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## The Mystery of Dreams

By Frances W. Foulks

Anything that we do not understand is to us a mystery. Many things of the natural life seem mysterious to little children, but as they grow to maturity these mysteries will come to be everyday occurrences and will seem quite natural. To many persons, grown in body and educated in mind, much pertaining to the spiritual life is as mysterious as anything could be to a child.

When we have grown spiritually, when we have made union with the universal Mind, in which is all knowledge, things spiritual will be no more a mystery to us than reading a book is to a child who has mastered the science of words.

Paul explains this spiritual growth very plainly: "For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully."

That dreams have a hidden spiritual meaning that should be sought is an absurdity to many persons. Only those who are seeking to use every avenue that opens to them from

the Spirit of truth give dreams much consideration. The interpretation of dreams is almost a forgotten art, almost an obsolete

practice. Centuries ago dreams and their meaning were given a great deal of prominence by all peoples. It was recognized that dreams held messages of such importance that their meaning ought to be revealed. Jehovah God especially forbade His people to go for help to diviners, magicians, or those practicing augury (fortune telling). The Chronicles of that time say, "So Saul died for his unfaithfulness; he was unfaithful to the Lord in that

he did not keep the command of the Lord, and also consulted a medium, seeking guidance, and did not seek guidance from the Lord." The priests and the prophets were priests and prophets because they lived close to God. Through these men Jehovah God spoke to His people when they needed instruction, and to them were the people commanded to go for the interpretation of their dreams, or for guidance of any kind.

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The Twelve Powers Class

Sundays at 9:15 AM  
Beginning Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>  
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Book: *How to Use Your Twelve Gifts from God* by William Warch. Class handouts will also be provided. This class will be offered for credit.



ALL-UNITY  
Thanksgiving  
Worship



Wednesday  
November 23  
7:00 p.m.

This year Unity  
Church of  
Light, 2809  
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Charles, will be hosting the All-Unity Thanksgiving Service. Come join area Unity ministers and friends as we joyously praise God and give thanks for our bountiful blessings through music and inspirational messages.

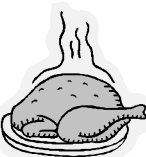
On Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating our church home for Christmas. Please join us at 10:00 to make sure our church is all decked out in its Christmas best, and stay for pizza afterwards.



The next meeting of our **Book Club** will be Tuesday, November 8 at Bread Co. (across from St. Anthony's Hospital) from 2:00 to 4:00. The book being discussed is *The Shack* by William Young. Contact Carol Bullock @ 314-894-2602 or (cell) 314-518-9598 with questions.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.  
Concord Grill  
11427 Concord Village Ave.



Feed My People

In this Thanksgiving season your donations to Feed My People are especially appreciated.

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A Stanza for

Veterans' Day

As we remember America's veterans on November 11, we would do well to read again the third stanza of Katherine Lee Bates' America the Beautiful:



O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self  
Their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And every gain divine!



Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 6. Remember to set your clocks back!

Silent Unity  
November Affirmations

**Inner Peace:** In the Silence, I find peace.

**Guidance:** I rest in the awareness of God, and I am guided in right ways.

**Healing:** With gratitude, I accept health and wholeness.

**Prosperity:** I behold unlimited possibilities, and my prosperity grows.

**World Peace:** I contribute to a world where peace prevails.



**Cornucopia,** a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the

cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

Grateful  
to



God

## Happy Thanksgiving



“I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and

crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and comote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich.”

—The Turkey

## Gestures of Gratitude

In 2005, a female humpback whale became entangled in a web of crab traps and lines just east of the Farallon Islands, off the San Francisco coast. Hundreds of yards of line rope were wrapped around her body, tail, torso and mouth, weighing her down so much that she struggled to stay afloat.

A fisherman spotted the whale and radioed for help. When rescuers arrived, they determined that the only way to save the creature was to dive in and untangle her. This was a dangerous proposition, as one slap of the tail could be deadly.

Rescuers worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed the whale. What she did next surprised the divers: She swam in what seemed like joyous circles, coming back to each person, one at a time, nudging them gently, in what rescuers assumed was a beautiful gesture of thanks.

May you and those you love be surrounded by people who help you get untangled from whatever is binding you and may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

## A Glorious Discovery

New Zealander Russ Woolcock was an atheist who thought he had all the answers. “We don’t know why

we’re here,” he said. “All we can do is try to make life palatable.”

Well, Woolcock was in for a surprise. First came the chest pains, then an authentic heart attack, then physical death — temporarily.

But Woolcock’s spirit was far from dead. He was in a whole new environment, with intense light and love. He became aware of an “overwhelming, overpowering, colossal, extravagant, amazing, radiating love.” It was God’s presence.

“This ran counter to everything I had believed,” Woolcock says. “It was all novel to me. I was flabbergasted.”

The experience was peaceful, not frightening, and he wanted to stay. But Woolcock was brought back to life, a totally changed man.

Now the former skeptic testifies: “In the presence of that love, you would never want to be out of that again. I wanted God in my life every day. What I learned was this: Far from being a random organism swimming through an ocean of blind chance, it turned out I am the beloved child of the creator God who made me for his purpose.”

—Reported by John McNeil.  
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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love  
and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long  
as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the  
eagle’s.

—Psalm 103:2-5, NRSV

The psalmist’s all-encompassing list is a good example of all the gifts of God we should gratefully acknowledge. Personalize this

ancient prayer by pondering your own experiences of God’s forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, mercy and satisfaction of your daily needs.

## “Quotable Quotes”

A single grateful thought toward heaven is the most complete prayer.  
—Gotthold Lessing

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues.  
—Cicero

Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.  
~Margaret Cousins

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.  
—Albert Schweitzer

Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.  
—Oprah Winfrey

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, “thank you,” that would suffice.  
—Meister Eckhart

Every time we remember to say “thank you”, we experience nothing less than heaven on earth.  
—Sarah Ban Breathnach

Feeling grateful or appreciative of someone or something in your life actually attracts more of the things that you appreciate and value into your life.  
—Christiane Northrup

Gratitude opens our consciousness to receive more.  
—Elizabeth Sand Turner



# Our Father God

By Frances W. Foulks

*(This is a continuation of the article from October Wings.)*

We will find when we lift our vision, and speak face to face with that "high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy," laying before Him our needs, resting them in His loving hands, that no matter how impossible the way seems, He will say to us, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" and in His rich giving of Himself to us, He will further say: "Will you command me concerning the work of my hands?" Over and over in the Holy Book this is told by precept and example; over and over we who put our trust in the Father find that it is also true to us. Sometime, somewhere, each of us will come to the realization that God, the Father, will be to us all that we will let Him be, give to us all that we will let Him give, do for us all that we are open enough to receive. Such is God nature.

As the knowledge of God increases in our consciousness, inharmonies and poverty and disease decrease proportionately, just as when our knowledge of mathematics increases, the mistakes in our problems decrease. We can become as sure of God answering our prayers as we are of the answers to three times three, when we have learned to know our God as we know the combination of numbers. David says that this knowledge of God is "more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb." It takes a consuming desire in the heart to know God, to open up a path to the Father over which His gifts of health and wealth and joy can return to us. We will never realize what a Giver, Healer, Comforter, Guide, Savior He is until we trust Him fully enough to receive that which His love holds

for us.

When you have come to the place where the greatest desire of your heart is to know God, then you are ready to take those steps that will unfold the Christ in you; and through the Christ in you, God will reveal Himself to you. The One who knew best the Father said, "no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." Sometime, when you have stilled the senses, the intellect or reasoner, when you have closed the door on outer things and opened every avenue of your being Godward, this revelation will come. Sometime, when you have tuned the inner ear to hear the still small voice and are intently listening, you will hear the message. Sometime, when you have become willing, obedient, ready to follow, lost to the little self, He will make Himself known to you. You will know then that there is nothing in all your world that you will not give up gladly for a fuller knowledge of God, the Father, for complete unity with Him.

If you are weary with life's struggle, bearing heavy burdens alone, weakened perhaps and bowed down with suffering, homesick, heartsick for your good (which is your God), turn from seeking in the outer for that which will never satisfy, and seek to know that One who will never give you a stone when you ask for bread, a serpent when you ask for a fish. You will find Him with outstretched arms waiting for you, waiting with the ring (restoration to the consciousness of an unbroken and never-ending love union with Him), the robe (the garment of His righteousness to clothe richly, Spirit, soul, body, affairs), the feast (substance to feed every hungry need of the life), and added to this will be given the assurance, "all mine are thine." Hear Him now: "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hears my voice

and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

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One can readily see the wisdom of this: it would be better that no importance be given dreams than that they be wrongly interpreted. All divinations by persons not in touch with the omniscient mind of God are guesswork. All interpretation that anyone gives without seeking revelation from the Source of all wisdom is dangerous. To one who is impressed enough by a dream to seek its meaning, the interpretation is vital, for it is accepted as real and dwells in the mind as a fact, as a prediction. By constantly seeing it and perhaps working to fulfill it, one empowers the dream to create itself in the visible.

There are three classes of dreams. First, physical suffering, mental unrest, and imprudent eating are liable to cause dreams that are so distorted and so horrifying that both body and mind are shaken back to consciousness and may suffer for some time from the effects of the shock. One should consider such dreams only to find the cause and to see that they disturb one no more. Dreams of another kind come from subconscious wanderings, vague, fragmentary; the dreamer remembers little of them on waking. This is the most usual kind of dream. If we give our subconscious mind a peaceful thought on retiring, it will seek to work among pleasant things during the sleeping hours and the dreams will be such that they will rest the body and the mind. There are other dreams, the

important dreams, that come to us as direct messages from the mind of God. Sometimes these dreams serve to give us some guidance that we are seeking; sometimes they lay before us the state of consciousness in which we are functioning, a fact to which we may need to be awakened; sometimes they are prophecies of events that may come to pass unless we take right hold of the miracle-working power of God and nullify them. These dreams are usually remembered perfectly, or they come back to one, detail by detail, until every part stands out clearly in one's mind. These dreams are in many instances clothed in symbols or hidden in allegory, and when we waken from them, we should seek at once to make union with Omniscience and receive the message that it has sought to convey to us through our dreams.

The more spiritual we become, the closer we are to the mind of God and the more quickly and clearly our super-conscious minds will carry the meaning to our conscious minds.

Some dreams carry plain instruction. Such were the dreams of Joseph when he was warned to take the Babe into Egypt, and again when he was instructed to return to the land of Israel. The warning of God was given the Wise Men in a dream, that they should not return to Herod and give him the information that he desired concerning the Christ Child. The dreams of the boy Joseph, that the sheaves of his brothers bowed down to his sheaf and that the sun, moon, and eleven stars made obeisance to him, were dreams of prophecy, clothed in allegory. Joseph's brothers tried to prevent the happenings foretold by these dreams by selling him into bondage, but their wrong interpretation only helped to bring upon them that which they feared. Through the years that followed,

even during two years of imprisonment, Joseph kept in his mind the promise given him by his God in the night watches; in Potiphar's house he was made overseer, the keeper of the prison committed to his hands all the prisoners, Pharaoh made him ruler of all Egypt, "the Lord caused all that he did to prosper."

The dreams that Joseph interpreted for Pharaoh of the seven lean cows eating up the seven fat cows, and of the seven thin ears eating up the seven good ears were allegoric and they carried a prophecy which, rightly interpreted and rightly acted upon, saved millions of people from starvation.

The second dream of King Nebuchadnezzar, which Daniel so bravely interpreted, carried a warning and a prophecy clothed in allegory. Although Daniel pleaded with the king to heed it, to break away from sins and iniquities, Nebuchadnezzar heeded not and the dream was fulfilled in its entirety.

Jacob's dream of the ladder set up between heaven and Earth, with the angels of God ascending and descending, was a symbolical dream showing God's closeness to him, even in his journeyings. "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it" was the consciousness that came to Jacob from this dream and dwelt with him thereafter. This dream portrays a state of consciousness that can be eternally ours if we turn always to the superconscious mind, the Godlike mind in us which is always in touch with the Divine and through which our thoughts flow God-ward and God's thoughts flow toward us. When we enter the realm of sleep at peace, we can make of it a place in which our Father gives us loving instruction. We can accept this instruction, invite it, obey it, and grow spiritually from it. Elihu explained this to Job in these

words,  
*In a dream, in a vision of the night,  
when deep sleep falls upon men,  
While they slumber on their beds,  
then he opens the ears of men,  
and terrifies them with warnings,  
that he may turn man aside from his deed,  
and cut off pride from man;  
he keeps back his soul from the Pit,  
his life from perishing by the sword.*

Over and over it has been proved to me that dreams have a vital purpose in spiritual growth. Over and over dreams have been given to me to show me my spiritual status. Some dreams have been very intimate, regarding a need for some inner cleansing, or calling attention to some outer fault that I had not detected in myself. Some dreams have given warnings; some, instructions; some, guidance. All have been a very blessed means of growth and have established a deeper trust in the Holly One of Israel who says, "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way that thou should go." I may help others in the interpretation of their dreams by relating a few dreams that have come to me.

Years ago when I - a physical wreck it seemed - had first stepped over into the borderland of Truth, there came to me a night vision of pictured instruction. In my dream I was standing in the back of a high-powered, topless automobile. At the wheel was a driver who knew where to take me, when to stop. I was being carried swiftly from place to place, warning the people to flee from some danger, to accept some safety. On awakening I realized that this dream had some inner meaning, and I asked Divine Mind to reveal the meaning to me. I began to see that the message had to do with me, that my body was darkened

with disease and in great danger therefrom; that I was to take the Christ as my guide and to go into every recess of my mind, into every cell and organ and center of my body, and speak words of cleansing and renewal, until the whole should be redeemed. Some years later this dream brought to me a new meaning, for the Christ whom I took with me in my own cleansing said: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation ... these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick; and they will recover."

During a flu epidemic I had a dream that revealed to me that the cause of that disease was fear, and that if I held my vision high I should not be touched by it. It was a hard thing to do, in the great city in which I lived, for warnings were posted in cars and in trains, on street corners; the newspapers were full of the subject; it was talked everywhere. Fear could actually be felt wherever one went, and fear is more contagious than disease. Always when we are seeking to keep the high watch, to recognize the good only, the Invisible Helper is with us to meet every need.

Over and over with a new meaning came this text,  
*A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand;  
but it will not come near you.*

It was rather ludicrous - the way I felt those germs falling helpless around me.

Then again fear sought entrance through conditions in the neighborhood. Seeking to enter into greater faith, into a larger trust in my Father's love and protection, I fell asleep. Then came the dream that sustained me through many error appearances. I

dreamed that I was in a great open place, a little apart, watching what was going on before me. Thousands of people were in sight. Into their midst rushed three immense wild horses, tearing in one direction and then in another. The people ran madly; they fell and were trampled under the feet of the horses. Fear and terror marked the countenances of all, as far as I could see. I became afraid, and immediately those horses started in my direction. Looking about me to see if I could not get out of their way, I took my eyes from them, and saw beside me a beautiful little child, calm, unafraid. I lifted this child in my arms, and as I did so I felt peace and calmness and strength steal over me. Looking again toward the horses I felt no fear, although they were almost upon me. Holding the child close, I simply motioned them to be gone, and they turned and fled.

On waking and reviewing the dream I saw its meaning: no matter what the appearance, no matter what others feared, if I would keep the realization of the indwelling Christ (the child in my arms), this epidemic that fear had loosed on humanity (represented by the wild horses tearing among the people) could not come near me. Afterward whenever fear presented itself to me, my eyes were turned away by the feeling of this little child stirring in my arms; whenever I heard fears expressed, the Christ within me closed my ears with a denial of the reality of the fear. Neither I nor any of the household of which I was a member had the flu.

At another time when an appearance of error had held me in bondage until I seemed discouraged, this dream was given me: I went into a store and, picking up a little box of cakes, concealed it under my wrap and left the store. As I walked I felt that I was being followed by someone who had seen me take the box; the faster I walked the faster walked the one who was following me. He drew closer as I, all out of breath, paused on a bridge over a stream. Quickly I dropped the box into the water below;

then facing him, I said:

"I have nothing that belongs to you, so be gone." He turned and left me. I realized on awakening that the inharmonious bodily condition which had been with me for some time was something that I had taken, something that did not belong to me as a child of God; I realized that I was hugging it close and that death was stalking close to me. I was bidden to drop the fear of it into the cleansing waters of Spirit by making such a strong and positive denial that it should be utterly erased from my mind and my body. This dream showed me the danger that I was in and it gave me courage and faith to become so positive in my denials and my affirmations that quickly the error appearance was wiped out.

Another dream served to show me my material status. In my dream someone told me that a man who was at the head of a business where I was employed wanted to see me, but I did not heed the message. Then I stepped into a beautiful room, large and bright, which seemed to belong to my business. A woman came to me and begged me to go home with her for luncheon. I consented, leaving my work. After a most wonderful lunch in her home, she presented me an itemized bill. The total was considerable, and I paid her under protest. From there I started back to my business, but was led into a much smaller room, cluttered up and unattractive, and was shown that this was now my place of business. When I awakened I realized the significance of the dream, both materially and spiritually. I knew that somehow I was not giving my attention to my business or my spiritual life, that some outer attractions were gaining my attention, and that unless I found them and put them out of my life I should materially lose money, and spiritually I should cease to grow.

Dreams are given to us by the One who sees all things, both inner and outer, sees everything in its right relation, and gives to us all that we will use of this knowledge. To be given more we must make the best use we can of all that comes to us.



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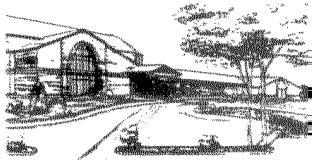
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## The light side – A little holy humor

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady  
Somebody has said there are only two



kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

*-Thanks, Linda Harr*