Science of Dream Interpretation in Islam: An important branch of Ulum al Khafiyyah

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1. Dream Interpretation:

To believe Qur'an as a miracle is a common fact, but on the other hand this divine book is a "universe of intellectual miracles", as it contains treasures of secret sciences. In this treasure of secret sciences one can find wonderful precious gems, and the science of dream is one of them. Dreams portray several indications. In the spiritual world its similarity is like an X-Ray system. It is a divine bounty upon human that He (Allah) alerts any forthcoming issue, through the faculty of dream. One can learn problems, physical or spiritual, through an expert who can decode your dreams. External science is on its peak but it has no access to the internal sciences; and thus interpretation of dreams is beyond their ability. Dreams also extend invitation to the observer to think and improve. Scientific inventions have an array of sophisticated equipments that discover secrets and hidden matters, but have not succeeded in entering the world of dream. Learned writer of "Tabir ar Ruya" transmitted a Tradition: [1]

"If anyone suffers with a nightmare than he should never discuss it with others, but wake up, perform Wazu and offer Sal'aat. Do Istaghf'ar, recite Dua, and Zikar (Tasabih), and give Sadaqah". These are the best weapons of protection. Some Ulama refers to a Hadith:

"A bad dream, as long as it is not told, flies above you, but falls down and becomes true when it is told".

Friends of Allah may alter destiny through a Dua, even if he is warned through a nightmare.

The learned writer of "Majmuah Yamaniyah" has discussed that Imam Jafar Assadiq divided dreams in three categories: [2]

Tiding for believer and warning for sinner

Harassment of the Shait'an

To confuse and puzzle in any matter

Imam Sadiq explained: [3]

"The dream which one observes in the beginning phase of the night is value-less, because it is the time when evil forces spread their powers. That evil spirit harasses the people through dreams. The true dreams can be seen in the final phase of the night, prior to the beginning of the sign of morning. This is the time when Malaek descend".

Normally the dreams which people observe in the later time are true, but the person should be in a clean condition, not in Junub, when bath of Sunnah is compulsory and he is punctual of Sal'aat. According to the learned writer of "Qaratis Yamaniyah", Syedi Wajhiyuddin: [4]

"Science of dream interpretation is one of the most difficult subjects and is exclusively with the chosen ones of Allah".

Abi Jafar Imam Muhammad al Baqir has instructed the Ummah to discuss dreams only with the one who maintains Taqwa. [5] Because a dream remains suspended between the sky and the earth until an interpreter explains its meaning. Therefore, it is below intelligence to discuss a dream among the non-competent and Taqwa-less class.

2. Ikhwan us Safa on the Science of Dream:

Al Shakhs al Fazil, Saheb al Rasail, 9th Fatemi Imam Ahmad al Mastur explains: [6]

"Science of dream is a faculty of Wahi, which has numerous channels".

Dream is one of them, in which the senses are confined to their specific functions. Hearing of a voice despite the absence of any signs is another form. Qur'an discusses precisely the institution of Wahi and faculty of dream. "Therefore, it is not possible for any human to have conversation with Allah but through Wahi or from behind any curtain or through an authorized Rasul from Him." Qur'an says:

"(Remember) When Allah showed them to be few in your dream, for if He had shown them to be many, you would have certainly become weak-hearted and would have quarreled over the affair, but Allah saved you. Verily He knows what is in the hearts" [7]

A question arises, what is sleep and what is dream? The simple definition of sleep is that it is a state in which a person can not perform his duty, whatsoever, and takes rest to re-energize his mental and bodily needs. Dream is the imagination of the soul. The reality of dream is such that the external senses do not work in dreams, because of this the connection of the soul to the external world is severed temporarily and the soul tends to its inner world automatically. Since the soul is in itself a complete world, during the dream state, it sees everything in itself..... Soul is an intellectual jewel, which is used by mind, heart and all available senses and every part of body, and becomes an instrument to cause some actions with their support. Consequently, a soul shows some views in which one can observe amazing events that could not been seen in the state of awakening.

"If anyone claim that dreams are superfluous and have no relation with reality, than he denies the Qur'an. Similarly as Ibrahim (A.S) said to his son Ismail (A.S):

"I saw in my dream that I slaughter you, accordingly tell me your decision, he submitted: "O my father! Do as you are commanded to do so." [9]

Therefore, if Ibrahim was not acquainted with the reality of dreams he must have slaughtered his own son on the basis of the dream he saw. Similarly if Ismail was not acquainted with the reality of dreams he must not have said to his father that do as you are commanded and not have embraced him for slaughtering. Rasulullah (S) explained: [10]

"True dreams are one part of Nubuwah out of its 46 components".

He also informed that though the institution of Wahi is exclusive but the faculty of true dreams remains active. Hence, if he, who argues that dreams are false, has contradicted the institution of Wahi of the previous Anbiya, which they achieved through, dreams in the state of sleep, and denies the lofty spiritual science and also rejects the existence of soul. Alas! He has become an ignorant of the most precious knowledge, and of its origin. Consequently, he has been deprived of the most precious bounties of Allah, and thus offer Dua that may Allah guide and show him the right path, open his heart and widen his mind. Hence, those who are not guided by Allah to the right path have been deprived the Noor of truth". Dreams which are seen through the inspiration of Malaek or influence of Shaitan are forms of visions, whose roots are guite different". [11]

"Pious and righteous souls depart from their bodies and achieve their rewards. The spirit receives a sort of satisfaction through the sympathy that is extended in the material world by their successors or by the worldly people. All the nearest and dearest ones wish for them to be rewarded by the peace and happiness that it gained after death. And it may be possible that the pious souls come into their dreams to exhort them and to remind them about their destinations, and command them

to adhere on the path of piety, good deeds and acquirement of eternal peace, and give them glad tidings, of what is to happen after their death".

Al Shakhs al Fazil, Saheb al Rasail, 9th Fatemi Imam Ahmad al Mastur says:

"We have decided to elaborate on how a dream can be identified, whether it is from the inspiration of Malaek or the whispering and intrigue of Shait'an or from any other source. Each dream consist direction, and its Batin interpretation is directed towards piety and good deeds. It attracts towards the hereafter and these kinds of inspiration are from Malaek"...

"On the other hand, dreams that are from the intrigue and whisperings of Shait'an are those in which lust of worldly affairs is largely available, and which directs the people towards sins and lustful desires of this material world". [12]

Dreams are divided in the following groups:

- I. Wahi, Taed and ilh'am (exclusive faculty of chosen ones of Allah)
- II. Enlightened dreams (tiding to those who are doing well at large)
- III. Confused dreams (warning to those who are committing sins to stop)
- IV. Due to whisperings of Shait'an (Surah al Falaq has discussed the practice of Shait'an to intrigue human soul from time to time)

Confused dreams also indicate what happens with the dreamer in his daily routine experience, by conversation or imagination. Similarly, dreams are also influenced by the condition of health and strength. Dreams are also influenced by astrological changes. Many people have different experience with vision. According to "Saheb al Rasail" a few have attained the following experiences: [13]

- 1. A few people saw true dreams with inner meaning
- 2. Some achieve the opposite of what they dream
- 3. Some hold amazing meaning with inner interpretation

Al Shakhs al Fazil, Saheb al Rasail says: [14]

"O my brother! Although the interpretation of dreams is an art but it has three manifestations precisely: all these dreams occur on the bases of conviction and passion".

- 1. Accurate and straight dreams for e.g. if a person saw in a dream that he was to travel then he may well travel as he saw.
- 2. Sometimes the interpretation of dreams is totally opposite to what a person has dreamt. If anyone sees in a dreams that he was crying, in reality he will find happiness, or if he dreamt of happiness he would be suffering in reality.
- 3. If anyone saw in the dream that he is flying then he may actually travel in reality, or if he is eating the meat of a human being it indicates that he is in the habit of backbiting, or if he eats hot meal it indicates forthcoming event of clash etc.

A Hadith say:

"The right and accurate dream is of an emperor or slave i.e. emperor is one who has command over the human souls and that is Nabi or Imam. And slave means true follower of the chosen one of Allah". [15]

Abi Abdillah Imam Jafar Assadiq taught Syedi Mufaddal bin Umar the science of dream perfectly. He explained:

"Matters are blended with truth and false. Therefore if all the dreams were reliable, then everyone would become a Nabi, and if they are false then there would be no benefits, instead it would all

be useless and meaningless. At times dreams do appear truthful and so people approve it as beneficial. But most people do not believe in it and don't completely trust on it". [16]

3. Principles of Interpretation of Dream:

Science of interpretation of dream are largely discussed and explained by Ibn Sireen. He quoted a Hadith: [17]

"True dreams are one part of Nubuwah out of its 46 components".

It is necessary that a person who explains and interprets the dreams should posses the following qualities:

Interpreter should be a scholar of the Qur'an

Interpreter should be a learned of Hadith Literature

Interpreter should be well versed with Arabi language in depth

Interpreter should be well versed with the science of astrology

Interpreter should be well versed with the science of interpretation of dreams

Interpreter should be pure and pious by nature

Interpreter should be well mannered

Interpreter should be straightforward

The above mentioned pre-requisites allow him guidance of Allah towards the correct version of the vision and direct him to the goodness of brilliant possessors".

Qur'an provides us some examples of interpretation of dreams as follows:

"As if they were eggs closely guarded".

(The women are described as eggs, which are always guarded against external forces). [18] Our'an says:

"(Yet) after that your hearts hardened like stones, or even harder. [19]

(Even after witnessing the soul-stirring event the Bani Israel lost no time in reverting to disbelief. They were like stones, worse than stones, because even a stone follows its nature).

Qur'an condemns the habit of backbiting:

"Do not spy and do not backbite. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother?
[20]

"They are a garment for you and you are a garment for them" [21]

The most authenticated source of dream interpretation is in Surah Yusuf-12. It is a valuable guide to Tabir ar Ruya - Science of dream interpretation, which is an important branch of Ulum al Khafiyyah, which Allah bestows to those whom he wishes amongst His servants. Majority of dreams are based on signs that are unclear in sense and in explanation. Certainly the meaning of the Sun, the Moon and 12 Stars bowing to Yusuf, is, that these celestial bodies are the beauty of the sky, and from them originates Faiz -benefit. Likewise the Anbiya, Awsiya, Aimmah, Awliya and the Ulama are the radiance of this earth, and through them people are guided in darkness just as they do by the light of the Stars, the Sun and the Moon. Nabi Yusuf (A.S) used to interpret the Tabir of the dreams of others in the light of these fundamental principles. Prior to this, he was taught the practical and experimental Tabir in his own dreams. In Hadith Literature, we observe that a crow has been interpreted as a cruel person because Rasulullah (S) has named crow as a sinful bird, and a mouse has been interpreted as a wicked woman, "Mouse is malevolence". Similarly, disease is interpreted as hypocrisy for those who renege on their promises i.e. he is weak in his promises. Similarly, anyone who washes his hand with soap is interpreted as being deprived from any bounty for e.g. it is said that "I wash my hands from you", means I am depriving you from your goodness. In this manner,

the interpretations of dreams are sometimes explained from its names, sometime from meanings and sometimes with an opposite meaning. Happiness is interpreted by sadness.

4. Dreams & Their Interpretations

The meaning is explained sometimes according to the situation and person. If the same dream is observed by an emperor and a beggar then the interpretation is also different. Such as, pomegranate is interpreted for an emperor as a bestowed city with bounties of Allah but for an ordinary trader it is interpreted as his shop or house, for a scholar or cleric it could be his book, for a bachelor it could be his lover's beauty and money. If you have dreamed of feasts and sumptuous banquets, be sure that quite contrary things will come to pass.

<u>Significance of Colour</u>: The colours in dreams have their own significances. The honey coloured clothing in the dream is the sign pointing to someone who dedicates his life completely to Taqwa and for a spiritual life. In dreams if Malaek and the chosen people of Allah appear in white dress, it also signifies the Taqwa. At times such white clothes are a sign for something extraordinary important. White tents refer to the abode of the Shuhada and therefore imply death.

Sex In Dream: Male sex organ also plays an important part in dreams. The man who dreams that his sex organ has been cut off is certain not to live longer after that dream, for, as said above, it foretells the loss of his memory and the loss of his race. The person who saw in dream the vagina of a woman will know that if he is in trouble Allah will free him of it; if he is in confusion he will soon get out of it; and lastly if he is in poverty he will soon become prosperous, because its mean the liberation from evil. By similarity, if he wants a thing he will get it: if he has debts, they will be paid. It is considered luckier to dream of the vulva as open. If one sees the vagina of a virgin it indicates that the door of relief will remain closed, and the thing which is desired is not obtainable. It is a proved fact that the man who sees in his dream the vagina of a virgin that has never been touched will certainly be involved in difficulties, and will not be lucky in his affairs.

If the vagina is open so that he can look well into it, or even if it is hidden but he is free to enter it, he will bring the most difficult tasks to a successful end after having first failed in them, and this after a short delay, by the help of a person whom he never thought of. He who has seen in his dream a man busy upon a young girl, and after fulfillment getting off her has managed to see at that moment her vagina, it will bring his business to a happy end, after having first failed to do so, by the help of the man he has seen. If he found himself busy in intercourse with a girl and he has seen her vagina, he will succeed by his own efforts to realize the most difficult problems, and be successful in every respect. Generally speaking, to see the vagina in dreams is a good sign; and also a good sign to dream of sexual intercourse and he who sees himself in the act, and finishing with the ejaculation, will meet success in all his affairs. It is not the same with the man who merely begins sexual intercourse and does not finish it. He, on the contrary, will be unlucky in every project. It is supposed that the man who dreams of being busy with a woman will afterwards obtain from her what he wants.

<u>Fruits, Vegetables & Flowers</u>: The bitter orange signifies that from the place where it was seen insult will be issuing. The carrot forecast misfortune and sorrow.

To see various kinds of fruits= tiding of Jannah

Mango = tiding of livelihood

Almonds= to see almonds in dream indicates a temporary sorrow. To eat and enjoy with it means to be lucky, but if they taste bitter, you should delay any contemplated changes till fusibility.

Honey = to dream of eating honey foretells that you will attain wealth and love.

The sight of a lily flower is the forecast of a misfortune which will last a year.

Rose= If a woman dreams of receiving a rose and places it in her hair then she will be deceived by someone thought of as a good friend. If she receives a bouquet of roses in the springtime she will find true love but if it is winter her search will be fruitless. To see a rose bush in full foliage denotes a wedding in the family. The sight of a fresh rose announces the arrival of a pleasure to make the heart tremble with joy; whilst a faded rose indicates deceitful news.

Garden = to see a vegetable garden in your dream symbolizes increased prosperity will come your way through diligence and care. It also suggests of stability and inner growth. To see a flower garden in your dream foretells of tranquility, comfort, true love and happy home in your future. To see a sparse, weed-infested garden denotes that you have neglected your spiritual needs.

Trees mean discussions. The cultivated plant means for the man that has seen, it as a matter that is past and gone, so that there is no going back to it. The matter is weighty if it appeared large, of no importance if seen small; in short, important in proportion to the size of the turnip that has been seen.

Tree= to dream of an old, spreading tree means long life and prosperity. If it is filled, you are due for a promotion or some type of increase in your life. If a newly wed sees many trees in a forest it foretells a long marriage and many children.

Organs of Body: A long beard points to good fortune and prosperity; but it is said that it is also a sign of death if it reaches down to the ground.

The teeth represent years; if therefore a man sees in a dream a fine set of teeth, this is for him the sign of a long life. If he sees his nail reversed or upside down, this is an indication that the victory which he has gained over his enemies will change sides; and from a victor, he will become the defeated; inversely, if he sees the nail of his enemy turned the wrong way, he can conclude that the victory which had been with his enemy will soon return to him. The sight of a molar tooth in a dream indicates eternity. The man, therefore, who has seen his tooth drop out may be sure that his enemy is dead.

If you dream of having false teeth this indicates that you will have unexpected help on a problem. To dream of rotten teeth shows that you have been telling someone a lie or using your smooth words for getting your own way.

If your teeth are rotten, crooked, and/or falling out this means that your lies are hurting someone very badly and that you will soon be found out. If you dream you have swallowed a tooth you will soon have too 'eat your words'

Bleeding from the eye= loss in children or property

To see oneself blind= death of child, separation with brother, shrinking earning

A few signs of dreams and their interpretations: [22]

To see oneself in a neat and clean dress = is a sign of Taqwa

To see oneself in a torn or old cloths= is sign of less Tagwa

To see oneself naked = is a sign of loose character and licentiousness

To see fog= indicates Shirk and commitment of Kufur

To see moon, star and sun= specify towards the path of Tawhid

To see greenery or orchid = spiritual elevation and increment in learning

To see gems and wealth= indicates wisdom and knowledge

Animals:

Rabbit= sleep, non-attentive, laziness

Pig, duck and ant = greediness and lust

Camel=Humble

Dog and lion=sign of enmity, anger

To observe cattle= beneficial

Horse=indication of spiritual Jih'ad and travel

Attack of dog= be alert from the external and internal enemies. To hear the barking of dogs foretells news of depressing nature. Difficulties are more likely to follow.

Cow= sign of materialistic and over eating

Snack, bear=sign of strong hidden enmity and bias nature

Peacock and elephant=sign of proud

Fox=wicked and cunning by nature

Donkey and cock= sexuality

Crow= illegitimate earnings, illegal source

Wolf= wrong path

Monkey, parrot = indicates that you have deceitful and vulgar friends who will flatter you to advance their own interests.

Rat=robbery or loot

Coffin bird =spy

Cats = Dreaming of a cat is a generally unfortunate omen and it shows treachery as well as a run of bad luck. Cats attacking you represent enemies; if you succeed banishing them you will overcome great obstacles and rise in fortune and fame.

Crow = Seeing a crow in your dream means disappointment in everything, grief and misfortune. Owl= to dream of an owl denotes a narrow escape from desperate illness or death. Snakes= to see a lone snake and feel threatened by it shows that you have a bad enemy that is working against you, it also a warning against bodily harm from an enemy. To dream of many snakes in a pit is the foreboding of much bad luck in love or business. Should you overcome and kill a threatening snake in your dream shows that you will overcome your adversary and win out.

Spiders= All spiders except tarantulas are omens of good luck. The larger the spider, the bigger the reward. If you see a spider climbing the wall you will have your dearest wish come true. If you see a spider spinning a web you will have an increase in your income due to hard work.

Serpent or dragon= sign of the trial of tyrant ruler

Birds= Flying birds are a sign of prosperity.

Butterfly = to see a butterfly among flowers indicates prosperity. To see butterflies flying around denotes news from absent friends by letter or from someone who has seen them. He who dreams of horses, mules, or asses may hope for good, a Hadith says:

"Men's fortunes are attached to the forelocks of their horses till the day of resurrection!" Qur'an says:

"Allah the Highest has thus willed it that they serve you for mounts and for state."

The appearance of ostriches in dreams is a bad augury; it signifies 'news of death.

Warning Signs:

The fall of the turban from the head predicts dishonor, the turban being the Arab's crown.

If you see yourself in a dream with naked feet it means a loss; and the bare head has the same significance.

The turban if seen to fall over the face and cover the eyes is a forecast of blindness, from which Allah preserve us!

To dream of a shield means the coming on of all sorts of misfortune.

The sight of fire is of bad augury.

To step down from the mount= sign of demotion

See oneself death= indication of death of soul

To see oneself physically unfit= indicates spiritual disease

To watch ruins= indication of spiritual demotion

Red sky = news of sorrow

Black sky= nasty, tribulations

Snow stones= warning of wrath

Bath=sign of disease and sorrow

Thunder storm= loss, poverty, painful trouble

Birth= If you dream of death it's a sign of a birth, if you dream of birth, it's a sign of death. Deceased person = If you should dream of a deceased person and this person speaks only to you, pay close attention to what the spirit is telling you as it could be very important to you. To dream of seeing a deceased person is normally a dream of warning, and it tells you that the influences around you at this time do not bode well for your affairs, and you should not enter into any binding contracts or verbal agreements.

Rape= Take this dream as a warning. Take precautions, protect yourself emotionally and physically and don't engage in careless behaviors.

Jail = to dream that your lover is in jail signifies that this lover is deceitful and untrustworthy. To dream that you are in jail signifies your feelings of confinement and suffocation. Killings = If you dreamed of killing someone, whether intentionally or by accident, it signifies a period of severe emotional stress during which you must make a heroic effort to control your temper.

Jam = If you dream of eating jam you will suffer embarrassment at the hands of a woman through no fault of your own.

Signs of Glad Tidings:

A drawn sword is a sign of war, and the victory will remain with him who holds its hilt.

The sawing of wood means good news.

The inkstand indicates the remedy, namely, the cure of a problem, unless it be burnt, broken or lost, when it means the contrary.

The finding again in good condition of a gem that has been lost or forgotten is a sign of success.

It is averred by many authors that amongst proper names there are such which bring luck and others that bring ill luck, according to the meaning they bear. If you have seen somebody bidding adieu to people on their going away, you may be certain that it will be the latter who will shortly wish him a good journey. The names of Al Khamsat ul Athaar in encounters and in dreams indicate the fulfillment of a transaction.

To step forward to the mount= sign of progress

To see sky and its component =spiritual promotion

Collection of gems= academic achievement and reward

To fly over the sky= wish of Jannah

To see oneself busy in Ibadah= indicates spiritual progress

To see holy places= is a reward of Taqwa and piousness

To see spiritual person with arms= indication of spiritual Jih'ad

To see an excellent house= Tidings of construction of spiritual building

Malaek= forecasting success, protection, happiness, and rewarding friendships.

Candles = to see candles burning with a clear and steady flame denotes the constancy of those around you and a well-grounded fortune.

Crown = to dream of a crown predicts a change in your life. The dreamer will travel a long distance from home & form new relationships.

Diamonds = To dream of owning diamonds is a very promising dream signifying great honor and recognition from high places.

Face = to dream of a smiling face signifies pleasant new friends, experiences, and/or financial gains.

Miscellaneous Dreams: The man, who dreams of passages in the Qur'an or the Hadith, will from the subjects treated therein draw his conclusions. For instance the passage,

'He will grant you the help of Allah and immediate victory'

It signify victory and triumph.

'Certainly Allah has the decision in his hands',

'Heaven will open and offer its numerous portals',

Such Ayaat indicate success. A passage treating of punishments prognosticates punishment; from those treating of benefits a lucky event may be concluded. An Ayah says:

'He who forgives sins is terrible in his inflictions.'

A jar is the sign of turpitude in every kind of affair, unless it is one that has fallen into a pit or a river and got broken, so as to let escape all the calamities contained in it.

If one dreams that he is getting out from a window, it means that he will come out with advantage, from all transactions he may have, whether important or not. If the window seen in the dream is narrow and has some trouble to get out of it, this will be to him a sign that in order to be successful he will have to make efforts in proportion to the difficulty experienced by him in getting out.

To dream of something folded together, and which gets open, predicts that a secret will be divulged and made public. The same remaining folded up indicates, on the other hand, that the secret will be kept.

If you dream of reading a letter you will know that you will have news, which will be, according to the nature of the contents of the letter, good or bad.

Ocean= If you dream you are standing on the shore and watching the waves foam up as they break over the beach, it foretells that you will have some narrow escape from an accidental injury. If you are far out on the ocean and hear the waves as they lap against the hull of the ship, you will have setbacks in your business and a troubled domestic scene. To sail on a calm ocean is always a good omen for all concerned.

Umbrella= Carrying a closed umbrella in the rain is highly unfortunate for the dreamer and his business plans. To dream of carrying an open umbrella in the rain is a very fortunate sign that speaks of good luck in most endeavors. A leaky umbrella denotes quarrels with loved ones.

Yarn=to dream of yarn shows you will soon become the wife of a wealthy man.

He, who dreams of seeing himself mounted upon an ass as a courier, and arriving at his destination, will be lucky in all things; but he who tumbles off the ass on his way is advised that he will be subject to accidents and misfortunes.

Water=Knowledge, dreaming of clear water is a sign of good luck and prosperity, muddy water foretells sadness or sorrow for the dreamer through hearing of an illness or death of someone he/she knows well. Dirty water warns of unscrupulous people who would bring you to ruin.

Airport, railway station= in a dream the sight of departure represents the desire for freedom or travel. If the place is empty and deserted your own travel plans will be changed or delayed.

Baby= it signifies innocence, warmth and new beginnings. A love affair may be blooming for you in your near future. You will also make new friends. If a woman dreams she is nursing a baby, she will be deceived by the one she trusts the most.

Bed= to dream of a clean, white bed denotes the end of worries. If a woman dreams of making a bed, there will soon be a spouse in her life.

Bicycle= to dream of riding a bicycle uphill signifies bright prospects. To dream of riding downhill calls for care - misfortune is near.

Driving = If you dream that you are driving a vehicle it is a sign that you should be careful to take no chances with your money, not indulge in prohibited affairs. If someone else is doing the driving you will find yourself in luck, money wise.

To dream of unpleasant faces portend loss. To see the faces of strangers signifies an approaching change of residence.

Falling = to dream of falling indicates a loss of emotional equilibrium or self-control. It may represent your insecurity, a lack of self-confidence, a fear of failure or an inability to cope with a situation. If you fall a long distance in your dream and get hurt, be prepared for really hard times ahead; but if you fall and are not injured your upsets will be minor and temporary.

Gloves = To dream of gloves means that you will have a litigation or business troubles, but you will settle them in a manner that satisfies you. To find a pair of gloves denotes a marriage or new love affair.

Hair= Dreaming about hair means that you are careless in your personal affairs and will lose advancement by neglecting mental application.

Lights = A light shining out of the dark, or a flashlight beam, shows that you will finally find the truth in a situation or the answer to a personal problem that you have been searching for. If the light is dim, you will only find part of the solution.

Magic=any form of magic in a dream predicts unexpected changes. To dream of being mystified and/or amused by a magician indicates a reunion with a long-lost friend or the rekindling of a past love affair.

Marriage= Dreaming of a marriage, or a wedding, is the sign of a death in the family. If the marriage was between strangers, then the death pertains to a not too close acquaintance or friend.

Neck= A dream featuring the neck is a sign of approaching money, unless the dream concerns a broken neck, in which case it is a warning against mismanagement of your affairs.

Necklace= If you dream of losing a necklace you will soon be suffering bereavement of a loved one. If you dream of a loved one placing a necklace around your neck or that you are wearing one, it shows an early marriage and a happy domestic life.

Needle =to find a needle predicts that you will have friends who appreciate you. To look for a needle foretells useless worries.

Running=a sign of a big change in your life.

Ice = Sitting on ice in your dreams is a dream of the contrary.

Keys = to dream of keys denotes unexpected change. If the keys are lost, unpleasant adventures will affect you. To find keys means domestic peace and success in business.

Letter =To dream of receiving a letter from a friend foretells their arrival or that you will hear from them soon.

If the jar of a person who has turned to Allah breaks, this is a sign that his repentance is not pure, but if the glass out of which he drinks breaks, this means that he returns to Allah.

People who are interested and wish to know more on this subject would consult the treatise of Ibn Seerin.

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