**DREAMS OF KNOWLEDGE AND SCHOLARSHIP**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**These dreams are significant for a number of reasons:  Allah Almighty is informing me that my work [DREAMS IN ISLAM, PRACTICAL ISLAMIC ADVICE etc.] is valuable *[No 2, 3, 4, 8, 20, 21*]; more of my work will be commercially published in the future *[No 5*]; instead of falling into sin in rented accommodation, I've used *flats*accommodation to produce valuable Islamic work *[No 7*]; I have, Masha'Allah, sufficient Islamic knowledge to correct so-called 'experts' *[No 9*];  I'm skilled in letter-writing: my letters have an educational purpose *[No 11, 16*]; so far, I've not been given the chance by the media in the UK to exhibit my Islamic knowledge *[No 15*]; my teaching of Islam is so good that it exceeds the level rEquired for pupils *[No 17*]; my work could be translated into languages other than English in the future *[No 18*]; I will lecture at the world's Universities in the future *[No 22, 23*].**

**Dream No 1                 Thursday 12 June 1997**

**I dreamt about my future Publisher, who disappointed me by *editing*a major, important and significant section of my future Islamic work which was being published as a book.**

**Interpretation**

***More*of my work will be published on paper in the future but such publications, because of the editing, won't be to my complete satisfaction.**

**Dream No 2                            26 October 1996**

**I saw two copies of my book DREAMS IN ISLAM in a pupil's house.  There was also a book on 'dreams' produced by a mainstream publisher who had used a purple cover for the book which was meant to compete with my work: a book which was a hefty, very complex volume, produced as usual to the very highest standard of physical appearance.    But my dream scorned the mainstream book, and a sophisticated diagram in this book was the object of mockery in the dream!  I realised that this book was way off course in its knowledge and arguments because it did not at all involve the role of the Power of Allah Almighty in the perception of dreams.  My dream informed me, emphatically, that the mainstream 'book' and its 'diagram' were intellectual conjectures based on disbelief: in fact the book was intellectual nonsense!**

**Context**

**Before  personally paying for the publication of DREAMS IN ISLAM in 1992, I received many letters from mainstream publishers rejecting my manuscript.  Excuses were often termed in such phrases as: that my book *'does not fit in with others on the list', would not make a profit, was too scholarly, was not scholarly enough'.*However, in later years I discovered that*other*similar, but secular, titles were published.  This dream is informing me that *my*book is the one that is true and others are nonsense.**

**Dream No 3              Sunday 16 February 1997**

**I dreamt that I was in the Library of a Muslim Girls' School and I was looking at a book from that Library.  It was a book that I had myself written and I could see from the ceremonial label [attached inside the book near the front] that my donation had been acknowledged by the School. My book seemed to be a guide to righteousness, and it exuded the power to make the girls want to do well in life and to be successful.**

**Context**

**I had donated a copy of DREAMS IN ISLAM to Manchester Islamic High School for Girls.  Unfortunately, it was not appreciated by the Headmistress.  Allah Most High revealed this dream to me to Confirm that my book is correct and it is the staff of the School who are wrong.**

**Dream No 4                             December 1991**

**The boys of Burnage High School, Manchester were very excited by my book DREAMS IN ISLAM, and they thought that its publication was a tremendous achievement.  I was able to realise the substantial degree of education and knowlege  that the boys had acquired from my book.  I appreciated their feelings of warmth, admiration and gratitude for me.  It was as if these pupils were my own brothers who respected me with great emotion for showing showing them the correct path in life.**

**Context**

**I had given lent, or given away free of charge, copies of DREAMS IN ISLAM to a number of families whose sons were at Burnage High School.  I did hear from my own tuition pupil, attending Burnage, that the Book was being discussed favourably within the School community.**

**Dream No 5                        Date not Recorded**

**I saw my former pupil, Rizwan Malik, looking through an author card catalogue.  I received the message that I was the author of about 26 Islamic writings and publications!**

**Context**

**Rizwan Malik had been one of my pupils and *the*best one of all during my private tuition from 1984-1997 [and I had taught hundreds of pupils].  He was at an ordinar State school before I began to teach him.  He is naturally very able but, with my tuition, he obtained about 12 GCSE passes, five 'A' levels and, at the time of this dream, he was studying *medicine*at *Cambridge University!*Although delighted at his success, I began to fret that, academically, I was not as able as he had turned out to be.  But this dream reassured me: it informed me that my best works, and success, are yet to come!**

**Dream No 6              Monday 12 January 1998 [The Holy Month of Ramadhan 1423]**

**Rizwan Malik and I were having a religious discussion, and he seemed to be testing me because he had been reading up on [detailed] Islamic knowledge.  I recited some complicated Arabic verses, from the Holy Quran, to him.  Rizwan told me, 'That's how my dad talks to my mum!'  Then I told him, in reply to his questions, that SURAH KAHF ['THE CAVE'] of the Holy Quran *is valuable for protection from evil*[I gave him *another*answer in the dream which I couldn't recall upon waking].**

**Interpretation**

**The reader of SURAH KAHF 'will be blessed with a long life, he will live under pleasant circumstances, his condition  will improve and he will receive sustenance from the people who give him shelter and protection'.  Ibn Sireen, p. 144**

**Dream No 7                        Date not Recorded**

**I dreamt that the inside of my rented flat was like a medieval English University.  On the walls hung lengthy parchments on which was writing in Old English Calligraphy and also in Arabic: the verses of the Holy Quran.  The atmosphere was that of a scholarly, academic institution.  My dwelling seemed to be dedicated to the remembrance of Allah Almighty, and was very important and most pure.**

**Context**

**From 1983-1997, I lived mainly in rented flats and, in each, did manage to do intensive, Islamic religious work and distribute [my own] publications.**

**Dream No 8                            8 October 1996**

**I dreamt that one of my readers  had read my booklet PRACTICAL ISLAMIC ADVICE and she made the following comment \*:**

***When it came to giving a comment on your booklet, I became confused [because Icould not say enough that is good about it, complement it enough].***

**\* This information was given in indirect speech.**

**Dream No 9                 Thursday 27 June 1996**

**A non-Muslim lecturer was lecturing about Islam but was giving misinformation.  He was holding a dull, white sheet of paper.  I stopped him and then began the proper lecture.  My notes were written on small, yellow slips of paper.  This happened in a different country than Britain: it was so hot that I was wearing [khaki] shorts while lecturing!**

**Dream No 10                    Friday 4 April 1997**

**I dreamt that whenever I visit the homes of the readers of my PRACTICAL ISLAMIC ADVICE, I should take my book DREAMS IN ISLAM with me to show these same readers.**

**Dream No 11           Wednesday 25 June 1997**

**I dreamt that I was writing letters concerning my Islamic writings to individuals and institutions.  I was writing on paper which had my own letter-heading and logo on it.  I saw my own 'schoool desk' [which opened from the top] made of light-brown, shining and sturdy wood.**

**Interpretation**

**The Islamic letters which I write [to individuals and organisations] are both educational and for the purpose of education.**

**Dream No 12                    Friday 15 June 2002**

**I dreamt that Ekram Haque, my friend, recited [Quranic]  verses in Arabic and then wrote down something on a piece of paper.  When he placed that paper in front of a mirror, the word 'ALLAH' appeared, written in Arabic!  Then I went to a house where a beautiful girl [my unknown wife] lived, and something religious happened there too: some verses from the Holy Quran appeared miraculously.  Finally, there was a romantic, loving scene involving that beautiful, Muslim girl and myself.**

**Dream No 13              Wednesday 3 July 2002**

**I was in a Mosque and I asked the other [young] worshippers, 'Shall I give you a talk on Islam, lasting only about ten minutes?'  They gave me the go-ahead.  I was humble and sitting on the Mosque carpet besides them.  I began to tell them about the PRAYER FOR A HOUSE IN PARADISE \* and was in the middle of reciting the Arabic verses of the Prayer [in full flow], when a young man spitefully interrupted me by saying something.  I became cross and castigated him.  In retaliation, he left my talk.  I then carried on and mentioned the PRAYER FOR 70, 000 ANGELS TO PRAY FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS TILL THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT \*\* and I read the Arabic verses too.  While I was reading them, the dream finished.**

**\* See PRACTICAL ISLAMIC ADVICE p. 24**

**\*\* See PRACTICAL ISLAMIC ADVICE p. 18**

**Dream No 14                     Friday 12 July 2002**

**I was tutoring a Hindu girl pupil.  After some disagreement between us, she began to question my competence as a tutor.  But I took out my John Rylands University Library of Manchester card and showed it to her.  I told her, 'I'm a member of THE [VICTORIA] UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER and it's in the top ten of all the Universities of the world!**

**Dream No 15               Monday 5 August 2002**

**There was some prominent discussion of Islam at a major function.  But the contributors were *not* expert on the finer details of Islam; for example, one 'expert' was physically -and artistically- formulating the figure of a cross from a wax canldle!  But I wanted to make the point that belief in the Cross is peculiar to Christianity but *contrary* to Islamic beliefs.\* I did not speak up in front of the audience, mainly *Muslim*families, for fear of being boastful on the occasion.  Also, *Terry Venables*\*\*  had been invited as an expert on Islam!**

**\*  These 'experts' were giving *misinformation*about Islam.**

**\*\*  Terry Venables may know a great deal about football, but he is no expert on Islam!**

**Context**

**Just two days earlier,  I had been complaining to my pupils, Amer and Asim, that I'm surprised that I'm not beseiged with invitations to attend Islamic discussions on radio and television as an expert [considering the Islamic knowledge that I, Masha'Allah, have].  I told them that, even though I have sufficient free time, I'm ignored in this matter.  Someone like me should be so busy that I shouln't have time to attend *every* function.  This dream is informing me it is because unsuitable guests are invited instead!**

**Dream No 16           Friday 27 September 2002**

**I was sorting out my *sent* Islamic e-mail messages prior to inserting them in the relevant A4 document folders.  The sheet of paper containing one message was somewhat crumpled because I had neglected it. But it was a very important, though *quite* detailed letter, to a Muslim newspaper, regarding an issue of concern to Islam!**

**Interpretation**

**I must not undestimate the value of my *own*correspondence on the Internet, having the tendency to attach more importance to incoming e-mail messages.**

**Dream No 17    Wednesday 28 November 2002 [The Holy Month of Ramadhan 1423]**

**I was teaching my private tuition pupils, Amer and Asim how to *carve*Verses from the Holy Quran in Arabic into a wooden coffee table.  They started off on the task, first chiselling the outlines of the letters; their homework was to finish carving the Verses!  I had *more* homework for them [not as demanding as this task] but they only made excuses and said there would be then be too much homework!  Their little sister, about four years old, joined in the lesson too!**

**Dream No 18                            9 January 2003**

**I dreamt that the Prophet Muhammed [PBUM] was writing out  the Holy Quran in a foreign language, *Turkish* I think!**

**Dream No 19             Thursday 27 March 2003**

**I had a wonderfully comforting and rewarding dream of being at school, and a kind, quite old, wise lady teacher was helping me.**

**Context**

**Later that day, I spent two hours on the Internet, working on my ISLAMIC ARCHIVAL WORK.  This was a very demanding piece of work to produce and, of course, I work alone, without assistance.  I often joke with my pupils that, when I encounter problems, I often feel like putting up my hand and saying, 'Miss, I'm stuck!'  as at school [though I'm now 41 years old!].  Only a teacher isn't going to come! But this *was*the case in this dream!**

**Dream No 20                              January 1997**

**I had a dream that my younger brother said to me, 'I'm very sad [though he was really happy].  When I asked why, he replied: 'Your book, DREAMS IN ISLAM, has been stolen from Longsight Library [Manchester].**

**Context**

**My book, DREAMS IN ISLAM, [now on this site] really has been so popular after its publication in America that it was stolen by avid readers from the Central Libraries in the following cities, as well as school, college and [branch] public libraries in these and other cities: Manchester, Sheffield, London, Birmingham, Bradford and Glasgow.**

**Dream No 21                     Friday 4 April 1997**

**I dreamt that whenever I visit the houses of the readers of my PRACTICAL ISLAMIC ADVICE booklet to obtain their comments, I should take my book DREAMS IN ISLAM with me to show thes readers.**

**Interpretation**

**DREAMS IN ISLAM is valuable Islamic learning material.**

**Dream No 22                 Thursday 3 April 1997**

**I dreamt that my lecture on THE PHILOSOPHY OF ISLAM was imminent and my brother, Zaheer, was wearing smart clothes in honour of the Lecture.  I was wearing clothes which were all white.**

**Context**

**In 1997, I had arranged a number of private lectures on THE PHILOSOPHY OF ISLAM [now on this site].  They all 'flopped'.  Only a couple of friends turned up at the *Manchester Metropolitan University*and a dozen or so youths at*Longsight Library*.  I did manage to give a successful lecture at *Blackburn College.***

**Dream No 23        Tuesday 27 December 1994**

**I dreamt that it was my very first day as a University Lecturer!  I had to give a scientific seminar but I didn't know what to do!  I simply didn't know *enough*science to teach them!  A group of students sat at my study and they were then joined by two others who, when they entered asked, 'Is this the room for the science seminar?'  They asked in a tone which suggested that they attached great importance to my lesson.  When the others answered in the affirmative, they entered the room.  Then I entered the room [my study].  I felt  very guilty because Ididn't know how to start the lesson.  I just handed each student a sheet, which had a complicated formula on it, to understand by himself or herself!**

**Then I left the room to enquire from the University administration offices as to *when*I could have the notes which I needed to teach effectively.  But first, in the Staff Room, I met an *experienced*lecturer and told himn that today was my very first day at University.  I felt young and inexperienced.  The senior lecturer was kind [and helpful] and he informed me that I would finish teaching at three o' clock every afternoon.  He quoted to me my University Staff No, which consisted of about 10 digits and seemed to be very important.**

**I next met a porter and told him that the University owed me £50 which I had spent on a glass tank for a science experiment.  The porter comforted me by informing me that there might be £70 waiting for me to collect from the Administration Office.  Meanwhile, my students waited and waited for me to begin the seminar and when, I didn't turn up, they went home [in disappointment].**

**I went home myself and mentioned my teaching problems at the University to my mother who was not sympathetic and just said that there wasn't a problem!  I thought to myself, 'I shouldn't really be teaching science!'  I though of recommending books about Islam, published in the Indian subcontinent, which I had myself learnt a great deal from.  These include *'Key to the Garden of Bliss'*by Maulana Ahmed Saeed Dehlwi, *'The Spectacle of Death'*by Mohammed Khwaja Islam and *'The Teachings of Islam'*by Maulana Muhammed Zakariyya Khandlawi.  I got the feeling that science is *not*the most important or essential knowlege; it should take second place to religion.  I really wanted to teach 'Islam' to my students, for the very benefit to their souls.  Although I had initially felt that my students had not learned *anything*, I later told someone else that I had given a *Calor*gas heater to each student to inspect for themselves, to see for themselves that the gas flowed from the cannister at the back of the heater!  In fact, I had taught my students very much!**

**Interpretation**

**I cannot apply for the post of Lecturer at any [world] University because my specialist subject 'dreams' in [Islamic] religion falls outside the stipulated academic curricula of  recognised Universities.  But this dream is informing me that, in the future, I *will*be teaching students, either in the UK or anywhere else in the world.  The books mentioned in this dream were very helpful to me when I was doing intensive background  reading on Islamic subjects and so, of course, I would not hesitate to recommend these titles to students who wish to acquire an authentic viewpoint of recommended Islamic beliefs.**

**Conclusion**

**The dreams presented  in this paper are only a *few*of all those which Allah Most High has blessed me with over a period of more than 20 years.  They are priceless because they tell me that Allah Most High Considers my Islamic work to be valuable  [and I am also grateful to many a reader for wonderful, encouraging comments] !  Also, it is clear that Allah Most High has Confidence in me to do Holy work.  I have always tried my best and always shall!**