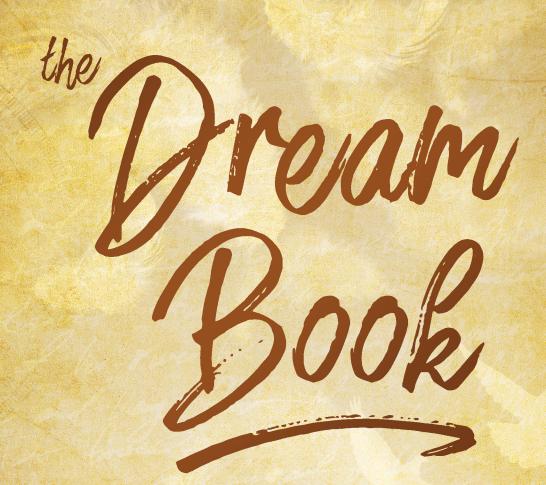
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Dedication

To the One I love.

Thank You, Jesus, for including me in Your dreams.

To my family from generations past and present, especially my mother, Beth Ann, who have taken their dreams seriously and learned to pray accordingly.

To my children, Candice, Chelsea, Gracie, Caroline, Christian, and Caleb, who tell me their dreams.

To Fire Camp revivalists, both young and mature, from the USA and all over the world. You are the sons and daughters spoken of in Joel 2 and Acts 2. You are listening to how Jesus speaks to you and taking His plan for your lives seriously.

This is what I will do in the last days—I will pour out my Spirit on everybody and cause your sons and daughters to prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men will experience dreams from God. The Holy Spirit will come upon all my servants, men and women alike, and they will prophesy (Acts 2:17-18).

It is our inheritance to dream and a gift from Heaven to understand our dreams.

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This project was carried on wings of prayer from my own family and joined by many mothers, fathers, relatives, and friends who've been stirred to pray for the spiritual ground to shift toward righteousness in our land. We join our prayers in agreement with Heaven, and with our generations past and present, that the fire of revival will be stirred in us and in the beloved ones we shepherd.

There are moments in history when a door for massive change opens, and great revolutions for good or evil spring up in the vacuum created by these openings. In these divine moments key men and women and even entire generations risk everything to become the hinge of history, the pivotal point that determines which way the door will swing.

—Lou Engle, intercessor for revival and co-founder of The Call¹

"[Daniel] could do anything—interpret dreams, solve mysteries, explain puzzles."

—Daniel 5:12 MSG

"The [Holy] Spirit...dives into the depths of God, and brings out what God planned all along....He [Holy Spirit] not only knows what he's [God is] thinking, but he lets us in on it. God offers a full report on the gifts of life and salvation that he is giving us. We don't have to rely on the world's guesses and opinions. We didn't learn this by reading books or going to school; we learned it from God, who taught us person-to-person through Jesus, and we're passing it on to you in the same firsthand, personal way."

—I Corinthians 2:10-13 MSG



Mummy (Sarah): "Noah, did you have a dream last night?"

Noah: "Yes!"

Mummy: "What did you dream about?"

Noah: "Jesus!"

Mummy: "Reeeally? What did He say to you?"

Noah: "ILIKE YOU!"

—John and Sarah Roth with their son Noah, 2½ years old

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Foreword

Stephanie Schureman's new book, *The Dream Book*, is set to take a new breed of young people into realms beyond this world. With this material God is equipping a generation, who have grown up being fed on fantasy movies and combat games, into their own experience of the supernatural.

God has raised up Stephanie as a prophetic voice to equip young people in a day and age when pioneering minds are searching for something more than empty religious practice.

Like a sleeping giant, the Body of Christ is slowly awakening to the fact that dreams and their correct interpretation provide the revelation needed to step beyond church rhetoric to the substance of the kingdom of God, "For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." Sadly, most do not realize there is a very real game of thrones underway in the unseen eternal realm and that to fight a spiritual foe you need spiritual weapons.

Through this book, Yeshua, our Lord and Commander is setting forth the real call of duty to a corporate body of young people to take up the baton filled with the presence of God and knowledge of the gifts of the Spirit to fulfill their destiny and shine like the stars forever.

Adam F. Thompson and Adrian Beale Authors of *The Divinity Code to Understanding Your Dreams* and *Visions and God's Prophetic Symbolism in Everyday Life* I had a dream two nights ago.

We were in a stadium with tens of thousands of Christians. Moms, dads, grandparents, and lots of children. It was beautiful! Lots of families enjoying themselves, and I was one of the speakers for this Christian event.

The speaker before me was quite old and somewhat careless with her words. I was surprised that she was not more careful with what she was saying. Then I heard her say about all the kids who were there, "Children are to be seen and not heard."

My heart was so heavy as the faces of the children present flashed before me; they were hurt, deeply hurt. Then it was my turn to take the mic and I simply said, "The children **must** be heard! The children have a **voice** that must be heard!"

I then knelt down in front of one child after another and looked into their eyes and said, "You have a voice for this day. You have a voice that must be heard." I awoke with the strong sense that we are on the verge of a "children's revival."

The praises of our children have the power to silence the voice of the enemy. May the children's voices be heard in our land again!

—DR. BRIAN SIMMONS, Author of The Passion Translation

You have built a stronghold by the songs of babies. Strength rises up with the chorus of singing children. This kind of praise has the power to shut Satan's mouth. Childlike worship will silence the madness of those who oppose you (Psalm 8:2).

Preface

First, I'd like to share the encounter with Jesus that has brought this book assignment into my life.

While volunteering at our county library's warehouse, I was given the job of sorting children's books into general categories. With stacks and stacks of books to organize, I was sorting as fast as possible so the books were passing through my hands quite quickly.

Suddenly, I was stopped by a noticeable *physical electric jolt* that seemed to originate from one of the books that had passed through my hands. I stopped, retrieved the book that had brought on the jolt, and took a break from my work. With the book in hand, I went outside to talk to Jesus about what was on His mind concerning this book.

I scanned the table of contents and book description, learning that the book written for young children and was about night dreams and how to interpret dreams. The message was from a humanistic perspective, with lots of new age terminology. The basis for interpreting their dreams was considered "a magical process" where they could hear from "another (somewhat mysterious) realm." The author was defining dream metaphors and the supernatural from a secular viewpoint, leaving God, the Creator of both, completely out of the picture.

I've been in love with Jesus my entire life. His Word has come alive in me. For over a decade, I have had the great joy of teaching people of all ages Fire

Camp, which is practical training on how to hear God's voice and interpret dreams. With my whole heart I believe dreams are an amazing gift from a loving God, and the interpretation, wisdom, and strategy that He is delivering has our absolute best in mind.

Just as you go to the instruction manual written by the creator of a device to learn how to correctly use the product, shouldn't we ask the Author and Creator of dreams for the true and relevant interpretation?

I began to search for available good responses to the secular dream book and was surprised by the lack of resources for the believing young person. The simple and prolific resources available were either new age, psychology/humanistic based, or worse.

Thus the "God assignment" to write this book became my next adventure. If it was His idea, I was confident He would speak through this willing but weak and naïve vessel. Young people are on Jesus's mind. It is His turn to have an opportunity to define the supernatural from His perspective, using His Word and with His best intentions and matchless love in mind. This book is not just a resource but a point of encounter with the Creator and Interpreter of all dreams. The dream realm was His first, and it is ours to have Kingdom authority in—the great tool of this day and for the great harvest in our future.

All, that the Lamb that was slain will receive the full reward of His suffering.

With much joy and anticipation of His Kingdom being established,

Stephanie Schureman

Introduction to Parents

I was sitting in an office, filling out building rental paperwork for an upcoming dream conference we were hosting. The topic of conversation turned to a dream the event manager, Shirley, had just had early that morning.

In her dream, Shirley found herself walking through a strikingly beautiful home surrounded by things she loves. She knew this house was hers! She was overwhelmed by the beautiful components of the home and amazed at the attention to detail and the obvious love someone had shown for her in taking on this project. It was as if the person who built this beautiful home knew her preferences better than she knew them herself.

Shirley was surprised to see treasured items from her childhood. Even the beloved pets she cherished in her life were there waiting for her. Shirley was puzzled by the dream but was overwhelmed by the love she had felt.

Interpretation

My meeting with Shirley was not a coincidence. As gently as possible, I explained how God had given her this dream to remind her of His love and

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care for her. That He knows every detail of her life *even bet*ter than she knows herself. He wants her to see a glimpse of her heavenly home. He is pursuing real relationship (not just church) with her and offering the reality and beauty of Heaven, not only after she dies but today!

Shirley listened politely to me then related how her daughter (who dreams all the time) goes to a psychic to get her dreams interpreted.

Our conversation ended with me encouraging her to seek out the truth of her dreams from God because He deeply loves her and has the very best plan for her.

I believe Jesus was allowing Shirley a glimpse of Heaven. He is in pursuit of a deeper relationship with her.

Move your heart closer and closer to God, and He will come even closer to you (James 4:8).

In our culture, science, psychology, or "enlightened thought" have been given the bulk of influence in defining the supernatural and its use without considering or consulting the Creator of the supernatural realm.

When a scientist makes a discovery, he is asked to give more information of what he has learned and many times is required to present findings so all can benefit. Today, our culture avoids considering the Creator's thoughts on the realm of the supernatural. Those who practice the counterfeit are readily accepted as relevant, "always learning but never discover the revelation–knowledge of truth" (2 Tim. 3:7).

The recent influx of popular literature seeking to teach our young people how to operate in the supernatural without godly wisdom is not only troubling but dangerous. This ideology is devastating lives, fracturing homes, and brutalizing our culture. You can go to any bookstore and see a prolific number of titles that train young people to operate in sorcery, witchcraft, and every imaginable variation possible.

The church (in general) has answered this problem in a confusing way; some even embrace this supernatural instruction as "entertainment" and harmless. Second Timothy 3:1,5 says, "in the final days the culture of society...may pretend to have a respect for God, but in reality they want nothing to do with God's power. Stay away from people like these!"

We Have the Best Tools!

Jesus gave the command to His disciples to take the gospel to the world, but He commanded them to *first* wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Not only did He give us the best tools to share Jesus, He demands we use these tools (see Acts 1:4,8; 1 Cor. 12).

I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days (Acts 2:17-18 NKJV).

The key to lasting revival among our young people is setting them on a foundation of God's Word that does not deny them access to or ignore the true biblical supernatural.

It is my prayer that this book will be a resource to help train believers (of all ages) in true, life-changing, enjoyable, and safe dream interpretation, as well as bring godly wisdom to the supernatural gifts and experiences. Notes

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The goal of this book is to consistently point to Scripture as the first and ultimate source of making dream interpretation accessible.

Joseph said to them, "God is the only One who can explain the meaning of dreams" (Genesis 40:8 ICB).

Training Young Believers in Understanding Their Dreams

In this book, most chapters begin with a dream or experience that draws the reader into the learning process and gently compels them not only to *read* but *to dwell on the Word of God*. This will give excellent understanding and open up brilliant revelation in their own dreams with Holy Spirit's guidance. As God's Word is sown into their heart and mind, they will come to understand His love and good plans for them. His excellence and truth will become their high standard and they will never be compelled or satisfied by an inferior or unrighteous source.

In life, I have tried to model real relationship with Jesus and His Word, before my family, as honestly as possible (definitely not perfectly), believing this foundation will keep them from *permanently* departing from God. However, if they choose to stray for a time I am confident in the *powerful and effective Word of God* teamed with *Holy Spirit* to compel them back into the safe arms of Jesus. I believe, when our young ones have been raised in a Spiritled environment it will be difficult to find contentment in whatever may temporarily capture their attention.

I choose to trust the work of the Holy Spirt in our young people's lives, that when they step out of Jesus's protection they'll quickly recognize that chaos has

Once you've encountered Jesus and His power, you'll never be content with less than another encounter of His love.

interrupted true peace and that settling for inferior things of this world will never satisfy. My prayer is that every child of God will continually crave the living, breathing, vibrant, and healthy food of God's Word they've been blessed to feast on.

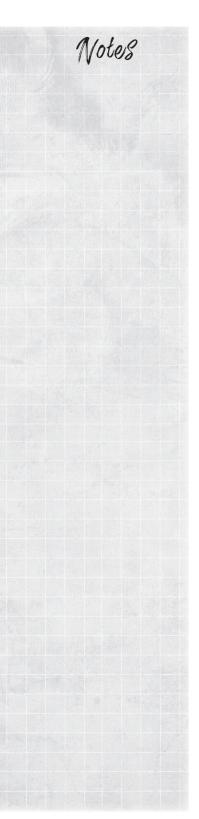
In the above dream experience, it was difficult for me to hear Shirley say that her beloved daughter uses a psychic to interpret her dreams. This is our assignment as the true church. We must take up our positions as excellent teachers of the prophetic and interpreters of dreams so that hearts are impacted by the Holy Spirit and His truth and Jesus's Word becomes water to those who are thirsty after truth.

My goal is to team with the active and living church, opening up God's true supernatural gifts and revelatory wisdom, making simple what has seemed impossible or too difficult. We, as believers in God's Word have access to answers—abundantly available—in the precious Word of God and the amazing Holy Spirit, who guides us into all truth.

Don't forget all that has been deposited within you. Escape from the empty echoes of men and the perversion of twisted reasoning. For those who claim to possess this so-called knowledge have already wandered from the true faith. May God's grace empower you always! (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

Remembering Heaven

As in the dream at the beginning of this section, a dream may bring memories of Heaven. It has been said that a Notes



child may be able to recall details or thoughts of Heaven up to about two and a half or three years of age.



"Please tell me about Heaven, I'm starting to forget."

—Three-year-old to his younger sister standing in her crib



While we were cooking dinner, Lucie, almost three years old, stopped and stared at a picture of a lighthouse on a jar of dressing and said, "Remember when I used to live in the lighthouse?" Then, as she continued to ponder this thought, she asked, "Mom, Where was I when I was in the lighthouse?"

Mom and Grammie both knew she had not been in an earthly lighthouse or even understood what one was, but realized she was probably remembering heaven.

—Stephanie, with daughter Gracie and granddaughter Lucie



While lying in bed with two-year-old Christian, I (Lisa) asked him if he remembered Heaven. Christian said, "Yes, I was sad."

"Really? Why were you sad?"

"Because Daddy came and put me in your belly."

"Well, where were you before you were in my belly?"

Christian said, "With Jesus."

"What were you doing?"

"He (Jesus) was singing to me."

Then Christian started singing this song that was like nothing I had ever heard. I want to say it was similar to singing in tongues, but it doesn't clearly articulate how it sounded.

"Was anyone else there with you?" I said.

"A boy and a girl. They knew my name." And then he started to describe what they looked like. I (Lisa) have two babies in heaven—a boy, Daniel, and a girl, Isabelle, whom Christian did not know about yet. I just wept. It was such a gift from God to let me know they are with Jesus.

When I saw the movie *Heaven Is for Real*, it was confirming to me that Colton and Christian had similar experiences in Heaven. Rainbow horses, siblings. Christian chuckles now when we talk about this because those memories have faded but that season strengthened our faith more than any other time.

—Memory shared by LISA CARON, mom of Christian

Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you (Jeremiah 1:5 MSG).

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) (Ephesians 1:4 MSG)



Nightmares

For God will never give you the spirit of fear, but the Holy Spirit who gives you mighty power, love, and self-control.

—2 Тімотну 1:7

It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech [words] we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.

—James 3:6

Dark Dreams, Nightmares, and Their Purpose

20: Expectancy; waiting; wisdom; complete (10) x (2) multiplication.

I was standing in line in front of a familiar group of stores. There was a registration table that I had to reach in order to go into the "stores." Then I realized the stores were only store fronts. There was an **amusement park** behind the **store fronts**. The **sky was cloudy and dark** but the rides in the park were compelling. It was my turn to pay, and as I stepped up to the registration table the man who was going to take my money jumped over the table and started beating me up! I was able to get away, but he chased me and attacked me again! This kept repeating and I was afraid!

Somehow, I beat him off and escaped. I realized the store fronts were not real and the amusement park was a trap to get me in. Woke, shook up, my heart beating fast.

—CJ, age 11

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This particular dark dream could seem like it came from the enemy; however, the dream actually saved the young man from what could have been an extremely bad choice where he could have suffered serious consequences or injury. This dream was not from the enemy. It was from God.

Remember: The only One who is interested in destroying the works of the enemy is God. The only One who is ready to expose the enemy's plans is God!

Interpretation of this dream alerted CJ to the possibility of danger ahead.

CJ had been able to talk about the dream with his mother when he woke that morning. They had considered the meaning of the dream and realized it was a warning.

The very next day, in real life, CJ was offered a trip to a skate park that sounded like a lot of fun (similar to the amusement park in the dream). CJ knew immediately that the invitation was a "false front" (like the false store fronts) and there may have been the possibility of harm to him. The dream story exposed the enemy's plan, and it was very easy for CJ to decline the invitation because of the details in the dream that brought clarity of the possibility of harmful intentions others may have.

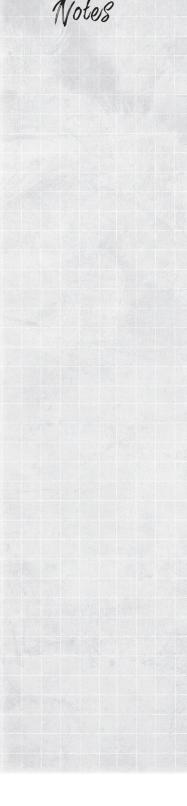
A Nightmare's Purpose

Many of the nightmares that have been recalled to us over the years have overwhelmingly been merciful warnings from God that kept the dreamer from trouble, exposing a trap the enemy had set or offering a path of escape from trouble. A true friend will lovingly tell the truth to keep you from a negative experience. Jesus is the best friend you'll ever have. Before writing off a dream as from an evil source, remember the true Word from God:

In a dream, for instance, a vision at night, when men and women are deep in sleep, fast asleep in their beds—God opens their ears and impresses them with warnings to turn them back from something bad they're planning, from some reckless choice, and keep them from an early grave, from the river of no return (Job 33:15-18 MSG).

Then You [God] scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions (Job 7:14 NKJV).

Remember: God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good!



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