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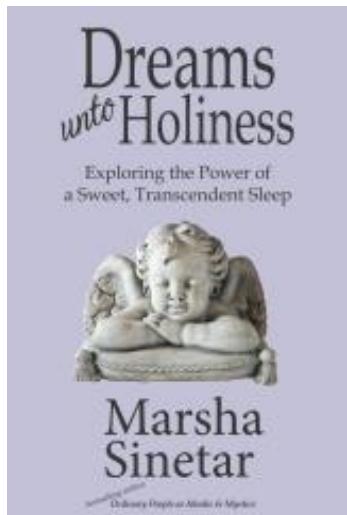


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A Happy Announcement from Marsha Sinetar



I am so happy to tell you of the release of my new book, *Dreams unto Holiness: Exploring the Power of a Sweet, Transcendent Sleep*.

The Central Premise?

That God is with us, day *and* night, communes with us—if we heed diligently—day and night, even in sleep. Even in dreams.

⊕ What's In it and Who Might Enjoy *Dreams...*

Specific (adapted) dream samples, a word-study approach to dream analysis, a look at the similarities between highly creative and religious vocations, some thoughts on the importance of two-way dialogue with *qualified helping professionals and more* might make *Dreams...* of solid interest to helping professionals with a spiritual bent.

And spiritual directors, classes studying dreams of all sorts.

Also...

Bible study and book club groups and readers of all ages who enjoy spirituality books should, hopefully, love *Dreams....*



⊕ Any Reviews Yet?

Our very first bit of feedback comes from a reader of this e-letter, who contributed a dream and saw a proof copy.

“ I’m about 3/4th through...

- “It’s so inclusive. All faiths or no faith would be comfortable with *Dreams*....
- [Love] your quotes from so many good authors. Some gems.
- I found my dream.
 ”
More soon.

And at the last moment, before this e-letter was sent out, these kind remarks came in...

- “It’s so positive and uplifting...”
- “For me personally, *Dreams*... brought me back to dreams that had been pivotal in my life...”

If you'd like to write a review for your social media contacts/groups, I'd be grateful.

For one early review-synopsis of the book, and ordering it, please use the following link:

<https://www.createspace.com/6455197>

⊕ How to Get a Copy?

By mid-February, the paperback will be available at Amazon.com in the US, Canada and UK. I believe Barnes & Nobel has it now, and you can order anywhere books are sold, worldwide. The Kindle version should be released by March 2017.

⊕ Special Discount for Readers of Our E-letter

During February-March, our launch month, a special 20% discount of *Dreams...* is available for readers of our E-letter (until March 5, 2017 only). Please use the following link (or copy and paste into your browser):

<https://www.createspace.com/6455197>

During the checkout process, please use the following discount code: **32SF7XHU.**

I trust this code and link work: it's all new to me. As Dorothy said to her dog Toto, "We're not in Kansas anymore."

⊕ Not Our Parents' Publishing World

I chose an all-digital production and distribution process; it's brand new to me. Unlike the good ol' days, when seasoned, hands-on editors manicured the text, and sent roses to authors when a book was released, today's publishing is digitized and incredibly impersonal from the get-go. In sum: Given bifocals (or lack thereof), for yours truly, writing is easy; proofing is hard.

⊕ Title Sound Familiar?

***Dreams...* was originally a Monograph, written for our Center's helping professional readers.**

 **Website Updates**

We are still updating our Professional Resources segment of our website, www.marshasinetar.com.

Click the Professional Resources option and you will find a subscriber feature, with MP3 audio selections as Food for Spiritual Thought. This year I hope to add a teleconference seminar offering, to discuss the themes of *Dreams...* or talk and answer questions.

I may be a contrarian: Experiencing the all-digitized book publishing process makes me want to go the opposite way.

If offered, our Dialogue Sessions will be individualized. In today's hectic, increasingly robotic (e.g., mechanized, structured, technological, etc.) world, it won't be easy to let conversation become a true dialogue as described in *Dreams....* And yet, the more personal touch is what evokes spiritual intelligence: empathy, intuition, discretion, wisdom.

These sessions will be for our Professional Resources Subscribers; for 2017, subscribing is complimentary. There may be a log in system—not sure yet.

There will probably be a small fee for the Dialogue Sessions, and this will be announced either through the Professional Resources Subscribers' page(s), or by e-letter, or both. We'll see how it goes...

If I start writing a new book, all bets are off.

 **“An Exchange of Selves”**

Thomas Merton called dialogue “an exchange of selves,” and few subjects draw out that posture more than talking about dreams, and spiritual dreams, all the more.

Perhaps some, or much, of the unrest we see in society today is due to the alienation many feel because of the impersonal nature of technology and its influence on everything: home, family, work, community, health care and so on.

Perhaps a little more “exchange of selves” might soften the blow of rapid social and technological change. Although, from what I’m learning, we “ain’t seen nothing yet.” So let us keep one another in prayer.

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