DREAMS OF CAREER

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**INTRODUCTION**

**AT THE TIME OF MY WRITING THIS ARTICLE, I AM MERELY TUTORING SCHOOL-AGED PUPILS ON A PART-TIME BASIS.  THE REST OF THE TIME, I AM WRITING RESEARCH NOTES, RESEARCH ARTICLES, PROMOTING MY WEBSITE AND DOING OTHER, RELATED, *VOLUNTARY* WORK.  THE DREAMS WHICH FOLLOW ARE ONLY A LATTER-DAY SAMPLE OF THE MANY SIMILAR DREAMS WHICH I HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE PERIOD MAY 1984- MARCH 2004.  THESE DREAMS ARE VALUABLE BECAUSE THEY PROMISE THAT ONE DAY MY CAREER WILL BECOME LUCRATIVE AND MUCH WIDER IN ITS SCOPE.**

**DREAM NO 1: SAT 9 AUGUST 2003**

**I DREAMT THAT, WHENEVER MY VISITORS LOG ONTO MY SITE**[**WWW.DR-UMAR-AZAM.COM**](http://www.dr-umar-azam.com/)**, THEY ARE TAKEN ON AN EXHILIRATING, ROLLERCOASTER RIDE!**

**DREAM NO 2: WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2003**

**I DREAMT OF A VERY CARING, LADY LIBRARIAN AND DEPOSITING MATERIAL TO A LIBRARY CONSTRUCTED BENEATH FIVE OR SIX HUGE IRON OR STONE PILLARS.  THIS LIBRARIAN WAS SO PROFESSIONAL THAT SHE WANTED ME TO DEPOSIT EVEN MORE MATERIAL AND, MOREOVER, SHE GAVE ME A FRESH IDEA OR NEW ANGLE OF THOUGHT FOR GIFTING TO THE LIBRARY EVEN MORE ARCHIVE DOCUMENTS IN THE FUTURE!**

**DREAM NO 3: FRIDAY 6 JULY 2003**

**I DREAMT THAT ONE TEAM WENT TO PLAY A MATCH AGAINST ANOTHER TEAM WHOSE GROUND WAS LIKE A GARDEN: IT WAS THICKLY WOODED WITH TREES AND SO SPACIOUS THAT NO END OR RESTRAINING BORDER COULD BE SEEN!  [IN THE NEXT SCENE] I WAS DRIVING UPWARDS ALONG A WINDING, MOUNTAIN ROAD.  I MANAGED TO REACH A VERY HIGH PEAK.  THIS TOOK PLACE IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.**

**DREAM NO 4: c. AUGUST 2003**

**I DREAMT OF DESMOND LYNAM AGAIN!**

**CONTEXT**

**I ENJOYED WATCHING THE PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS IN THE PROGRAMME 'MATCH OF THE DAY', PRESENTED BY DESMOND LYNAM, ON BBC.  FROM 1997 TO 2003, I HAD DREAMS OF FAMILIAR FIGURES ON TELEVISION.  THE DREAMS WERE TELLING ME THAT I WOULD ALSO HAVE A CAREER IN TELEVISION.  BUT BECAUSE THIS HAD NOT HAPPENED FOR 6 YEARS, I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE THE DREAMS WERE INCORRECT.  THEN I HAD THE ABOVE DREAM!**

**DREAM NO 5: SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2003**

**I HAD A MOST BEAUTIFUL DREAM.  IN IT THERE WAS A FEELING OF TRANQUILITY.  I SAW THE ATTRACTIVE TREE-LINED GARDENS OF A UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.  I WAS ADMIRING THE BEAUTY AND LAYOUT OF THE GARDENS.  I FELT GLAD THAT THEY BELONGED TO AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION.  THIS WAS A UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN THE UK BECAUSE, IN THE NEXT SCENE, I SAW THREE-STOREY HOUSES, IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, IN SOME NEIGHBOURING AREA OF BRITAIN.**

**INTERPRETATION**

**THIS DREAM IS TELLING ME THAT I WILL BE LECTURING AT UNIVERSITIES ALL OVER THE UK, AND INDEED THE WORLD [INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OTHER DREAMS], IN THE FUTURE.**

**DREAM NO 6: WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2003**

**I HAD A DREAM THAT SOME AUNTIE [A FAMILY FRIEND FROM THE COMMUNITY] WAS GETTING READY TO TRAVEL ABROAD.  SHE TOLD ME THAT GOOD THINGS WOULD BE HAPPENING IN MY LIFE [WEALTH, PROMOTION, TRAVEL] AND GAVE ALL THESE A SPECIAL AND BLESSED NAME, WHICH WAS IN ARABIC AND HAD FIVE SYLLABLES: SOMETHING LIKE, *'RIAD-UL-MUSHTAQEEN '*.  ALSO, I DREAMT OF EATING THE MEAT OF A *CUCKAR* [ROOSTER].**

**DREAM NO 7: WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2003**

**I DREAMT THAT I TRAVELLED TO ST. AUSTELL IN CORNWALL [ON BEHALF OF THE BBC, PROBABLY] [REGARDING ISSUES CONCERNING ISLAM, PRESUMABLY].**

**DREAM NO 8: THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2003**

**I DREAMT THAT I WAS DRIVING UP A HILL OR MOUNTAIN.  FROM MY POSITION BELOW, I SAW TWO PROMINENT MARKS [LIKE THE HEAVY SKIDS OF CAR TRACKS] ON HIGH.  I REACHED THE TWO MARKS EASILY!  THEN I FOUND MYSELF GOING HIGHER. I FELT AFRAID OF LOOKING OUT OF THE SIDEWINDOWS BECAUSE I WAS SO HIGH UP.  EVERYTHING WAS BEAUTIFUL AND GRASSY AND LIKE A GARDEN, BUT IT WAS A LONG WAY TO GET DOWN!  [IN ANOTHER SCENE] I DREAMT THAT THE BBC INFORMED ME THAT THEY KNEW THAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT AN [UNKNOWN] WIFE+ AND THAT THEY WOULD ANNOUNCE IT ON TELEVISION [SINCE IT WAS A TOPIC THEY COULD RELATE TO!].**

**+ MY OWN DREAMS WHICH EMPHASISE THE FACT THAT AN UNKNOWN WIFE SYMBOLISES ALLAH'S REWARD HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRESENTED IN *'DREAMS IN* *ISLAM'*, *'ROMANTIC DREAMS'*, *'DREAMS OFREWARD IN PARADISE'* AND OTHER RESEARCH PAPERS [ALL ARE ON THIS SITE].**

**DREAM NO 9: SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 2003**

**I DREAMT THAT I WAS POSTING TWO SETS OF *'PRACTICAL ISLAMIC ADVICE'* TO AN ADDRESS IN LONDON [YOU CAN READ THIS WORK ON THIS SITE].**

**DREAM NO 10: MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2003**

**I WAS GIVEN THE MESSAGE THAT DAVINA *MURPHY*[DAVINA McCALL?] HAD BEEN WAITING FOR ME IN FRONT OF THE EMPTY ROWS OF SEATS IN A TELEVISION STUDIO!  I WAS DUE TO CO-START A BBC [INFORMATION] SHOW WITH HER.**

**CONTEXT**

**I HAD SEEN A PHOTO OF DAVINA McCALL IN *'WHAT'S ON TV?'* MAGAZINE BUT I DID NOT FOR ONE MOMENT THINK THAT I WOULD BE HER PARTNER IN FUTURE TELEVISION PROGRAMMES!**

**DREAM NO 11: THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2004**

**I DREAMT THAT MY WEB SITE**[**WWW.DR-UMAR-AZAM.COM**](http://www.dr-umar-azam.com/)**HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED ONTO POWERFUL, NEW SERVERS BY MY WEB-HOSTING COMPANY *NETWORLD NETWORKS*.  I WAS TOLD THAT MY SITE WAS IN A MUCH STRONGER POSITION THAN IT HAD BEEN UNDER MY OLD WEB-HOSTING COMPANY, AND THAT THIS STRONG POSITION WOULD ENDURE.**

**CONTEXT**

**THIS DREAM CAME TO ME AT A TIME WHEN I WAS DISTRESSED: THE TRANSFER BETWEEN THE TWO COMPANIES HAD THROWN UP SEVERAL LENGTHY HITCHES!**

**DREAM NO 12: 15 JUNE 2003**

**I DREAMT THAT MY MIDDLE SISTER AND I WERE JOURNEYING ABROAD IN A LUXURIOUS, SPACIOUS AEROPLANE AMIDST A WONDERFUL, VACATIONAL ATMOSPHERE [THOUGH I WOULD PROBABLY BE GOING FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH/LECTURES].**

**DREAM NO 13: SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2004 [THE DAY OF *EID-UL-ADHA*]**

**I DREAMT THAT FOR EXERTING GREAT EFFORTS, [AND ENCOUNTERING PAINFUL FRUSTRATION] TRYING TO UPDATE MY FILES FOR CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OF**[**WWW.DR-UMAR-AZAM.COM**](http://www.dr-umar-azam.com/)**IN THE 'FILE MANAGER' OF THE CONTROL PANEL OF *NETWORLD NETWORKS*, AND ALSO FOR DIFFICULTIES IN TUTORING MOBEEN +, I HAD BEEN GRANTED THE REWARD OF MORE THAN ONE HAJJ [IN FACT, OF*SEVERAL* HAJJ].**

**+ MOBEEN WAS A SEVEN YEAR-OLD BOY OF BELOW AVERAGE ABILITY AND HIS READING ABILITY NEEDED DRASTIC IMPROVEMENT.  I EXERTED GREAT EFFORT IN GIVING HIM SUITABLE COMPREHENSIONS AND THE MARKING HIS EACH ANSWER THOROUGHLY ONE-BY-ONE.  AFTER A FEW MONTHS, MOBEEN HAD IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY!**

**DREAM NO 14: TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER 2003**

**I DREAMT THAT I WAS TUTORING A PUPIL.  I WAS WRITING SOMETHING HURRIEDLY AND WITHOUT FIRM COMMITMENT [I WAS RATHER CARELESS].  THEN I FELT WORRIED ABOUT MY WORK.  I THOUGHT, 'OH NO! I HAVE TO SHOW HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN THIS WORK, AND I'VE DONE IT UNTIDILY!'**

**CONTEXT**

**THE DAY BEFORE, I HAD BEEN LOOKING AT AN ARTICLE IN *THE DAILY MAIL* ABOUT THE VARIOUS CELEBRITIES WHO HAVE SPURNED H.M. THE QUEEN BY REJECTING VARIOUS HONOURS SUCH AS OBE's, MBS's, KNIGHTHOODS etc.  IN SOME CASES, THIS WAS A PROTEST AGAINST ELITISM.  IN OTHERS, IT WAS A GAMBLE TO AWAIT THE BESTOWAL OF HIGHER HONOURS WHICH WOULD HAVE BECOME UNAVAILABLE HAD THE LOWER HONOUR BEEN ACCEPTED [BUT THERE WAS NO GUARANTEE A HIGHER HONOUR WOULD BE OFFERED ANYWAY]! I RESOLVED TO HAPPILY ACCEPT WHATEVER I WAS OFFERED BY H.M. THE QUEEN IN THE FUTURE.**

**DREAM NO 15: THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2004**

**MY MOTHER WAS TELLING ME TO BUY A HOUSE.  I REPLIED THAT I AM VERY CLOSE TO BUYING ONE BECAUSE I AM VERY CLOSE TO GREAT SUCCESS IN MY ISLAMIC WORK.**

**DREAM NO 16: MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2004**

**I DREAMT THAT I WENT TO TEACH ADNAN AND WAS HANDED AN A4-SIZE ENVELOPE.  WHEN I TOOK A SHEET OF PAPER OUT OF IT, I NOTICED THAT IT WAS A LETTER FROM A PRIVATE BOYS' SCHOOL IN BIRMINGHAM; IT CONFIRMED THAT ADNAN HAD BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ENTRY!  IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE THAT THE SCHOOL WAS OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD [VERY ACADEMIC].  THEN I SAID TO ADNAN'S FAMILY, 'SO ALL THOSE CUPS OF TEA+ HAVE BEEN WORTH IT!'**

**+ THE CHOUDHRY FAMILY ALWAYS GAVE ME REFRESHMENTS, AND OFTEN FULL DINNERS TOO.  ADNAN'S YOUNGER SISTER, AYESHA, PASSED THE ENTRANCE EXAM FOR *WILLIAM HULME'S GRAMMARSCHOOL*, MANCHESTER, IN MARCH 2004 [I *REALLY DID*TAKE THE CONGRATULATORY LETTER OUT OF THE A4 ENVELOPE!] AS A RESULT OF MY TUITION.**

**DREAM NO 17: FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2004**

**I HAD A WONDERFUL DREAM ABOUT A MARVELLOUS, HONOURABLE AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER WITH THE BBC.**

**DREAM NO 18: MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2004**

**SOMEONE ASKED ME IF IWOULD LIKE HIGH TEA, AND I REPLIED, 'YES'.+ [IN ANOTHER SCENE] I SAW VERY SCOLARLY-LOOKING SHEETS OF PAPER.  ON ONE OF THE SHEETS, I HAD SET COLLEGE STUDENTS QUESTIONS ON ISLAM.  ONE STUDENT APPEARED IN THE DREAM AND WAS ASKING ME VARIOUS QUESTIONS, AND DISCUSSING THE HIS WORK WITH ME.**

**+ 'HIGH TEA' PROBABLY SIGNIFIES PROMOTION AND RECOGNITION IN MY ISLAMIC CAREER.**

**DREAM NO 19: THURSAY 4 MARCH 2004**

**I HAD A VERY SWEET DREAM ABOUT OXFORD UNIVERSITY.  THE UNIVERSITY ASKED AN APPLICANT [FOR THE POST OF LECTURER] TO FORWARD FIVE REFERENCES [EVEN THOUGH THE APPLICANT WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY (MEMBER OF THE BODLEIAN LIBRARY)].  [IN ANOTHER SCENE] ONLY TWO REFEREES HAD BEEN SUPPLIED, AND THE REFERENCES WERE VERY UNTIDILY WRITTEN IN CARELESS WRITING. HOWEVER, THEY TURNED OUT TO BE SUFFICIENT [SO THAT I WAS SUCCESSFUL IN MY {INADEQUATE} APPLICATION!**

**CONCLUSION**

**THESE DREAMS ARE VALUABLE BECAUSE THEY ARE TELLING ME OF A NUMBER OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN MY CAREER THAT I WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE NO MEANS OF KNOWING:  MY TUTORING IS OF A HIGH STANDARD [N0S 14, 16]; MY WEBSITE IS EFFICIENT [NO 11]; MY VISITORS HAVE FUN VISITING MY WEB SITE [NO 1]; LIBRARIANS [JOHN RYLANDS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OF MANCHESTER, BODLEIAN LIBRARY, OXFORD] ARE GRATEFUL FOR MY WORK [NO 2]; MY PERSONALITY IS AMBITIOUS AND WILL MEET WITH SUCCESS [NOS 3, 8, 15, 18]; A CAREER IN TELEVISION WITH THE BBC AWAITS ME [NOS 4, 7, 8, 10, 17];  I WILL BECOME A UNIVERSITY LECTURER [NOS 5, 18, 19]; I WILL BE LECTURING AT UNIVERSITIES ALL OVER THE WORLD [NOS 6, 12]; I WILL CONTINUE TO DISTRIBUTE MY WORK [NO 9]; HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN WILL BESTOW SOME HONOUR UPON ME IN THE FUTURE AND I WILL ACCEPT IT HUMBLY [NO 14]. HARD WORK BRINGS AMAZING REWARDS FROM ALLAH MOST MERCIFUL [NO 13].**