amr va Khalq, 1:277-8, provisional translation)

"The Hidden Words is a treasury of divine mysteries.

When thou ponderest its contents, the doors of the mysteries will open." ~ `Abdu'l-Bahá, From Pearls of Wisdom, a compilation put forth from The Universal House of Justice.

If we examine hidden words and understand the moral, ethical, spiritual guidance given therein and apply it into deeds then our understanding of how they fit the physical, visible world will unfold.

When your heart becomes the grave of your secrets, that desire of yours will be gained more quickly. The Prophet said that anyone who keeps secret his inmost thought will soon attain the object of his desire. When seeds are buried in the earth, their inward secrets become the flourishing garden. ~Rumi

The quote above suggests these thoughts should not be published. The reality that this student writes with the objective of understanding what has been taught to this student indicates the purpose of these writings, which are not addressed

to another reader, makes them unpublishable. Those things that are publishable are actually written to the audience they are being published to. So noting them by writing them down is a bit paradoxical.

O SON OF MAN!

Write all that We have revealed unto thee with the ink of light upon the tablet of thy spirit. Should this not be in thy power, then make thine ink of the essence of thy heart. If this thou canst not do, then write with that crimson ink that hath been shed in My path. Sweeter indeed is this to Me than all else, that its light may endure for ever. ~Bahá'u'lláh

Interesting that these combined writings, suggest that we should take the secrets and mysteries that God has disclosed with us to the grave by Rumi's words. Bahá'u'lláh also suggested we should engrave them upon our hearts. None of this is suggesting publication.

Why document your own dream? The book Dreams of Destiny in the Bábí and Bahá'í Faiths convey why. Had those dreams not been documented and shared we would be less rich.

How can we be confirmed that the structure of the physical universe is based on a single particle of God's will? Because we have documentation that God has law as unity power, Primal Will, that exceeds the power of conservation of energy⇒mass law stated by physics which applies to human will. In `Abdu'l-Bahá in beautiful words indicated God permits men to bend the laws of nature on a regular basis. Electricity is a natural mystery. God permits man to unfold the mystery.

Wert Thou to bestow on one of Thy creatures what would equal the kingdoms of earth and heaven, it would still not diminish by even as much as an atom the immensity of Thy dominion. Far greater art Thou than the Great One men are wont to call Thee, for such a title is but one of Thy names all of which were created by a mere indication of Thy will. ~Bahá'u'lláh

So, the entire physical universe can be created by a single particle of Primal Will, then it's obvious that this may fulfill the quote above as a possible literal understanding also. God could grant the kingdoms of heavens and the Earth to an individual without diminishing one atom His dominion.

John Archibald Wheeler's perception that the entire universe is made from a single electron is supported by divine Bahá'í teachings. `Abdu'l-Bahá indicates that the way to distinguish an imaginal thought from reality is that the imaginal thought is not consistent with the divine teachings. He further clarifies and expounds that a religious thought lacks any validity if it is not consistent with scientific thinking. True scientific thought and true religious thought are two faces of the same coin, truth.

O CHILDREN OF MEN!

Know ye not why We created you all from the same dust? That no one should exalt himself over the other. Ponder at all times in your hearts how ye were created. Since We have created you all from one same substance it is incumbent on you to be even as one soul, to walk with the same feet, eat with the same mouth and dwell in the same land, that from your inmost being, by your deeds and actions, the signs of oneness and the essence of detachment may be made manifest. Such is My counsel to you, O concourse of light! Heed ye this counsel that ye may obtain the fruit of holiness from the tree of wondrous glory.
~Bahá'u'lláh

The spiritual meanings of this quote carry greater value than the literal & physical meaning. How ever, the Creator unfolds us both worlds to exist in. Our head to the ground carries value in both worlds. This allows us in the realm of mind to know we are slaves, in the realm of spirit we intend to be who we are, in the realm of heart we show love to the Beloved, and in the realm of soul our physical deed, act, posture reflects the truth. In physical terms head to the ground allows us sleep, rest, rejuvenation as physical resurrection.

We used sperm and egg in our becoming.
We used the womb in our becoming.
We used the body in our becoming.
We used the world in our becoming.
We used the mind in our becoming.
We used the heart in our becoming.
Will we will to use the Manifestation?

Thou hast inquired about the spirit after its ascent and whether it is still aware of the physical worlds. Know that the spirit after its ascent is like one who hath awakened from slumber. It is aware of the conditions of all things, as the famous hadith sayeth, "The people are asleep. When they die, they are aware." Likewise in the Qur'an He sayeth, 'Thou

wast heedless of this; therefore We have now removed from thee thy covering, and so thy sight today is piercing' (Q 50:22). (Abdu'l-Bahá, Muntakhabati, 3:31, provisional translation)

My parent, LaRue and Lester, gave us my brother, Clint. He had the courage and insight to recognize the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh and thereby share that knowledge with the family. My mom was a courageous enthusiastic joyful teacher of Bahá'í. It is no coincidence that Clint conveys meaning by purposeful dreams.

Regarding your question about the next world and its connection with this lower realm, he asks us to write that it is impossible in this lower world for humans to conceive of the mode of the next world in any respect. After the ascent of the human spirit, however, it shall understand the condition of souls in this world. It will not forget and will continue to perceive, but the mode of that perception is unknown. The communication of spirits with one another is also realized. (A letter on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, Ma'idih-yi Asamani 3:2, provisional translation)

The mode of communication from the next world is based on Bahá'u'lláh's teachings regarding divine purpose. If the purpose of the communication is to call someone closer to God then that meaning is transmittable. Whether the recipient can understand the message is based on their purity of heart, whether their heart desires to draw closer to God. This is true even in every day life as someone tries to tell another regarding an easier path to God. The recipient is required to have the desire to achieve that goal for the message to have any meaning.

This does not explain how after death we are able to perceive the events of this world. That mode, as Shoghi Effendi indicates, is unknown remains so. It is likely related to the same power that allows us to see and hear in our dreams.

"Sleep is the brother of death". Aye, he be, dimly seen.

It is Allāh Who takes away the souls at the time of their death, and those that die not during their sleep. He keeps those (souls) for which He has ordained death and sends the rest for a term appointed. Verily, in this are signs for people who think deeply" (Quran 39.42)

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