

DREAMS CAN REVEAL YOUR FUTURE

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Introduction

Many times you get up in the morning with a sense of surprise and awe about the dream that you saw last night or early morning knowing very well that you had seen people or objects whom you have never seen in this life. Or maybe you have been to such a place in your dream where you have never gone before in this life. Again, you might have dreamt a very funny dream or a dream having a lot of tension or turmoil. In all these dreams you had a strange feeling that maybe there was ‘some message’ hidden in your dreams.

A large majority of dreams contain a very clear message about our future. We only need a good dream interpreter to interpret it for us. In the Old Testament of The Holy Bible, the Pharaoh saw in his dream that ‘from the river seven healthy cows came out followed by seven very sickly cows’. Pharaoh was very surprised with this dream. Being the wisest man, blessed by God, he understood that this dream, no matter how weird it may seem, may have a hidden meaning in it. The King summoned Joseph and asked him to find out the meaning of this dream. Joseph told the king that the seven healthy cows denote seven years of bounty for his kingdom followed by seven years of severe famine represented by the seven sickly cows. Being a very wise king, Pharaoh ordered all the people of his kingdom to start saving crops to prepare for the seven years of famine. When the seven years of famine started, no one died of starvation because the wise Pharaoh got his dream interpreted and made provisions for the future and saved his entire kingdom.

A couple of weeks before his assassination, Abraham Lincoln dreamt that there was a funeral at the White House. He asked a soldier in his dream regarding who was in the casket and the reply was, "the president of United States". Later when he told his wife about the dream, she remarked that he would die in office. And we all know how Lincoln died. Mark Twain had a very real dream in which he saw his brother in a casket. Within a week, his brother was killed in an explosion on a boat. Upon arriving at the town where it took place, he saw his brother laid out in a casket just like in his dream. Again, had the dream given him more specific details about his brother’s death, perhaps he could have warned him.

We come across many such people in whose life such examples galore. They repent saying that they had not paid heed to their dreams. Worse, when they repent saying that they had no means by which they could have understood the real hidden meaning of their dreams so that they could avoid the impending calamity or prepare for the great bounty coming their way.

Dreams—an Indication of Future

Dreams are an indication of future course of events of your life. However, psychologists differ with this view. They say that dreams occur due to repressed emotions. Sigmund Freud, the father of psychology, called dreams “the royal road to the unconscious” in his famous book *The Interpretation of Dreams*. Freud used the release of dreams in his psychoanalysis in order to understand the repressed wishes of his clients. He believed, and so does all Freudians, that every dream represents the lack of some wish fulfillment, and he kept this theory to the end. There is another psychological theory of dreams. Sleep studies have shown that we go through several cycles of light to very deep sleep each night. One phase of each cycle is called Rapid Eye Movement (REM) sleep. It is believed that all our dreams occur during this phase of sleep. But the question is: when modern science is yet to find out the real cause behind human sleep, what sense can they make about activities that happen in our brain during sleep?

In 1901 an American doctor named William G. Benham published a treatise on hand reading. In his book he surmised that the unconscious mind of human beings have the capacity to rise above the conscious and see the future that remains opaque to the conscious mind. He postulated that the main lines on our hand are imprinted in our embryonic stage when the unconscious mind is all that the embryo contains in its brain. What we today find in persons having extra sensory perceptions (ESP) is an actively developed unconscious mind that can peep into the future.

As human beings we would be grateful to those who can interpret our dreams and tell us what meaning it contains. We would be helped more if the prophetic meaning of our dream is told to us rather than telling what it means psychologically. We know ourselves very well and we know what our nature is. It will not help us at all to have our nature and characteristics ‘re-told’ to us once again. Rather, if the prophecy that is contained in our dream is made clear to us then the unseen future may will reveal itself and we may prepare ourselves to have it in our life. Remember, Pharaoh could not stop the seven years of bounty or the famine but he could make the right provisions for it.

Dreams that really mean

Not all dreams are meaningful for us. That is, all dreams do not have a prophetic meaning. Some of the most common dreams that DO NOT have any prophetic value are the dreams where you see yourself falling down from a very high place such as tall building or a cliff or a mountain. Also dreams where you see that you are chased by some ghost or a monster and waking up screaming with fear, falling by the road and waking up from sleep with a jerk, seeing rivers of blood, getting suffocation in dreams or getting murdered are usually termed ‘nightmares’ that occur due to faulty digestion resulting in altered blood supply in the brain. Such dreams DO NOT have any prophetic value. Such nightmares usually happen due to spicy dinner that becomes difficult to digest or a faulty sleeping posture. Sleeping with the right side of your body slightly reclined to the right side is the best sleeping posture. Also the ‘self-suggested dream’ DO NOT have

a prophetic value. Self-suggested dreams are those in which you get a dream regarding the matter which you were thinking just before your sleep.

Only those dreams have a prophetic value which is very weird in content for which there is no explanation. They are neither nightmares nor dreams of persons or things about whom we have recently thought about or seen. Also these dreams do not emerge from any illness, worry or fright. For example, a dream having a prophetic content can be *where you see yourself sitting in the midst of a broken temple. You walk up to the main Priest and find that it is a monkey. Amazed you turn around and run only to find that you are in the middle of a desert.* Such dreams are full with indications about the future. If such dreams are seen in normal healthy condition then there remains no doubt that your subconscious mind rose above the conscious and traveled ahead to peep into the future.

You can also invoke dreams especially to know the unfulfilled desires of your deceased relatives. It is believed by Aghoris, a revered class of Tantrics, that when you are in the Smashan to cremate your relative, you need to put a Pinda (a ball made of rice flour) to the crows to eat. Many times we find that even though the crows are near to the Pinda, they will not eat it. Aghoris believe that this is because the spirit of your relative is still hovering over the Pinda and is not allowing the crows to eat. The spirit of your relative is still there because there is some Vasana (desire) that is still not fulfilled. If you want to give peace to the spirit of your relative then you must go near the Pinda and whisper to the Pinda that “please come in my dreams and tell me about your desire”. It is a guarantee that you will get the dream from your relative within a few nights about the unfulfilled desire of your relative and what you can do about it.

Few Prophetic dreams and their meaning

Each and every prophetic dream is unique and requires separate interpretation. This can be done by a oniromancer (dream interpreter) who is adept at the interpreting the dreams with oracular divinatory powers. However, for the benefit of the readers, here I provide the interpretations of few dreams that we may sometimes see in our sleep. Exact meaning however, needs to be deciphered with the help of an oniromancer.

Cobra: To get the dream of any ordinary snake has a different meaning. But if you dream of a Cobra then it is a clear indication that your deceased forefathers and ancestors did not get proper last rites. This is because Maa Smashan Tara has two cobras as anklets on both her Divine legs and this indicates that all our ancestors have found peace at the lotus feet of Maa. In case you dream that a cobra is chasing you, then it is a clear indication that you might have skipped some important Pitru right and your ancestor is running behind you to get it done for him so that he may get eternal peace.

Snakes: Dreaming of ordinary snakes other than the Cobra has a completely different meaning. If you dream that a snake is chasing you then you must be careful about secret enemies making conspiracies against you actively in your work place. If you dream that a snake is simply staring at you or is lying coiled up then it indicates that there are secret enemies in your place of work who may back stab you any moment.

Freshly cut human body parts: Sometimes we dream about freshly cut human body parts especially head and arms. We also get dreams where the cut human head is talking to us or the cut hand is approaching us. Dreaming about cut human head or hand is a Karmic dream from Daiva (Godly sphere of existence) and a very clear indication of Karmic retribution approaching us. Maa Smashan Tara has eight freshly cut human heads as her Mala (garland) around her neck. This is called as Rundamala. These eight heads denote eight *Pashas* or bindings which are anger, lust, delusion, greed, fear, shame, envy, and disgust. So, if you dream about cut human heads (and also see them talking to you!) then it is a clear indication that you are too grossly involved with the eight bindings and if you do not check it under control then retribution is not far.

Similarly, Maa Smashan Tara has freshly cut human hands as her skirt. These cut human hands cover her navel and pubis. These hands represent your Karmas and is a warning for too much indulgence in inauspicious Karmas related with self-gratification, greed, and sex, especially illicit sex with women other than your own wife..

Onboard a ship: If you dream that you are onboard a ship then it indicates that you ventured into or is about to venture into a risky or adventurous activity or venture. You will also reap profit or gain from this venture.

Angels: This is a good dream to see. It is an indication of success in relationships and eradication of any tension or turmoil in relationships. For those who are in love, this is a sure indication of love culminating into marriage. For those who are ill or sick, it denotes quick recovery from the disease or illness. To see that angels are carrying you with them is an indication of Divine help coming to rescue you from your problems.

War or Battles: If you dream that you are a spectator of a bloody battle then it has no meaning at all. But if you dream that you are actively battling in a war then it denotes success in your undertakings in spite of strong opposition from your opponents. For businessmen this would mean good profits at the expense of the competitors.

Flowers: This is generally considered a dream foretelling ill-luck. Dreaming about flowers tells you that bad luck is coming and the type of bad luck depends upon what type of flower you have seen. But if you see that you are gathering or plucking flowers then it indicates good luck. A delightful surprise awaits you.

Forest: If you dream that you are in a forest or you have lost your way in a forest then it indicates that you are going to get prosperity and success in the immediate future. It portends good luck. If however, you dream that you are watching a forest from a distance then it indicates that misfortune is about to befall you.

Horse: If you dream that you are mounted on a horse and is riding it then it is an indication that you are about to earn a lot of money and you will make friends who would be true and loyal to you. But it would mean a hastily decided marriage bringing misfortune if you dream that you have fallen down from the horse. Your ambitions and aims will be unfulfilled if you dream that you are hitting the horse. But if you see a large number of horses then it indicates that you will become self-driven and independent. You will give up your job and start your own venture. It portends happiness.

Dreams can be interpreted

Oniromancy is the ancient science of divination through dreams. Sometimes the dream we see may not be a simple linear dream as above. It may involve twists and turns. And most importantly, you may not remember a substantial portion of the dream once you wake up in the morning. For example, you may see that *a very old friend of yours has come to receive you in the airport. In stead of boarding the flight you start checking in all the passengers. Suddenly you find that you are sacked from the job and as soon as you leave the airport you find that you are actually in the middle of a busy bus terminus.*

Apparently, this dream may seem funny and useless but it is ripe with indications about the future. Such types of dream can be interpreted with the least amount of information from the person who has seen it. A good oniromancer (dream interpreter) will require only the day, date and month on which the dream was seen along with the birth year of the person. With this information an oniromancer will be able to inform the person about his or her impending future. And with this information the concerned person will be able to safeguard for the future or make provisions to welcome it.

Once an individual approached me to get his dream interpreted. He could not remember his dream but remembered that his dream was very weird and he guessed that there could be more than what meets the eye. I obtained the weekday, date, and month on which he had this dream along with his birth year and worked out the interpretation for him. The interpretation that was arrived at was: *Matrimonial offers will be coming your way. However, it will be good for you not to act or decide hastily since that may result in to troubles in the future.* The individual was already in the marriageable age and he confessed that many marriage proposals were coming to him. He was glad to know that he needs to weigh the pros and cons for the alliances before he took a plunge.

Dreams therefore, act as a gateway to the future. If we can get our prophetic dreams interpreted we would surely equip ourselves to handle the future in a much better way. After all, Kriyaman Karma (actions

which you can perform) is all about Purushokar (self-willed actions) wherein we need to actively work for the betterment of our destiny without relegating everything in the hands of fate.