

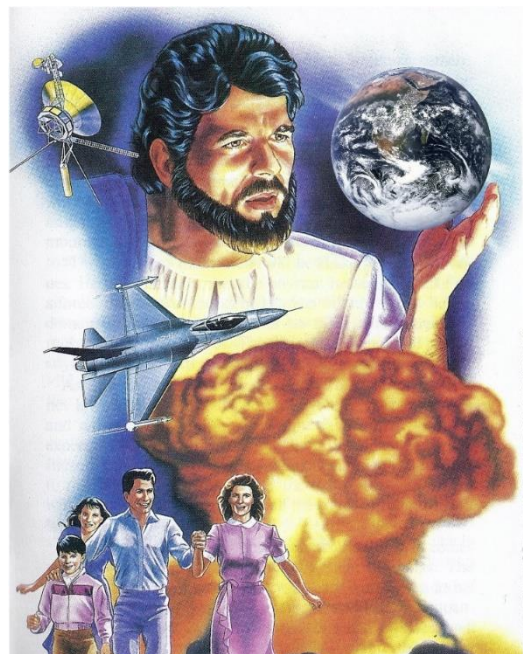
# I had a Dream!

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I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and look, my whole life was smeared out in a dream before me. It was a dream that gives order and meaning to my years: It helps me better understand the enemy of a faith I have worked to build since I have memory. I share my dream in hope of encouraging faith in the Bible, and more specifically, in the teachings of God's son.

So then, my dream: A few days ago, while having a fever and night sweats, I had this dream. Because of my feverish waking and fretful sleep, the dream's significance was heightened. It was difficult to tell if my thoughts were really just a dream, or, if they were real. I did know it was a dream, of course, but at the same time, I couldn't help *feeling* it was real. The dream, mixed with reality, was at one and the same time more frightening than I can put in words, and then, in its conclusion, it brought me comfort to the same extreme.

As the dream began, I was trapped in widespread hatred that got so bad those surrounding me were trying to kill each other with assault rifles. In the midst of that turmoil, I continued working on something I considered both good and important. It was disturbing and confusing because I didn't fully understand what I was working on, but, it was somehow clear its value was great. It was disheartening because no one would help me with my work or project, even though I told them how important it was. While some asserted they would help, they just kept trying to direct me away from my mission, or, they just didn't really care about it one way or the other. Still, there remained my overwhelming conviction it was the most important thing in life. Finally, in my delirious dream state, I started to see my "work" or project taking a shape, or maybe even a life, of its own. It had both size and substance and floated in front and just above my eyes. It was clear as glass and it expanded and grew as I worked. As it hovered above and got larger, I was able to climb up and stand on it, and then, to walk around. (*Remember, it was a dream!*) And, in this dream that felt real, I could walk across my project and then around its edge and even under it; it was like gravity had no meaning or was pulling me toward its center. In my dream, then, I was somewhat like I have seen honey bees do as they walked on the honeycomb they were building using the tiny flakes of wax they extruded from their own bodies. The faith being produced within me, by my learning (*consuming*) and *making use of the words of Christ*, [[John 6:52-59](#)] was solidifying to become something greater than myself. Then, as I stood on my construction and looked around from above the masses of humanity, I could see others lifted up and working to build something similar. Those not uplifting themselves by working to build a faith of their own, were simply continuing to die away in the [tribulation](#) killing this old world system. [[John 8:24](#)] My "work" placed me above others only in the sense they had wilfully chosen not to see



Jesus came to bring the light of life. [[Mat 4:16-17](#); [Jn 3:19](#); [1 Jn 2:8](#)] That requires you know and exercise faith in what he said. [[Mat 9:28-29](#); [Jn 12:48-50](#); [Luke 12:32](#)]

the true reality: Just like the people of Noah's day, they chose to believe they were living in reality when they actually weren't. Sadly, they were deceived to believe what other humans told them was real. [[Luke 17:26-30](#)] Those exerting similar efforts to mine, however, each individual actually listening to Christ so as to build faith in his true teachings, were being uplifted to continue alive. Again, as the bible says, it is just like the days of Noah... [[Mat 24:37](#)] As our efforts continued, the construction by each individual follower of Christ expanded and joined to become like a glass sea beneath us all. That was the dream's conclusion, and the part that ended my fears and comforted me beyond words. After waking, I realize, the glass sea was Christian faith. It is a window onto truth! [[Rev 4:6](#); [Rev 21:21](#)]

Let me now assert, I have a clear and distinct understanding of the method by which God speaks to us, and I certainly am not claiming it is through my dreams! My belief is God speaks to us through his son; because, well, God very specifically told me that in his word the Bible. On the only two occasions God spoke to us in these latter days (since Christ), He simply said and repeated we should listen to his son: The first time was after Jesus came up from being baptized by John as recorded in [Mark 1:9-10](#), and the other after Jesus received encouragement from the temporarily resurrected Moses and Elijah, in the presence of Peter and James and John, as expressed in [Matthew 17:1-8](#). God ~~was~~ is thus very clear about the way he is communicating with us. Our Creator there uttered his only command since Jesus started his teaching work: ***Telling us Jesus is his beloved son and we must listen to him.*** According to God's own words, then, the primary way He conveys information to us is through Jesus. Making that simple for us, God inspired Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to record what He sent Jesus to teach. Those four short Bible Books are the Gospel recordings of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ; the son (*and/or the "Word"*) of God. [[Rev 19:11-14](#)]

Supporting that idea, the Bible explains in [Hebrews 1:1-4](#), God long ago spoke using prophets and visions and *dreams*. It goes on to say God has, in these last days, chosen to speak by means of a son. So... After having now made a big deal of my knowledge that God is speaking by means of his son, why would I also embolden myself to tell you about my dream. Why do I still imagine it could help? The process of learning what Jesus taught and building faith in him, right in the midst of his (*and our*) spiritual [religious enemies](#), seems summarized in [Acts 3:6 through 4:22](#). Luke there tells us about a man who was healed by his faith in Jesus, in the midst of Christ's enemies; and then explains faith in Christ is the only hope for any of us. Jesus himself describes at [Luke 8:19-21](#), [Mark 3:31-35](#), and [John 15:14](#), we make ourselves his friends and part of his family by listening to, and remaining in, his words. So, it is clear, Jesus is the one speaking for God; individually to each of us as we read his words. [[Acts 4:12](#); [John 12:48-50](#)] Since Jesus [over and over said](#) to people who were helped by him that it was their faith that made them well, [[Mat 9:20-22](#)] it is also clear our faith is an important part of making use of Jesus's teachings. [[Mark 5:31-41 Plus](#)]

So, then, I arrive at the reason for my letter: It is to help you ***recognize your need to have faith in Christ - and in him alone.*** That is the sole reason I tell you about "my" dream. You need to be warned you are caught in a spiritual war and are in great danger. [[Eph 6:10-13](#)] You remain [ignorant](#) if you don't comprehend that danger, and, recognize your absolute need to examine whether you have really been hearing what Jesus taught, or have only been listening to what other people think, *or want you to think*, Jesus said. [[Mat 7:21-23](#)] There are many deceivers claiming to speak for Christ. [[Mat 7:15](#); [Acts 20:30](#)] This letter is because I

believe, as some doctors and scientists assert, our dreams are our minds way of sorting and making sense of the facts we have stored there. If that is true, dreams are no doubt a gift from our Creator to help us, among other things, organize the things we learn from his son. So then, ***I am encouraged to share my dream because it has helped me understand what I have never, in all my 73 years of life, heard from any religious teacher: The dire and absolute need we each one have you have to be certain we are listening to Jesus alone as our source of truth.*** Self-proclaimed Christians who mean well, but are confused, are very dangerous. Jesus warned in [Matthew 7:15](#) to beware of false prophets that come in sheep's covering but inside are ravenous wolves. He went on to explain in [Mat 7:21-23](#), people who truly believe in the lies they have been taught are the most dangerous wolves of all; *dangerous to you* as well as themselves.

I wonder if the comfort my dream brought might be similar to what ancient Daniel felt after his prophetic vision of the promised Messiah. Daniel had a dream about a Savior (*Jesus Christ*) who would not appear [until 500 years after Daniel's dream](#). As we read in [Daniel 7:13-14 Calvin Bible of 1856 \(13\) I saw in visions of the night, and behold in the clouds of heaven, as it were, the Son of man came, and advanced even to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. \(14\) And power was given unto him, and glory, and a kingdom, and all people, nations, and languages, shall serve him; his dominion is an eternal dominion which shall never be taken away, and his kingdom shall never be abolished \[or need to be passed on to any other people\].](#)

While I don't assert my dream is prophetic, I do believe in Jesus Christ as the Messiah and King who is the fulfillment of Daniels dream (*which dream is recorded in the Bible as prophetic*). My dream might only to be my mind's organization and representation of the faith I have been building since youth. My faith in Christ sprang from my infant belief there must be a God who is good; [[Heb 3:4 in 3:1-6](#); [Psa 111:10](#); [Job 28:28](#)] which belief in turn led me to an admittedly ignorant and unclear faith in God's son, even while I was just a young child. I say my faith was somewhat ignorant because I do not claim I was a good person in youth; but, I did have a sincere interest in knowing God. During that youth, I was surrounded by people who claimed to want to help me build faith, but really only fought and fussed among themselves about their own organizational doctrinal matters, doctrines that now seem irrelevant. They didn't spend their time actually reading and studying the Bible, but judged as wicked everyone who wouldn't join to assert faith in their dogma, which doctrine did usually include some chosen subset of the Scriptures. Sadly, I was ~~influenced~~ *infected* to join several religions groups over the years, which really means I joined them in segregating mankind by their judgment over others using their divisive doctrinal teachings. In the midst of all that, I served a tour in Vietnam as a U.S. Army combat infantry soldier. In 1968, at 20 years of age, I was assigned to the Army's 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (visit: [VietnamJC.com](#)) operating in the area surrounding DakTo and just a few miles south of the border between North and South Vietnam. We spent our tour of duty "living" out in the jungle, tasked with disrupting the resupply and reinforcement chain coming down from the North. What the military was really doing was using us to "find" the enemy. That often amounted to enticing the North Vietnamese Army to attack a relatively small group of us. The U.S. government was, at that time, fighting the war using a 10 to 1 rule. If they could kill 10 NVA soldiers for every American soldier who was killed, they reasoned, the North would be unable to sustain their effort and would stop fighting. If they could kill 10 of them to 1 of us, they had judged, they were "winning" the war. Since the US military had far greater firepower, their plan put us out in the jungle to live as a company unit of about 80 to 100 men. We would then search and identify where concentrations of enemy troops were. Once located, we would call in artillery, air strikes and even B-52 bomber sorties on their position. The problem those of us who lived in the jungle saw with their plan was that a small company size unit, isolated in the jungle, invited

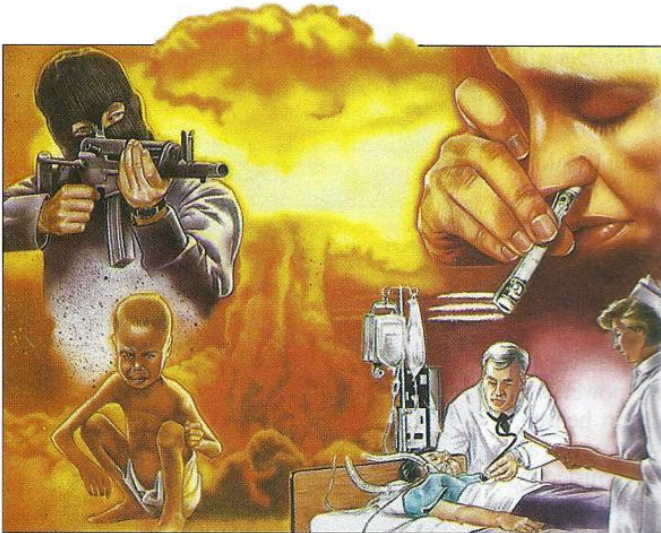
attacks at every occasion the enemy considered an opportunity – such as when the weather was bad and aircraft couldn't fly. If they killed 1000 of them for the 100 of us they sacrificed, it seemed little comfort to us. While serving my country under those conditions, over half my company unit was killed or wounded. I don't know how many NVA soldiers we killed. It was a lot. Even in the midst of that war, however, I continued to build faith in a God who is good. When I returned home, I carried even more need to know God and to understand what about life is real and important. A string of [religious associations and memberships](#) naturally followed, only to finally have to realize they were all led by men and women who were following some doctrine reasoned out by humans; [\[Mark 7:6-9\]](#) and usually, chasing some selfish goal of their own. Many seemed not even to care what the Bible taught at all. *(I once saw a preacher with a large following say to put faith in the scriptures that he believed support his doctrine, and then have faith to disregard the ones that even he admitted contradicted his belief. – [Isa 44:14-20](#))* Finally, in just the last few years and after a lifetime searching, it has dawned on me: No person was or is able to help me because, even the very best ones among them, are just like me... They are all just trying to learn for themselves. ***Only in finally recognizing my need to isolate myself [\[Rev 18:4 of 1-8\]](#) from sectarian religious group doctrines, then, have I been able to finally and really understand what it means to hear God's command to listen to his son.*** The words of Jesus have been right there in front of me all my life, and I have been professing faith in him, but, I never had the good sense to really and actually attend to his words. [\[John 5:39; Mark 12:24; Mat 17:5\]](#) I didn't know to simply pick up a Bible and read the instructions by God's son from [Matthew, Mark, Luke or John](#). And sadly, not one person among any of the religious sects I have been associated with had the knowledge to warn me with that clear and ***simple Bible truth: That I need just to listen to Jesus, and to him alone.*** [\[Mat 7:15\]](#) No one could help because they are all following groups of men and women who have their own sectarian doctrine, [\[Mark 7:6-9\]](#) the same as I ignorantly did for years. I can remember believing I was teaching the Bible when I passionately (*but ignorantly*) defended my group's doctrine on many occasions. Each group I associated with started to hate me as I began to favor Jesus's teachings over their doctrine. If there is any good thing from my [Vietnam tour](#), it is that it put me in survival mode; to stand against whatever was bad. That has been a good thing in the years since; as I have lived in the midst of the deceitful enemies of my Lord and Christ. Many religious people actually believe they are serving God, just as I ignorantly did. Please consider this, however: Not one [religious group](#) I know of is simply joined reading the Gospels so as to listen to the son of God, [\[Mark 3:31-35\]](#) and then, telling other people about ~~their need~~ *their requirement* to also study the Gospels. Such a study is the only safe way to listen to Jesus. [\[Luke 13:26-27\]](#) Religious leaders can't teach that simple truth, either because they don't know, or, because it would set people free of the control they want to continue to exert over you. [\[John 8:31-32\]](#)

That is the reason God spoke from heaven to tell us to listen to his son: So we can each one be set free to build our own personal faith, [\[John 4:20-26\]](#) which faith in turn becomes the salvation of us as individuals. Then, the hope of faithful humanity grows to become the salvation of the whole group of "individuals" exercising faith in Christ. They are all standing on the glass sea over truth. ***That is the point I want you to see, and my overwhelming burden to help you understand: It is "individuals" who are being helped by God. There is no group on earth you can join to direct you in your relationship with God. You must listen to Christ personally, as an individual. Then, following him is what makes you one of the group (of individuals) being blessed by God. The only membership roll of those "Christians" is kept in heaven. [\[Rev 3:5\]](#) No one can build your faith in Christ for you. No one can judge if you have it or certainly condemn that you don't. [\[Mat 23:8-12 of 1-15\]](#) No one can even help you, beyond doing the same as me, by encouraging you to join in sitting at the feet of Jesus; [\[Mark 3:34-35\]](#) thus helping you realize nothing has really changed since Jesus was teaching in the flesh.***

So... While we can't do it *for* anyone but ourselves, there is at the same time a great value and help we can be to other people: We can share the [sacred secret](#) of God, [[Mark 4:11-12](#)] the secret He summed up when He simply said we must each and every one [listen](#) to his son.

My dream seems an over-vision of my life. It helps me understand the spiritual war we are each one caught up in. The value I see in your hearing my dream is this: If I had been told the secret I just shared with you, [[Mark 4:11](#)] God's [sacred secret](#) about our absolute need to avoid [religion](#) and to actually listen to and [learn from his son](#), and if I had listened, it could have saved me more pain than I can express. And, I believe, my Christian progress would have been accelerated. You, in turn, might have been able to sooner hear what you are hearing now. The blackness of ignorance is horrifying. The light of the truth brought by Jesus, [the truth which burns away ignorance](#), reveals only joy and peace. Albert Einstein was able to crack the secret of the atom to release its power, not just because he was a genius. He was more so able because it was time... Mankind had been studying the makeup of creation for many years. The scientific community had amassed a base of knowledge that Albert was able to stand on to accomplish his work. "It was time" in the sense that mankind had gained the knowledge necessary to do what Albert accomplished. Others were working on the same project. If Albert hadn't done it, someone else would. Knowledge of truth is somewhat like that. We are witness to the kingdom of Christ taking over rulership of this world. [[Dan 2:44](#)] The wicked are overrun by truth and without excuse. ([Rom 1:18-2:16](#)) God has allowed [knowledge of his word to be gathered and organized](#) for centuries, so people can understand and build faith in his son; that faith protecting them from the [tribulation](#) destroying our dying world. The Bible promises it is just as it happened in the days of Noah and Lot. [[Mat 24:36-39](#)] This time, however, rather than your need to build an ark for salvation, it is your effort to build faith in Christ that can preserve you alive. Not your blind faith in some group of men, mind you, with doctrines (*fairytale*s) they promise are based completely and only on what Jesus taught. Because of the prevalence of Christ's horrible lying enemies, your faith must be in what you personally know Jesus said. [[Mat 7:15](#); [Acts 20:29-30](#)] It is my hope, then, my dream can help you see the same need it has made ever more clear to me: The need to listen to Jesus Christ while avoiding his enemies, who are actually pretending to speak for him, but are liars: [[Rev 2:2-3](#)] **Read your Gospels!**

It matters [when you are alive!](#) I've been encouraging you to read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John so as to listen to God's son; because *that is your important personal need I want to leave you thinking about*. Still... The Old Testament can teach us a lot about God and why we need faith in Christ. One thing it can teach us is it matters when we live. Ancient Abraham of the Old Testament was a friend of God. [[Jas 2:23](#)] God promised his friend all nations of the earth would be blessed by Abraham's seed. [[Gen 22:15-18](#)] That is the reason God used and protected that ancient Jewish nation – to produce the Messiah. [[Deu 9:4-6](#)] For [2000 years from Abraham](#) until Christ, faithful men and women lived as Jews or Jewish proselytes in hope and expectation of that promised seed of Abraham. Their Jewish ancestry was important and protected by them because they each one hoped they might be used by God as a parent of the



promised Messiah. [[Mat 1:1](#)] During part of their history, the nation had kings to rule over them. King David and his son Solomon were the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jewish Kings, and were in the ancestry of Christ. They both were men of wisdom and peace. Still, David's 40 year rule was consumed in war and bloodshed, while Solomon's was blessed with peace all around. Why? David lived when surrounding nations worshiped false Gods and were trying to

destroy the Jewish worshippers of the one true God ([the Father of Christ](#)). Most of David's rule was thus spent destroying and subjugating those enemies. But... David's rule of warfare ushered in Solomon's 40 year rule of peace for the whole nation. When in the stream of time Kings David and Solomon lived dictated their lives. We are favored to live, in a sense, in a time of peace. While there is the [war of tribulation all around](#) us, for sure, **it is the time for God to destroy the wicked.** [[Deu 32:40-43](#); [Luke 21:22-28](#)] We need not fight or be concerned with any of that. [[2 Chron 20:17](#)] Our one simple need is to build our own personal bubble of faith for the preservation of our lives. [[Luke 17:26-30](#)] Read your Gospels over and over to become friends with Jesus Christ. Become a lover of what he loves and a hater of what he hates. That is good! [[John 6:28-29](#)]

You can surely see why I feel a great need to share this good news of God's kingdom, and, I do hope these writings of mine can help you. But if not you, maybe someone else. *If not, well, they do help me.* They help me believe I am persisting in the war [[Eph 6:10-13](#)] of my life's long effort to build my bubble of faith in what God is doing. Please help me in support of Jesus Christ! [[Mat 12:30](#)] Not by sending money, but by printing this letter and sending it to everyone you know. Or, if they have internet service, direct them to it online: JustBibleTruth.com -> **I Had A Dream.** (Link: <http://www.JustBibleTruth.com/IHadADreamShortNewer.pdf>) Remember: Following the doctrines of men is just another form or peer pressure. [[Mark 7:6-9](#)] People who skitter about knee jerk reacting to what other people think of them, or judge or say about them, are the most pitiable people alive. I know! I've been one of them... But, I am trying to change by following Christ. If you love these words of God's son, you have joined me in recognizing the bad things happening to this wicked world are actually good news for the righteous; for those building personal faith in what is real and good. [[Luke 21:22 & 28](#)] It is sad and painful and sometimes irritating, to see people we have known and loved looking up angrily from below the glass. They have come to hate that we don't join them in looking to an approved membership in their chosen sect for our salvation. They are angry because we refuse to accept their assertions that their doctrine of faith is [spiritual food](#), as only the Bible is. That would make it seem they are not drawn by God to Christ so as to understand this simple truth... [[John 6:44](#); [John 6:65](#)] Apparently, God sees [no reason to direct them](#) to Christ; [[2 Chron 16:9](#)] or, they have rejected his help in favor of [whatever God](#) they have chosen. [[Heb 10:26-31](#); [2 Thes 1:6-12](#); [2 Sam 23:5-6](#)]

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